Gurston Report - Saturday 16 June

A small entry was depleted further with Andy Raynor and Mark Riley as non starters, so four drivers contested the event which turned out to be one of attrition.

In overcast but dry conditions, Fin Mackintosh lead the way on P1, although Stuart Barnes was unable to get the lota engine running with fuelling problems which were to persist during the day and missed the session. On P2, Max Mackintosh led the way as both Vic Deane and Fin suffering steering failures. Fortunately both drivers and both cars were unscathed. In Vic's case the column had come adrift from the pinion despite a fully tightened pinch bolt plus use of a secondary Jubilee behind the column top support, while Fin had the column snap in two behind the dash where a split pin had been located. Stuart finally got his engine fuelling sufficiently improved to achieve his mandatory one run.

With the Mackintosh's Mk.6 loaded on the trailer, it was left to Vic and Stuart to take the class. On his first visit to Gurston, Vic managed the win with a commendable 45.23 on his second run. Stuart's first run was thwarted by partially seized brakes just struggling over the finishing line while he was unable to select gears going to the line for T2 and abandoned his second run.

Hopefully the lure of the Nostalgia meeting at Shelsley at the end of July for the next Championship event will see a return to a healthy number of starters. Meanwhile 'invited entrants' will contest Chateau Impney on 7/8 July.

Results:

Up to 500 cc (Current record: Nick Reynolds – 40.16 on 13.09.15)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Vic Deane	Cooper Mk.9 JAP	46.76	F	46.45	45.23	45.23
2	Stuart Barnes	lota P101 JAP	NS	53.07	79.62	-	79.62
UC	Finlay Mackintosh	Cooper Mk.6 JAP	43.18	F	-	-	-
UC	Max Mackintosh	Cooper Mk.6 JAP	44.57	44.20	-	-	-
NS	Mark Riley	Creamer JAP					
NS	Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk.5 JAP					

Over 500cc

(Current record: Charles Reynolds - 39.88 on 10.09.17)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk.7 JAP	40.53	40.79	40.09	42.61	40.09

A full report will appear in the next edition of The 500.