

Venue: Gurston Down

Date: 28th April 2024

8 drivers turned out for the third event of the Speedmog calender at Gurston Down, near the very bottom of Wiltshire. It is a challenging circuit beginning with a fast all-out downhill section, flattening to a sweeping left hander, before the comparatively near-vertical right-hand climb around Karousel, over Deers Leap and into Ashes left hander before the final burst of speed uphill to the finish line.



The morning started overcast and damp, with the track still seeping water in places from the overnight rain and sporadic light showers adding to the slippery

conditions for the mornings practice runs. Fortunately, we were paddocked next to the Farm buildings, so some shelter was available for bodies and gear.



Practice 1 was understandably muted, with everyone gingerly threading their way trying to find the line, but with the weather easing, P2 showed improved times for all, with course newcomer Philip leading the points table into the break. Clearing skies ushered in the first of two timed runs of the day, and the drying track saw all times improved, with the exception of Philip who managed to find some knitting in the gearbox after a good start!



Ultimately, Simon Baines posted the best Morgan time, followed by Andy Hatch, hotly pursued by Philip Cowpland, with everyone saving their best times for the last run.

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Pos.	No.	Name	Vehicle	64ft	Hollow	S1	Int.	K-A	S3	F. Speed	Finish
1	47	Simon BAINES	Morgan Roadster	2.81	91.6mph	17.88	21.68	11.22	9.58	92.4mph	38.69
2	45	Andy HATCH	Morgan Plus 4	2.71	75.0mph	19.16	22.92	11.98	12.19	74.5mph	43.34
3	43	Phil COWPLAND	Morgan Plus 8	2.97	72.1mph	20.23	24.10	12.03	11.51	78.7mph	43.78
4	46	James WALTER	Morgan Plus 4	2.71	70.7mph	21.35	25.63	12.83	13.12	63.3mph	47.31
5	40	Howard BURTON	Morgan 4/4	2.89	65.0mph	21.28	25.57	13.38	13.16	69.4mph	47.82
6	41	James ANDREWS	Morgan 4/4	2.85	60.2mph	22.35	26.55	13.27	14.88	59.1mph	50.51
7	44	George PROUDFOOT	Morgan 4/4 SERIES 1	2.84	61.6mph	21.90	25.83	14.36	17.29	53.7mph	53.56
8	42	Jane PECK	Morgan 4/4	3.04	55.7mph	24.98	29.81	14.67	14.47	54.9mph	54.12

After the results were put through the SpeedMog blender, final table positions were Simon 1st, Andy 2nd, and first timers James Andrews and Philip Cowpland equal 3rd. Everyone stayed safe, and all the cars got home.

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