

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2023

Event Report

Venue: Prescott

Date: 8th October 2023

The historic venue of The Bugatti Owners Club was host to the season finale of the MSCC Techniques Speed Championship. Nine participants were due to face the hill, with the Championship leader still undecided. Unfortunately, Jane Peck suffered an early morning breakdown on route from Somerset, and was unable to make the meeting.

The sun was already shining as we gathered in the early morning, and the day's weather progressed as if it were early summer, which was a blessed relief for all concerned. Practice loomed, and we rolled down after the 500 class. Both runs went without a hitch, with most making improvements toward that golden run - the one that counts! The morning ran marginally ahead of schedule, and the prospect of an extra run loomed.

After a light lunch basking in the midday sun, the afternoon's timed runs commenced. One or two incidents with the forerunners held up proceedings slightly, but eventually we got away for what would turn out to be our only competitive run of the day. Most posted improved times, and all hoped for another bite of the cherry.

James Andrews had a confidence boosting "off" in his 4/4 4 seater; no damage to the car or driver, and a return to the paddock. Looking at his splits and speed at "Bridge", he would have easily knocked two seconds off his time- well done James and better luck next season!

Regrettably, an incident occurred in the second session before us; apparently there was now an issue with the armco on the exit of Ettores, which could not be resolved, so after a frustrating hour or more of waiting the meeting was abandoned. At least we'd got one in the bag! Simon Baines posted the fastest time on track, followed by Paul Clarke with Philip Cowpland coming in 3rd.

On Handicap Paul Clarke won the day in his Morgan Roadster Lightweight with Simon in 2nd place and Phil in a well deserved 3rd place.

A great venue to end the season and what a season it has been. Roll on 2024!

Philip Cowpland