

MSCC Techniques Speedmog Championship

Venue: Blyton Park
Date: 11th September 2016
Weather: Dry and Sunny

After the miserably wet conditions at the MIRA sprint the previous day how nice it was to visit one of the best sprint venues, Blyton Park near Gainsborough, and enjoy lovely September sunshine.

A crowded fixture list and holidays meant there were just four Speedmog competitors entered with Paul Bryan in his 4/4, Clive Glass in a +8 and Simon Baines sharing his powerful Roadster with son Chris.

We were among an entry list which, apart from single seat racers which are from another planet, included cars ranging from an almost standard 1960's Mini to a fairly new McLaren 570S which demonstrates the wide appeal of this form of motorsport.

Blyton Park is a former airfield and the present owner has invested a lot of money in the construction of a very good circuit about one and a half miles long with the usual mix of fast straights, bends and chicanes and with the day's format being on a two lap basis we were looking forward to quite a lot of track time.

It was clear from first practice that the day would belong to Clive and Simon as they were close to targets straight away whereas Paul and Chris had a more sedate start. Times then fell dramatically and by the end of the first timed run both Clive and Simon were under the target times. Clive had knocked over four seconds from his target and is clearly enjoying his car since the modifications to the gear ratios in the close season.

This turned out to be his fastest effort and although Simon improved slightly to knock just over a second from his target it was not enough to deny Clive a win.

Chris improved with every run as he got used to the car and finished ahead of Paul whose car could not match the speed of the larger engine Morgans. Paul did however have the consolation of fending off MGF's to win the open class for under 2 litre cars.

Thanks to the organisers for giving us 5 runs despite lengthy hold ups for single seater mishaps.

Thanks to Brenda for the chocolate chip muffins.

Definitely no thanks to the wasp which decided to be part of my lunch.

And overall a really good days motorsport.

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