

# MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2014

## Event Report

Venue: Prescott

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Weather: Warm & Dry

It is always a fitting end to the season by spending the day at the Prescott Hillclimb course, courtesy of the Bugatti Owners Club.

2014 has been a season of low entries at some events but such is the popularity of Prescott that it always attracts a strong entry and this year was no exception with 10 entries on the start sheet.

Sadly Nigel Ledger Lomas was unable to make it on the day but we also attracted 2 non championship entries – Alan Johnson who we first met at this event 12 months ago, and Charles Oldham who was another new recruit to the Speedmog scene.

As the sun rose over the Cotswold Hills, the practice runs were soon underway. Chris Bailey was immediately on the pace with a time only 0.14 over bogey and Rob Stones was also showing his intent.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> practice, Chris was again pushing hard and took a new approach to Pardon hairpin with a 4 wheel drift – a change of underwear for Mr Bailey please – whilst most other runners made an improvement. There was plenty to think about over lunch whilst taking a stroll around the paddock to admire the American “flathead” racers amongst other attractions.

As the timed runs got underway, several again improved their times, with Chris now only 0.1 seconds over bogey but Rob Stones was in a very close second place only 0.18 seconds over. Alan Foster was now in a commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> place, whilst Ian Hargrave now only 0.5 seconds off his PB from 2011.

The final runs of the day were delayed by an oil spillage after Pardon Hairpin and through the Esses. This appeared to distract many drivers as their times were slower than previously although Michele was not one to be deterred and recorded a time almost 2 seconds faster than her previous time.

The final positions went to Chris Bailey in 1<sup>st</sup>, Rob Stones in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Alan Foster in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you to all for another excellent season and we hope to see you all at the Drivers Meeting and Dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

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