

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2024

Venue: Blyton Park Sprint

Date: 28th and 29th September 2024

.....and what a weekend of Speedmoggling that was! Over the 28th and 29th September, Speedmog had their penultimate event of the season at the exceptional Blyton sprint track in Lincolnshire, the home of the British racing sports car manufacturer Ginetta. The track has numerous configurations allowing two very different circuits over the 2 days, the Eastern course on the Saturday was a slower and more twisty circuit compared to the Sunday 'full-on' sprint track.

Coming into the event, the season's results using the trusty 'power to weight' algorithm set Chris Bailey in his standard Plus 4 against Simon Baines in his race prepared V6 Roadster. Both were within fractions of a point of each other on handicap to decide the overall top-dog for the 2024 season. Let the fireworks begin!

Saturday dawned dry and sunny on a cold but slowly warming track. Nine Morgans (with two double drives) lined up to do battle, and with the low numbers overall for the event, we were treated to seven timed runs after practice.



Clive Glass in his Plus 8

After the first run, Chris was ahead of Simon on handicap however as the day progressed,



Simon Baines 2024 Speedmog Champion wrestling the cup from 2023 champion Paul Clarke

Simon started to use every one of the Roadster's horses to slowly squeak ahead, pushing Chris into 2nd place by the end of the event. However, driver of the day must go to Ella Frow sharing the wheel of her Dad's Plus 4 Supersports, throwing in a blinding last run to take a very deserved 3rd overall. Seasoned speedmogger Clive Glass, putting in a somewhat rare appearance this year, demonstrated consistent fast times to finish 4th in his Plus 8. **Simon's win crowned him the 2024 Speedmog champion - a job very well done!**

Sundays sprinting was on the faster sprint circuit, and after a promising start, the Lincolnshire weather kicked in with 8/8 cloud cover, a biting wind and 9 well wrapped up Speedmoggers. Simon managed to get some early heat into his tyres and set a blistering early pace ahead of the chasing pack with just over a second separating the next 5 places. However as the day progressed, Ella's increasingly spirited driving started to knock chunks out of Simons lead, and coupled with Steve McDonald saving his best time to last, pushed Simon into 3rd spot behind Steve 2nd and up and coming speed supremo Ella in 1st place to win the Sunday event. What is really impressive is that it is Ella's first season Speedmoggling and her first visit to Blyton Park!



Ella Frow giving her father a few tips

Overall, a great double header event and as usual, very well organised by the Nottingham Sports Car Club.

Many thanks to Brenda for keeping our scoreboard straight throughout the weekend and to Michele for providing the significant quantity of chocolate Brownies!

Andy Hatch