

MSCC TECHNIQUES SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

Venue: Wiscombe
Date: 23 April 2017
Weather: Fine and Sunny

Five Morganeers and an interloper (Alan Foster) in some new fangled contraption called an MR2 turned out to compete at Wiscombe Park. For many it was the first event of the season, but for James Walter it was his first ever competitive event and what a venue to choose! Wiscombe is beautiful in the sunshine and we were blessed with good conditions throughout the day.

All were keen to see how they could perform on their first time out of the winter hibernation. For some reason that was not explained the classes were being run in reverse order and reverse number order, so it was 2016 championship runner up George Proudfoot in the Series 1 that took to the hill first. George sped off the line, his axle tramping as he sought to apply the extra horses that he had unleashed through his overwinter fettling. Next was your scribe (Clive Hall) who took to the hill, only to be red flagged on the straight and be confronted with George, sat in the road, just beyond the finish line, being pushed by marshals. All that power had broken the back axle and George's day was run. He still managed to put in a time that was better than last year's at 66.63 seconds. Maybe a sign of things to come!?

Over the day James' times improved to 55.75 seconds, a great performance of a first time out. Speedmog stalwart and 2016 Class 2 winner Ian Hargrave went on to achieve a personal best at 54.02 and Alan Johnson performed consistently well in the 51 second 'bracket' achieving a best time of 51.11 on the day. Best time of the day, and victory, went to Clive at 49.22 seconds.

As for that interloper, the fangled contraption worked well, and the proper car will be out soon, once its new multi link rear suspension is installed.

To sum up, a great day was had by all in the spring sunshine.

Clive Hall