

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2022

Event Report

Venue: Cadwell Park

Date: 26th March 2022

Weather: Sunny

The weather couldn't have been finer for a season opener in March. Most (all?) had opted to make the journey the night before, with some going straight to Curborough the next day for the taster. Many competitors had never competed at Cadwell before. Nigel and Simon had competed when Speedmog last attended a sprint at Cadwell back in 2008(?), and a few (the Baines's, Baileys and Steve McDonald) had raced there in a variety of machinery at various points in recent years. All cars were beautifully turned out, with Steve's freshly painted Plus 8 looking particularly resplendent in the springtime sunshine.

Speedmog welcomed a new recruit in Tom Purves. Driving a Mk1 Roadster Lightweight, he is new to Morganning, but certainly not new to competition, having competed in Triumphs in the past. After a few chats with the 'newbie', it became apparent that his experiences in the automotive and motorsport world are plentiful, so do make sure to break the ice at the next opportunity.

The start of the day was delayed due to a missing paramedic and the first practice times for some competitors never appeared due to some timing gremlins. Apparently there were issues in getting the timing gear to the circuit and it sounds like it was quite the achievement to get any timing gear there at all, so the lack of splits and timing displays felt like a small price to pay.

The organizing club opted for just one practice run to maximise the number of timed runs in the day. This got unanimous approval among Speedmogs as far as I know. There was just one timed run before lunch, given the various delays in the morning. Predictably, there was much improvement between practice and the first timed runs.

Lunch was the much missed Speedmog social outing. The sun was resplendent, the Bailey brownies were plentiful and everyone had 5 months of technical chat and life developments to catch up on.

All but Tom improved over lunchtime, with Tom putting this right with a 5 second improvement for his final run. Simon flew the Morgan flag well, winning the class on handicap, and finishing 5th overall of roadgoing vehicles. Chris Baines used his playstation preparation to keep his dad on his toes to come in second, while Steve showed that neither he nor his car have lost any form, improving consistently throughout the day and finishing third.

All cars ran reliably and kept out of trouble, the best way to start the season for everyone. There was a small technical hiccup for Tom as he prepared to leave, but the Baines's and Chris Bailey put on enough of a convincing act to cable tie a hose back on to imply technical competence. Hopefully any underlying issues were not serious and get resolved before his next outing.

Here's to a successful season for all!

Chris Baines