

Goodwood sprint 5 November 2016

It was a cold but dry and bright morning that greeted four drivers to the iconic Goodwood circuit for the AC Owners Club sprint. Scrutineering passed with no issues but the noise test did cause problems, The Norton in Dennis Williams was deemed too loud but 500 ingenuity fortunately managed to save the day shortly afterwards.

Practice consists of a two lap run of which only the first is timed. Unfortunately the engine in Mike Wood's Iota seized on his first lap so we were now down to three runners.

Jan was to lead the charge on the first run, posting a respectable time of 121. Behind him were the closely duelling pair of Robin Baxter and Dennis, neither of whom had driven here before. Dennis crossed the line with the timing strut folded under the nose and making quite a racket, which no doubt slowed him a little.

On the second run Jan picked up a little time, as did Dennis, to just squeeze ahead of Robin and take second place.

There still being plenty of daylight left, the organisers gave the green light to a third run. Now fully aware of what the track had to offer, all three pushed really hard to record their best times of the day, Dennis making a huge gain and revelling in what the Norton engine could deliver.

And so at shortly before 4pm the seasons' activities drew to a close with plenty of smiles all around. Thanks to The AC Owners Club for a good day out and please can we come again next year!

		Comp 1	Comp 2	Run 3
Jan Nycz	Staride Mk 3 Norton	121.60	120.68	118.78
Dennis Williams	Kieft Norton	136.88	132.19	126.07
Robin Baxter	Staride Mk 3 JAP	132.82	133.05	130.21