

# MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2018

## Event Report

Venue: Blyton Park  
Date: 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Weather: Saturday, Wet, Wet and very Wet. Sunday, dry and cloudy.

Blyton Park was originally commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> World War Bomber trainer base and was later used as reserve airfield for the USAF. The venue was rescued from decay in 2011 and was developed into a sprint track, using the old runway as a part of the track layout. The complete track was resurfaced to produce a venue with a number of twisty and challenging track configurations. This permits clubs to run 2 different configurations over the weekend and on the 1<sup>st</sup> day, we were treated to the East Circuit configuration. We were also treated to a lesson in how to keep the car on track despite the worst that the weather gods could throw at us. We had rain, followed by yet more rain, and we finished the day with rain of monsoon proportions.

Despite all this, 5 Speedmoggers consisting of Paul Bryan, Simon Baines, Simon Ashby and newcomers Nick Bolton and Lindsey Wright, made a weekend of it.

As practice commenced so did the rain making the first run a tentative one. Despite this, Nick managed a spin at Bishops Corner but kept it on track.

Despite a brief respite with the rain and a breakout of optimism that the forecast was wrong, by 2<sup>nd</sup> practice we were dealing with wetter conditions with the resultant slower times for the Simons and Nick.

The 1<sup>st</sup> timed run was quickly upon us and it was our only chance to improve as most did, with the exception of Simon Ashby who had a spin at the first corner. More rain before the 2<sup>nd</sup> run and all went slower with the exception Simon A who put in a blinder in difficult conditions.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> run was cancelled due to a flooded track but not before Nick and Lindsey had lined up for their run. Both managed to bring their cars home safely and this brought the day's proceedings to an end with Simon A in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Simon B in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Paul in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On Sunday, a different circuit layout, the Outer Circuit, brought different conditions. The track was now dry and ready for an altogether brisker pace from the off.

Simon B was quickly on it and broke the bogey in 1<sup>st</sup> practice whilst the others used practice as practice, improving with each run. By the 1<sup>st</sup> timed run, the Simon's were again vying for top spot Simon B recording his fastest time. Simon A left his best until the 2<sup>nd</sup> timed run. Lindsey was learning very quickly and managed to improve her time from P1 to T2 by a whopping 13 seconds. By the end of the day, the order was again Simon A in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Simon B in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Paul in 3<sup>rd</sup>, not forgetting Nick and Lindsey who were both newbies to this venue, learning with every run.

This was the first time that Speedmog made this event a double header but thanks to the excellent organisation by Nottinghamshire Car Club, together with the challenge of 2 quite different track layouts, it is one that I will be recommending that we repeat in 2019.

Simon Baines