

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2016

Event Report

Venue: Ty Croes International

Date 18th June 2016

Weather: Sunny, Hot and Dry

Ty Croes is a circuit with many facets. Located on the south west side of Anglesey it enjoys fabulous views across the Menai straights towards Snowdonia. Its weather is extremely changeable and wise old sages pay little attention to the official forecast! However as we happy few (nine) gathered on a bright Saturday morning the weather was settled and the sun shone.

Scrutineering was done in quick time and we got down to business. Reports came back of loads of grip and initial run times were promising. Your scribe was suffering from under steer but the good Dr Glass fuel reported no such problems and was more than happy with his Toyo R88R's. Simon Baines was quickly "on it" but reported a worrying misfire on this his third engine of the year. The ever smooth John B Stephens settled down to chase a bogey time of 111.42 and in between runs sported a sun hat that instantly reduced his IQ by 50%! Chris (Mr Shiny) Bailey got all over excited and did his own version of Spring Watch scattering wildlife in all directions as he visited the green sward and Adrian Smith laid down a initial time just 0.87secs of his target time.

Gavin Rintoul made steady progress throughout the day consistently chipping away at his times and finished with a 124.21. Mrs Shiny (Michele) also made good progress finishing the day some 6.65secs faster than her first run.

However all was not well. On practice three Simon came in under bogey so the fight appeared to be on but the Baines mobile had different ideas and the top end tapping was bad enough to warrant early retirement and real frustration for Simon who was definitely able to go even quicker than his recorded best of 100.01. Things were unfortunately about to get worse. As I waited in the pit lane the red flag came out as a direct result of John Stephens engine lurching itself and eventually returning to the paddock on the end of a tow rope.

By now my handling problems were sorted and there was loads of grip. Your scribe and the good Dr Glass finished on identical times 103.18, and Chris Bailey got within 0.02 of bogey, so close and yet so far!

As the sun set JBS loaded his car onto the Baines trailer for the long journey home courtesy of Jonno at the wheel of the tow car. So the top three in reverse order were Chris Bailey in third 0.02 over bogey, Simon Baines second 0.77 under bogey and your scribe first 2.21

under bogey. The paddock retired for beers and an early night in preparation for the second half of the weekend's double header.

Toony

Mr Shiny (Chris) exploring the limits



Adrian Smith pushing hard



JBS at work



Simon Baines, before things started to rattle



The Good Doctor - Clive Glass

