

## MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

**Event** Snetterton Sprint  
**Date** 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
**Weather** Cold and breezy becoming sunny

A midsummer morning had dawned in Norfolk. The leaden skies threatened rain and an extra layer of clothing was needed against the cold wind from the North Sea.

We were at Snetterton race track for the seventh round of this year's Speedmog championship and in a crowded paddock because the outer circuit was going to be swarming with Ford Kas in a twelve hour endurance race.

Four Morgans were present – Steve McDonalds + 8, Paul Clarke's lightweight Roadster, Paul Bryan's +4 Superport – all drivers with more sprinting and racing experience than they care to think about – and the +4 of Andy Hatch – who is fast losing his novice status.

As the Kas started to buzz in the background our attention turned to the inner 100 circuit which was the sprint course for the weekend. It is a relatively recent addition to the venue having been opened in 2011 to be part of the long 300 circuit and can be used separately with provisions of tyre wall barriers between the Montreal and Williams corners. It is about a mile in length and suitably testing with two flowing bends, two tighter bends, one very tight hairpin and of course fast straights.

The day promised one practice and four competitive runs, each of one- and three-quarter laps and there was a large entry including the very quick race cars taking part in a round of the British Sprint Championship.

Fortunately the rain held off and the clouds gradually lifted to give us a sunny afternoon and good conditions for driving.

In practice I managed to outbrake the car at the approach to the Williams hairpin, collecting a large cone and a cracked number plate in the process. Elsewhere the faster cars of Paul C and Steve McDonald started a day long close tussle with each going faster every run before resolving itself on the final run with Steve's excellent time of 102.83 against Paul's 105.25 which also gave him the win on handicap. Further back I improved to record 115.02 on the last run with Andy not far behind in 118.46.

In contrast the British Sprint winner was driving a Dallara and took a mere 78.38 seconds.

And the Kas? After 12 hours and 365 laps the first two cars were separated by just 6 seconds.

Thank you to Borough 19 Motor Club for a well organised meeting which was thoroughly enjoyable, and we look forward to an invitation next year.

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