

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Event Goodwood Sprint

Date 7th August 2021

Weather Wet with dry interlude

Glorious Goodwood, an August summer's day a perfect day for sprinting, as Roy Salvatori once said "Give me **Goodwood** on a summer's day and you can forget the rest of the world" so what a time for the six speedmoggers who made the entry to the Goodwood round of the championship, to forget the rest of the world and RACE!

All were reminded of Mr Salvatori's words as all fellow competitors gathered with the Marshalls at the start line to pay tribute to Robert Foote, a stalwart of the band of volunteers who make our motorsport work at all levels, without their commitment, enthusiasm and support we can't RACE!

Rob had died at Brands Hatch, supporting, enthusing, enabling competitors like us to RACE! We all paid our respects and donned a heart shaped sticker on our cars R.I. P. ROB, as we RACED!

So on with the RACE!

Well, practice first, the heavens had opened as we walked the course, rendering all observations of where the track was drying from the early morning storms that had greeted us all as all had descended on RAF Westhampstead that morning for our RACE.

Steady it goes for most safely completing a lap to get 'eyes in' well all except for your scribe, as I existed St Mary's I thought this is actually dryer than I envisaged it would be and I can go faster than this.....I fed in some throttle...then snap! I was sideways and despite best efforts to 'catch it' I was now travelling at right angles to my intent, with a great view of the tire wall as it passed before me. Fortunately no contact was made, so reverse gear selected, back facing the right way I completed a sedate lap, least I was still in the RACE!

The order after practice was George leading the way, JBS hot on his heels, Georgina in third, then Andy and James with yours truly bringing up the rear, so now to the real RACE!

Conditions were improving as the track was drying for the first competitive run, but a cautious improvement was the name of the game for all but George who put in his best time of the day at 128.31 seconds. To put that in context he peddled his series 1 a full 10 seconds faster than my tuned 1760cc 4/4 racer on this run! Well it was my post big spin lap with an engine that was barely run in! That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it...now all who wanted to catch George needed to get into the RACE!

Run two, and as lunch settled the track was dry but not hot, so now would be the time to be RACY! All improved except for George and Georgina, well George didn't need to really and Georgina had proclaimed 'well it's not my car, so wouldn't want to embarrass Dad, by going faster than him!' or words to that effect as she awaited James' return from his run in their duel driven Plus 8. All now looked to the final run of this RACE.

The heavens now opened, the track was beyond sodden in seconds, The organisers, Brighton and Hove Motor Club, consulted competitors on the prospects of run three happening. Sense prevailed and run three was cancelled, all had run their RACE.

As the rain continued to fall, it was George Proudfoot who stood atop the podium, John Stephens on the second step and Andy Hatch Third. Despite the conditions, all would, I'm sure still want to be given Goodwood on this stormy summers day so we could all forget the rest of the World and Race!

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