

## **MSCC Techniques Speed Championship**

Venue: Shelsley Walsh  
Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Weather: Mixed

The arm comes round your shoulder and this is followed by a hug and a beaming smile from Brenda. You know what is coming! Would you like to do the hill climb report? How could anyone say no when the request is made in such a lovely way.

Shelsley is well known as the oldest motorsport venue in the world so is steeped in history. It is great to see that investment continues both on and off track. The facilities are really excellent and safety has been improved on track, albeit since my last visit here about 7 years ago.

11 keen competitors arrived early and most walked what is a very steep hill to refresh their memories of the track. Unfortunately Rob Toon, despite a heroic effort to get his car repaired in time after problems at the club sprint, was not present. The old "pick your practice batch" system is no longer employed as it created too many holdups and practice now takes place as at most other circuits as per running order.

Weather was dry for practice and the dynamic duo (Proudfoot and Ashby) were hovering around their bogey times whilst most were a good 3 seconds off theirs but almost everyone improved on their second run.

Lunch came with much discussion about possible rain, and, you guessed it, the rain came just as the Morgans were about to have their first run. Fortunately it proved to be a light shower and didn't affect the first competitive run too much. Again, almost everyone improved with both George and Simon now well under target. The final run proved a repeat of the first with another shower whilst we were waiting to compete. Yours truly had a great final run achieving less than .5 sec off Tim Ayres seemingly unobtainable target time and achieved a personal best of 35.58. James Walter and Michele had a great battle with James just coming in ahead by .1 sec. Alan Foster and Pat Hadley had their cars parked in adjoining bays in the old garages and it was great to see 2 such similar looking cars with 25 years between them looking so good.

For many this was their last event of the year, with only a few intending to do Prescott.

Subject to confirmation I believe that Simon has just pipped George to win the Championship this year, many congratulations.

Paul Clarke

