

Prescott Sunday 1 October 2017

Ten singles and three twins assembled at the iconic Prescott venue for the final round of our speed championship. The morning dawned grey and the course was wet from overnight rain so for all the drivers the first run was very much an exploration of the conditions, especially through the trees of the esses.

Nearly everyone made it to the top in number order but Ewan Cameron was pulled up by a noise failure and had to follow on a little later. The same was true for Alistair, who had a fuel pipe come adrift approaching the start. Ainsley's Triumph twin also experienced a fuel issue that pulled him up short of semi-circle. Uncharacteristically, Steve stalled his car as he launched, thus delivering a 'fail'.



A determined Ewan Cameron

As the morning wore on, the course continued to dry, although parts were still damp under the trees. Second practice times were consequently better for all except Ainsley, whose fuel pump failed totally just after Bridge, bringing his day to a close.

Over lunch the hill saw lots of other entertainment and coupled with some sunshine, the conditions improved leading to significantly better times. Competition was fierce with the first six covered by little more than a second. Back in the paddock, Nick was grateful a slight miss-fire at Ettore's had not persisted and Fin reported leaving the line in second, which undoubtedly cost him fourth place from a charging Ewan. Jan was pleased to be in second, his best ever placing on the hill, three hundredths ahead of Mark.



As the afternoon wore on the clouds began to gather and unfortunately a little light rain began to fall just as our class began. The combination of rain on the large amounts of rubber left from demo burnouts meant many struggled for grip at launch and conditions on the hill deteriorated as each took his run.

Charles V-twin charges towards Ettore's

		Run 1	Run 2	Best
Nick Reynolds	Cooper Mk IX JAP	55.69	57.34	55.69
Jan Nycz	Staride Mk 3 Norton	56.08	65.01	56.08

Mark Riley	Creamer JAP	56.11	62.67	56.11
Ewan Cameron	Cooper Mk V JAP	56.70	58.14	56.70
Fin Mackintosh	Cooper Mk VI JAP	56.71	58.41	56.71
John Dent	Cooper Mk VIII JAP	56.80	61.03	56.80
Steve Lawrence	Cooper Mk VIII JAP	57.18	Fail	57.18
Max Mackintosh	Cooper Mk VI JAP	58.25	59.52	58.25
Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	59.69	---	59.69
Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk V JAP	59.77	61.55	59.77

V-twins

Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk VII JAP	54.69	59.40	54.69
Simon Brown	Cooper Mk IV JAP	56.91	60.39	56.91
Ainsley Barwick	Cooper Mk VI Triumph	No runs		

A fuller report will appear in the Yearbook.