

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Date: 23rd May 2015

Venue: MIRA

Weather: Dry, cloudy

Nine competitors lined up at the very grippy MIRA test track on a cloudy but dry day with Andy Miller having withdrawn .

A smaller than usual overall entry offered the prospect of more runs though this was soon quashed by the Clerk of the Course who said there would be 3 practice and two competitive runs. As is our routine in these circumstances, we decided to count the third practice as our first timed run giving 3 competition runs. As the event finished by 3pm it seemed a shame that we could not have had at least one more run.

It was really good to see Tracy Gateson amongst the entrants and I was pleased to have my first outing of the year, albeit not in my new Super Sport which is still having ECU issues, but in a hastily rebuilt racing Roadster I had purchased recently which up until this event I had only driven onto the trailer.

First practice saw Simon and the two Clives being not too far off the targets whilst several of us were taking it fairly steady to begin with. Regular improvements in times continued throughout the day, though on one run I did find that starting in third does not tend to give the best times! Clive Hall finishing the day .03 off the target time just ahead of Simon .36 off giving Clive a win on the day. Rob Toon was on his usual form with lots of amusing quips and as Chris Baines had significantly narrowed the gap to Simon by the end of the day, his Liverpoolian attempted accent was getting plenty of practice in teasing his father.

It was good to see two very similar specification 4/4's of Nigel and Alan doing battle with Alan, who has only owned the car for a couple of months, coming out on top.

All in all a good days competition with no problems or incidents to report.

Paul Clarke