

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Event: Gurston Down
Date: 22nd April, 2018
Weather: Good and sunny

At what is effectively the first event of the year we had wonderful conditions for our competition at this beautiful countryside setting. However, the track was very damp after a night of the most ferocious thunder storms I've seen for many a year. We had one non starter due to sickness, Howard Burton, we hope you are now recovered. This is a shame as Tim Ayres had tried for a late entry but was declined due to a full entry list. After first practice where everyone was very careful not to put a wheel out of place times were not really very good. Worse still for Rob Toon as he had an oil leak problem on his newly rebuilt 3.9 engined Plus 8 causing his early retirement.

I should give a big welcome back to Pat Hadley who has joined our happy throng again after a 13 year absence. Subsequent runs saw all our times fall substantially but the target times here are very difficult to achieve. That is for everyone but gorgeous George Proudfoot who managed to get under his own previous record on his first run. However, it was to lead to an excursion to the greenery on his final run when he pushed just too hard.

Times continued to fall and yours truly managed the quickest Morgan time of the day of 38.46 on only my second visit here after about a 15 year gap! Alan Johnson was keen enough to start taking his car apart during the day with hood, passenger seat, windscreen and finally wing mirrors leading to his best time on his final run.

Final results were, first George Proudfoot, second Simon Ashby, third Alan Johnson and fourth myself.

It is interesting that this was the first event (due to the cancellation of Croft due to bad weather conditions) where some of our number were also entered into the Classic Marques championship.

This is a multi marques club which is based on power to the combined weight of both car and driver where all entrants have had their cars tested and weighed by the same company (Northampton Motorsport) to ensure a level playing field. There were approx 35 entrants in this championship taking part and I think we held our Morgan marques head up amongst some very interesting and varied competitors.

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