

# MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2022

## Event Report

**Event: Three Sisters**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

**Weather: Cool-ish and almost dry!!**

Well, that was fun!!

With only two Morgan's braving the wilds of outer-Wigan, John Stephens and I had a lovely day putting the world to rights. Most of the things we spoke about I won't repeat, but suffice to say neither of us will be wearing blue rosettes come the next election!!!

Thankfully the cauldron that is Three Sisters remained (almost completely) dry. I've been here before and once rain starts it just seems to swirl around, regardless of what's happening in the rest of the North West. Three Sisters, because there were three coal slag heaps remaining once mining stopped in the 70's, and it was redeveloped into a cauldron shaped circuit in the mid-80's. For spectators it's excellent. Imagine a mini-Odsal Stadium...

For those without a rugby league background, you'll have to look it up, but it means spectators have a fantastic elevated view of the entire circuit, so those who haven't yet driven it yet are missing a trick.

The event is run as a two-lapper, so there was only one practice, which meant we could get straight into the event before lunch. I managed an 83.42 and John an 89.86, meaning on handicap we were 3-tenths apart. Guess who was in first place...

First timed runs saw us both improve; John with an 89.86 and me with an 83.72, meaning we were now separated by 0.06 seconds. Exciting!!!

Unfortunately after the first run, Steve and Jane Milward's lovely blue Lotus Elan spontaneously combusted in the paddock, and a more serious incident was only saved by the quick thinking of another competitor who produced a fire extinguisher stick. Not something I've come across before, but it meant only superficial damage ensued.

Other than that, lunch was a leisurely affair; I had my traditional vegetarian wrap, and John a couple of tasty meat morsels. I won't say what sort, but there's a chicken in Wilmslow that won't be running for a 42 bus any more...

And so, to the afternoon. The cloud cover increased and the temperature dropped. May not sound much, but on a twisty circuit like Three Sisters grip over grunt is paramount. Mr Consistency Stephens managed to set his fastest time of the day with an 89.58 but I was 3 tenths slower than my first run.

Sadly, we had a few spots of rain just as we headed out for the third timed run; not much, but enough to make you think. Or over-think in my case as I over cooked it at the hairpin by scrutineering and slid gracefully off, and John could only manage a 90.05.

So, at the end of the day, honours went to John by 0.34 seconds but we both agreed it was less important than the conversation and fun we'd had all day in the paddock. In fact, I wouldn't bother entering Three Sisters next year if I were you, but John and I already have tickets!!

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