

MSSC TECHNIQUES SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

Venue: Curborough
Date: 31st August 2014
Weather: Warm and dry

The day dawned bright and dry for the MSSC Club sprint at Curborough. This year the day was run as a separate morning and afternoon sprint, followed by a non-competitive taster session. The morning event was run over the new figure of eight course layout and the afternoon over the traditional two lapper. The figure of eight course was new to the Speedmoggers and certainly provided seasoned campaigners and new competitors with a new challenge. How fast could the new crossover be taken? What was the best line around some of the old corners when tackled from another direction?

18 competitors lined up to take the challenge, including two in the invitation class driving a Triumph Special and a Ginetta. Lots of runs to be had by the two batches of cars, the MSSC Sprint proving to be excellent value for money for the competitors.

Also providing great value entertainment was Rob Toon, though not from behind the wheel this year, but from behind the microphone. Rob's commentary kept spectators entertained and informed, though we were left wondering how the Mad Doctor had treated Simon's incontinence during lunch!

In race control the event was ably run by Brenda, Julie and co, though at one stage the stress may have been starting to show as somehow Brenda became known as Marjory. Is that 'what are the scores Marjory Dawes?!' Through the day Julie's paddock announcements gently coaxed wayward competitors to and from the start line in an orderly fashion all helping the day run as smoothly as the Baines household.

Through the day it would appear that Paul Clark, who lives nearby was trying to communicate with home using smoke signals, as he locked up his wheels under very late braking.

Mike Hughes had a go at reconfiguring the course, deciding to take a route to the left of molehill, too many beans on the approach making the left of molehill more desirable than climbing to its summit. Car and driver emerged all ok.

Greg Dixon-Smith's engine certainly sounded great, and he put in some great times to take the win in event 1 and joint second with Rob Stones in event 2. Greg swapping places with Chris Bailey who took second overall in event 1 and then the win in event 2.

Tim Harrison's turbo powered tangerine proved to be the fastest machine of the day, crossing the finish line at 104mph, this speed was close to 10mph faster than his nearest rival. Tim also won the Speedmog Sprint award run-off which followed event 1 this in a blistering time of 63.65 seconds.

Thanks go to all who enabled the drivers to have their fun, Sponsors, Marshalls, Scrutineers, Medics and Race Control, a great event, I hope all are back for more high speed fun next year!

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