

Gurston Down Sunday 28 August 2022

Another warm and perfect summer day welcomed the five drivers that had taken up the invitation to come to this lovely setting. For cousins Hamish and Finley Cameron, this was their first visit to the hill whilst Stuart Barnes was taking his first drive in the newly acquired Smith Mk III. Mark Riley had brought along the ex Murray Rainey Mk IX Cooper.

Practice

As the double driver, Finley was first up the hill, posting a very respectable 48.8. The main batch was then led away by Hamish, who lopped over three seconds from this time, both very impressive drives for a new experience. Stuart struggled a little with the completely different set up of the new car.

Second practice saw improvements all round and it was clear to see competition was going to be close.

Timed runs

Finley set a strong benchmark time as first away but Hamish and Mark both shaved small amounts from it. Mike experimented with gearing and lost a little whilst Stuart had now got to grips with the car and was catching up fast.

The final competition run saw the gaps close but the experienced Mark found the most time compared to practice to stay ahead of the impressive and rapidly improving Camerons.

As the day had largely run without a hiccup and it was still early afternoon, the organisers offered another run to all those interested. Of our group, only Finley and Hamish took part and neither could improve.

A wonderful day had been had by all, greatly enjoying the close competition. A big thank you must go to the organisers for all their help with our needs.

Results

		Run 1	Run 2	Best	Bonus run
Mark Riley	Cooper Mk IX JAP	42.11	41.35	41.35	---
Hamish Cameron	Cooper Mk VIII JAP	42.81	42.08	42.08	42.96
Finley Cameron	Cooper Mk VIII JAP	43.34	44.20	43.34	45.85
Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	45.97	43.56	43.56	---
Stuart Barnes	Smith Mk III JAP	46.92	49.01	46.92	---

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