

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Blyton Park dated 15 June 2014

Weather cloudy and dry.

7 cars and 8 competitors arrived at Blyton Park during Saturday evening and Sunday morning. We were joined by Jono Baines, who although parked in the Formula Ford in a different part of the paddock, insisted on wearing his Speedmog T-shirt. Paul Bryan was in the roadster as his 4/4 had suffered an oil loss in the race at Castle Combe. Paul said that the 4/4 had not informed him of the oil difficulty and was therefore off the road. He and Brenda had, rather unusually for them, not travelled in their campervan but in the roadster. Brenda insisted on reminding Paul at various points during the day that they needed to go home in the car. Ian Hargrave had also travelled a long way from Surrey, because he really enjoys the circuit. Clive Glass was on his first visit to Blyton and didn't really know what to expect.

Paul B took the practice runs cautiously, which was the right thing to do in the circumstances. However Ian posted in a quick time on his second practice run, laying down the challenge to both Nigel Housley and I.

We all agreed that we would only have 2 practice runs whereas MAC had 3 practice runs; this meant that we then would have 4 timed runs.

The first timed run took place before lunch and it was clear from the start that there were going to be interesting battles all the way down the field. The two at the top were Simon and Chris. They were constantly swapping the top spot between them. They both had 3 runs under bogie, with Simon getting the top spot on his last run.

Paul Clarke and Clive were also swapping places on each run. At one point they managed to post exactly the same time. Paul took third place on his final run with an excellent 76.82

As mentioned above Ian had thrown down the gauntlet to both Nigel and myself on his second practice run. Although we rose to the challenge to post times under 90, Ian took the top spot in our battle, although I had the solace of having the fastest time.

Paul B continued to improve his time throughout the day and Brenda was happy because they could go home in the roadster.

This is a cracking circuit and we all had a thoroughly enjoyable day. As Ian said each run put a huge smile on his face. It would be a great shame to lose it through lack of numbers next year.

Michele Bailey