

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2022

Event Report

Venue: Shelsley Walsh

Date: 17th July 2022

Weather: Very Hot

Billed as a Classic Nostalgia weekend the two day event at Shelsley Walsh certainly lived up to its promise and attracted huge crowds to both days.

They were treated to numerous display runs up the hill from classic rally and race cars and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the BRM world championship year of 1962 there was a super collection of BRM racing machines making the paddock shake as they warmed up the engines and sounding even louder as they left the start line.

Live music a, fly past by a Spitfire and Hurricane (last one flying I believe), numerous car displays and other attractions and somehow the organisers managed to fit in two days of club motorsport with Morgans in action on the Sunday.

Speedmog was well represented with 12 competitors ready for the traditional Shelsley timetable of two practice runs in the morning and two competition runs in the afternoon.

It may be one of the shortest courses we compete on but as with all venues there is one crucial area to master for good times and the rewards will always go to those brave enough to brake late on the steep approach to the Esses and take good speed through to the final uphill straight.

Practice 1 saw Paul Clarke, Clive Hall and Alan Foster (who had the benefit of racing the day before) showing the best form with Paul Bryan and Rob Stones the only others to break the 40 second barrier.

The second run of the morning saw most improving their times with Paul Clarke in his Roadster looking as though he was going to be the man to beat.

By the afternoon the heat was making race suits an uncomfortable option and the crowded programme resulted in inevitable delays but fortunately there were no major hold ups and the organisers kept things moving well.

The afternoon

Run 1

Times were edging downwards and Chris Bailey, Clive Hall and Steve Macdonald put in their best times of the day. Michele Bailey was leading James Walter in their class 6 battle by just 7 hundredths of a second

Run 2

Still improvements to be made.

Michele maintained her slender lead over James and Andy Hatch secured second place in class 6 with 40.37. George Proudfoot found nearly a second in his series 1 to move into 3rd place on handicap with a 46.03

Tom Purves in his Roadster improved even more and went over a second faster to leapfrog in to second place on handicap with 37.03.

But it was Paul Clarke raising his arms in delight as he crossed the finishing line to see the digital display of 35.88 who recorded the fastest Morgan time on the day and secured a win on handicap.

This was probably the most memorable hillclimb event we have ever been to and congratulations to Midland Auto Club for the organisation. We look forward to next year.

It was also good to see great support from Morgan owners with a big display of cars from Midland and Yorkshire centres. We hope they enjoyed the spectacle and perhaps some might consider exploring for themselves another dimension of Morgan ownership.



Some have mastered the art of relaxation while others just cannot wait to get going

Paul Bryan