

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2022

Event Report

Venue: Aintree

Date: 25th June 2022

Aintree – the scene of the historic Stirling Moss 1955 British Grand Prix victory – is always a popular venue for Speedmog, a track that has only 3 corners, with each corner followed by a longer straight. A wide track with plenty of run off, albeit the run off is the Grand National Course, makes it ideal for new recruits to gain confidence tackling high speed corners, hence a great course to learn the craft.

The nature of the course with an open return route to the paddock ensures that cars can be set off at approximately 30 second intervals, creating an event which is fast flowing and thanks to Liverpool Motor Club, allows the entrants to enjoy several runs throughout the day.

The Morgan entry this year consisted of The Good Doctor - Clive Glass, Clive Hall, Simon Baines, George Proudfoot, Rob Stones and, new to Speedmog - David and Tanya Everett.

Weather predictions for the day were mixed with both gusty winds and showers, a possibility. We were however, blessed with some local weather knowledge from the Good Doctor, suitably attired in shorts and teeshirt. What could possibly go wrong?

This was Tanya's 2nd competitive event and her 1st visit to Aintree in the +8 that she shares with David. Having walked the course with the group and listened to the advice from the regulars, she was ready to put it into practice. This came soon enough and thanks to the fast flowing nature of the course, we had soon completed 2 practice runs. Everyone was homing on their target times, whilst Tanya was learning very quickly, taking large chunks off her time.

It was only mid morning and we were now into the 1st timed run. The skies were looking typically grey and the wind was strengthening but our intrepid weatherman was still sounding confident.

Runs 2 and 3 came very quickly, and it was only lunchtime. Time to take stock and check the times. Simon was leading, followed by the Good Doctor, only 0.3 seconds behind. Only 0.7 seconds behind in 3rd place was Clive Hall and a further 0.2 seconds further back was Rob Stones – 1.2 seconds from 1st to 4th. George was going ever faster but he couldn't match his P2 time, the headwind being the likely cause. The newbies Dave and Tanya were having contrasting fortunes, David was being Mr Consistent managing to achieve exactly the same times on Runs 1 & 3 whilst Tanya was improving on every run and finished the morning only 3.4 seconds behind David.

As lunchtime came to an end and the 1st cars were called to the assembly area, the heavens opened and everyone took shelter. As the shower passed it looked unlikely that we would have any further improvements but as the Morgans were called for Run 4, the track was drying quickly. No one improved their times but it was clear that the track would soon be dry.

Run 5 and with a dry track, time for a final push. In traditional Morgan style we lined up in the assembly area with menacing clouds approaching. As the 1st Morgan left the line the rain started and within minutes the track was awash. Time to call it a day with the exception of George who had one last try and reported, "it was slippery". The final results from lunchtime remained unchanged but a great day's competition with great organization from Liverpool Motor Club.

Simon Baines