

Castle Combe sprint

Saturday 17 October 2020

Our final opportunity to get out with the cars was an invitation to join Bristol Pegasus for their sprint at the fast and flowing Wiltshire circuit. Andy Raynor, Stuart Barnes and Mike Wood were in a class with two Jedis and a Force, part of a field of 108. Ted Sharpe had come along to assist us all.

Although it was slightly chilly at least it was dry, unlike two weeks previously for the circuit's Autumn Classic race meeting. Our paddock location was right by the entry to the pit lane so it was easy to see when our turn came around and the organisers gave us a clear run straight to the start line.

The meeting format was a single practice with three timed event runs. Andy was first out and was happy with the result, followed by Mike and then Stuart, nobody having any real issues.

Mid morning saw the first event run get under way with Andy setting a tough target that was well clear and over two seconds faster than practice. After a short lunch break, when the cars needed little attention, the second run took place. Mike found a chunk of time to beat Andy's first run and Stuart also shaved a little.

By around 3.30 our last run got under way and as before Andy was first away. Pulling out all the stops, he shaved almost a second from his time whereas Mike lost a second due to a momentary slight loss of power out of a couple of bends. Stuart meanwhile carried a little more speed on the bends and found his gear selection a little easier and so carved a big lump off his previous best.



Results

		T1	T2	T3	Best
Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk V Norton	85.56	86.07	84.66	84.66
Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	88.01	85.15	86.17	85.15
Stuart Barnes	Iota P1 JAP	102.21	102.19	96.40	96.40