

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Venue: Harewood

Date: 4th June 2017

Weather: Dry, breezy

A third of the way through the Speed season and we had the best turnout so far with 9 drivers in 8 cars finally taking to the track. Many had travelled a long distance and fortunately the weather, despite looking very "Northern" most of the day, stayed dry if rather breezy.

Special mention has to be made of "Gorgeous George" Proudfoot, up from Hampshire, and displaying the discarded remnants of his differential internals following his over zealousness at Wiscombe. He competed on the Saturday to familiarise himself with the new circuit (to him) and despite mounting a tyre wall in his eagerness, had failed to get under his personal target of 90 seconds. However his first practice of 90.91 clearly showed his intent and put him clearly leading the rest of us. Second practice and everyone was settling into their rhythm and improved their times, even Steve MacDonald whose time was disallowed having followed the "wrong route"! Up a single track road?!?

A run before lunch had further improvements from all drivers except Alan Johnson, who despite "losing" over 6 stones from his car over the winter was just over half a second slower. This time though GG Proudfoot had smashed his 90s target (and bogey) with an 87.97 and couldn't stop grinning all lunch. Over a second improvement for Ian Hargrave and Michele Bailey had the later still leading their own personal battle. The Pauls (Bryan and Clarke) posted their best runs of the day, as did Steve Mac.

The second run was the last for Steve Mac, off with family commitments and Paul Clarke heading off with clutch issues whilst the car was still driveable but not before a good effort to try and re-sculpture the front wing of a certain +4! This time only Alan, Chris Bailey and Simon Baines managed any improvement.

So to our final runs and a further 0.6s improvement had George beating bogey by - 1.13s, Chris +0.53s and Simon taking third slot 1.38 over.

A great days motorsport, some interesting banter and wonderful scenery meant everyone considered the travelling well worthwhile.

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