

# MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2015

## Event Report

Venue: Croft

Date 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Weather: Cool, sunny and dry.

As the season opener, the Croft event usually attracts a healthy contingent of Morgans and this year the entry list named 9 starters. This was quickly reduced to 6 after Rob Stones and Clive Glass retired with man flu whilst Simon Ashby had a more valid excuse as he had a poorly diff.

A new entry to the championship this year but a familiar face was Chris Baines following in Jonathan's footsteps, sharing the Roadster with Simon.

After a brisk walk around the track, first practice was soon underway with many recording some way from their personal bests although Chris Bailey and Simon were already getting in the zone. Chris Baines' first run, following advice from Simon was to "go easy" and a time of 107 seconds suggested he had been listening.

Practice 2 saw everyone now pushing harder and the first misdemeanour of the day went to Martin who managed to spin at the finishing line but still recording a time of 112 seconds.

After the first timed runs Chris Bailey was in the lead, only a fraction over bogey with Simon in a close second, only 0.5 over. Third place at this stage was the Rookie Redhead Chris Baines, even though he was frequently finding the wrong gears.

After a relaxing lunch break we were soon lining up for run 2. The break had given everyone a chance to re-focus as this produced the quickest times for Chris Bailey, Martin and Simon with Simon tipping under bogey. Chris Baines was still in third place with ever improving times.

After a lengthy stop whilst the single seaters ran their Top Twelve Run Off, there was time for a final run. This was stated by the organisers as a "fun run" but it was still serious with everyone pushing hard.

Chris Bailey had a "sideways moment" through the Jim Clark Esses whilst Michele and Gavin made a better job of it by recording new personal bests.

As the final results were calculated, Simon had just come out on top with Chris Bailey in a close second. Surprise of the day was Chris Baines in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a final run time of 91.98 secs, only 1.5 seconds over bogey. So much for the advice to "go easy"!

Simon Baines