

Curborough 21 August 2021

True to form it was another wet meeting for the four intrepid drivers that ventured out to our sole sprint of the year. The format was to have one practice and then two competition runs over the figure of eight course. This was Tim's first event at Curborough whilst for Richard it had been a long time, 1965 to be precise, when he drove a 4.5ltr Lagonda.

We were running as the last cars and the organisers had arranged for us to go straight to the start area. On what was a wet and greasy surface, the first hurdle was to launch without too much wheel-spin and back in the paddock everyone remarked on how slippery it was on all the bends. However, all made it back without any major moments and no mechanical issues.

The first timed run took place before what was to be a late lunch stop and although the track had dried for the earlier runners, the rain returned shortly before we were called! Times were lowered a little but grip levels still meant it was extremely challenging.

Our second run came around mid afternoon but the conditions had not improved, even if there was no more rain. Richard set off determined to get below 90 seconds and overhaul Andy, but unfortunately midway through the final bend the sprocket carrier came off the engine, stranding him with no drive. Meanwhile Jan was sitting at the start and on seeing a breakdown truck and with no indication on the likely delay along with poor conditions, decided to abandon his final run. Tim and Andy did wait for a few minutes more but the conditions meant their times were slower.

Results		Run 1	Run 2	Best
Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk V Norton	89.86	94.64	89.86
Richard Roberts	Cooper Mk IV JAP	90.18	Fail	90.18
Jan Nycz	Staride Mk 111 Norton	94.75	-----	94.75
Tim Densham	WHD JAP	96.35	97.60	96.35



L: Tim R: Richard © Mike Wood