

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Venue Ty Croes – International Circuit

Date 7th September 2014

Weather Dry/warm

The sky was blue, the sea was shimmering in the morning sun and the track was dry. Eight Morgan drivers arrived at Ty Croes to prepare for day two of the sprinting. Apart from complaints about the hotel accommodation which seemed universally to be disappointing for various reasons, there was feverish fettling going on in garage number 11. Clive was telling Robin that the secret of a quick time is to ensure that your nuts are tight! I'm sure we all knew that but thanks for the mechanical tip. Some of us however we're unscrewing as much as we could to lighten the cars wistfully looking at John Stephens' car who was the winner the previous day. How could we stop 'JBS' from winning again on day two? Simon Baines tried wrestling with him in the paddock but this had no effect. The gloves were on with two practice runs and then a timed benchmark run before lunch, the fastest time was Simon Baines.

For entertainment there was a parade of Westfield's, three laps followed by an all ladies driving team taking three Morgans round. The girls all looked fantastic, a terrific advert for the Morgans which definitely caused a lot of enthusiastic camera snapping.

Back to the racing 'JBS' was at it again leaving the rest of us scrambling for position. Simon could not beat his opening time but still finished second with 100.22 secs. Clive Glass was third having improved on every run with a final time of 103.75 secs. The man of the day had to be Robin Wright who snatched fourth place on his final run from Rob Stones by just 0.38 secs.

Martin McHugh pushed hard for a good time once he had found his car keys and worked out that his gazebo had been supplied with the wrong frame for the canopy, a frustrating weekend for him. Gavin and Paul as always, ever enthusiastic making Morgan ownership worth while pushing their cars to the limit at every opportunity.

Prize giving was held in the cafe as usual with the sad retirement of Sarah Nield and her husband after twenty years of organising the event for L&CCC, all very emotional. Suddenly the room was gripped with panic as someone shouted 'there's a car on fire!' We looked out of the window and noticed the smoke was coming from the Morgan parking area. Mercifully it turned out to be a dust bin on fire not Simon Baines' car parked in our line of sight.

Big hugs and goodbye kisses all round, big congratulations to John Stephens on a double win, a terrific weekend for him.

For those of you who went home early you missed out on an amazing treat. While standing by our cars a massive articulated lorry pulled into the paddock. It was the Bentley GT3 team arriving for two days testing, incredible, but that's another story.

Robert Stones