

MSCC TECHNIQUES SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

Venue: Goodwood
Date: 17th May 2014
Weather: Warm and dry

This really was a "Glorious Goodwood" day! Almost perfect weather opened up the opportunity to see some bogey times beaten.

The paddock was fairly full, but not with Morgans this year: only 5 cars being entered. Two of these had only just undergone major surgery, Paul Bryan's car with the bonnet now securely attached again (helped by a good bash with a mallet just before scrutineering) and the Pattens' car hastily refurbished after a long time in hibernation much work done to get it into fine racing fettle.

Despite the good weather, the runs were quite slow this year due to a number of "incidents" (none of them caused by the well behaved Morgans!)

First Practice (which is a double lap, meaning the 2nd "flying lap" is usually faster) saw respectable times put in by all: most about 10 seconds over bogey. Clive Hall put in a stonker at 103.56 seconds just over 1 second above bogey: clearly the man to watch!

Timed runs were after lunch at the peak of the sunshine. Everyone improved on the practice times, especially the newcomers father and son team Richard and Chris Patten who both came close to "flying lap" speed from the standing start, urging each other on. Who was going to be the fastest Patten of the day? Clive Hall put in a brilliant 100.66 seconds smashing his bogey time by exactly 1.5 seconds (making it all that little bit harder for the rest of us next year!)

The final run of the day saw Paul Bryan improve by over 3 seconds to take 3rd place while Paul Clarke took off yet another second to cement his 2nd place for the day. Clive couldn't match his first time but everyone else nibbled away to put in their fastest timed run of the day. Despite a sterling effort, Richard couldn't catch son Chris this time who managed to get 91.9 points in his first drive in this car. What a start to Morgan sprinting!

It was great to have the Pattens join us. We do hope they will come again.

It would also be nice to see some others venture south to enjoy this fabulous circuit!

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