

## MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Venue: Snetterton

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Weather: Scorchio

Having loaded up the trailer I left my Stroud home base on Saturday morning for my first trip to this famous Norfolk race circuit. I headed east, then east a bit more then finally east a lot more and arrived mid-afternoon in time to see the last runs of the day from the Saturday entry list including a plethora of very quick single seaters competing in the British Sprint Championship, some awesome 7.0 litre sand racers from Guernsey and George Poundofruit who had elected to get some practice in before our competition on Sunday.

Dawn broke, and a glorious Norfolk morning heralded a day of beautiful sunshine and hot weather. This is great for grip but not so great for engine performance but no one was complaining. Snetterton was a sight to behold, vast and well-manicured grassy car parks, an immaculate paddock and a terrific circuit what more could we ask for.

The crew of Toon, Clarke, Stephens, Ashby and Poundofruit were delighted to welcome newcomer Lindsey Wright at her debut event in a lovely 3.9. Great to see another lady joining the ranks to add a little decorum to the unruly mob.

Target times were always going to be easily achieved as they had been set some years ago in the wet. After first practice we debriefed Lindsey (can I say that?) and set her a goal for the next run which she achieved. Every run saw an improvement and with it came more questions. We were all absolutely delighted when on the last run of the afternoon she got under bogey by 0.4sec. For me Lyndsey was driver of the day and we look forward to seeing her again at Curborough.

The event was superbly run, two practice and three timed runs for all. An over exuberant Toon and Clarke both managed to spin at the hairpin on practice two while Poundofruit had an attack of the "Alan Titchmarsh's" and went gardening in the outfield which earned a well-deserved DNF.

The track rubbered in as the day progressed and we all got quicker. Ashby re appeared in the paddock spewing petrol all over the hot engine of his immaculate BDA powered car causing a moment of excitement. The root cause was a loose fuel connection into one of the weber carbs and this was quickly fixed.

Your scribe was the quickest Morgan on the day hotly pursued by Paul Clarke. The handicap system produced the final results with the little series one of George Proudfoot topping the score sheet, second Simon Ashby, third John ( Let me show you the pits and the woods beyond) Stephens, fourth your scribe, fifth Paul (Thirteen cars) Clarke and sixth but by no means least Lindsey Wright. Maximum points of 105 were scored by most.

I loaded up and headed west, then some more, then a lot more.

What a day!

Toony