

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Date: 28th April 2013
Venue: Wiscombe Park
Weather: Dry, cloudy and cold

This event saw the welcome return to Morgan Sprinting by Paul Weldon in his 1961 Plus 4. What a return!

After the total washout in 2012 it was good that Wiscombe was in the schedule again for this year. A case of "3rd time lucky" for me – I actually managed to compete here at long last. There were a good number of entrants overall but only 3 Morgans (and only 2 TRs which was unusual for their club). This was actually a 2-day event and both Alan and Paul had competed on the Saturday as well, which meant we all had different numbers scattered across the field although we raced sequentially in the last batch.

Wiscombe is a steep and challenging hill with virtually no run-off along most of the course, so takes courage to go fast. Both Paul (on Saturday) and I started off cautiously at over 60 seconds and gradually whittled our times down during the weekend. Alan, who has raced here a lot, was only 1.05 seconds above bogey and Paul was already 0.15 seconds below bogey by 1st practice on the Sunday.

2nd Practice saw all the times fall further as the day (and drivers) started to warm up. After a long lunch break the timed runs finally commenced. Surprisingly both Alan and Paul were slightly slower after lunch while I continued to whittle down the time to something more respectable. In the final run of the day most drivers were slower again, including me, as the day cooled down again. But not Paul, who put in his best time of the weekend to smash the bogey by 1.10 seconds and take a well-deserved win.

This is a very relaxed, friendly and challenging event. Those who haven't been to Wiscombe should really make the effort: it's too good to miss!

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