

2022 Speed Championship – Round 7

Loton Park 'Interclub' meeting Saturday 27 August

Six club members made their way to Loton this year with a 500 Championship round on Saturday and an invitation event on the Sunday for those wanting to make a weekend of it.

Such is the current popularity of hill-climbing that several club members were unable to secure entries, whilst with August bank holiday not being the easiest of times to travel, **Finlay Mackintosh** and **Alistair Dent** from Wales and **Richard Roberts** from Essex were present the night before.

In John Dent's absence, Alistair was able to take over father's entry (with brother Mark doing likewise on the Sunday). Otherwise, **Jan Nycz**, possibly making one of his last Staride appearances, and **Vic Deane** made up the 500 field, with **Charles Reynolds** the sole Wally Cuff runner in his V-twin.

Practice

From the outset, Fin showed his Shelsley form to head the class by over 1.5 secs from Richard. Vic was competing here for the first time in his spotless Mk.9. Jan was already wondering if the ratios in his Staride box were too high whilst Richard pondered if his gearing was too low!

Into a late P2, everyone went quicker except Charles who unknowingly managed to trip the start beam when selecting first. Alistair had clearly decided he wasn't quick enough, so walloped nearly 5 seconds off his P1 time while Vic was trying a tad too hard and out-braked himself at Fallow..

Timed runs

Except for Richard, who changed a sprocket during the break, lunchtime was uncommonly quiet for a 500 paddock.

T1 saw Fin extend his class lead by over 2 secs from Richard, Alistair went a tad faster than in P2 as did Vic. Jan made a very rare error exiting Loggerheads, getting two wheels on the green stuff.

On T2, everyone bar Fin managed to squeeze out a little less time on the hill, all without drama although, running the last car of the group, Charles's V-twin noticeably started to misfire, accounting for the car's dull performance.

Words: Charles Reynolds

**Results:
Up to 500cc**

(Current record: Nick Reynolds – 64.16 on 26.08.17)

Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
Finlay Mackintosh	Cooper Mk.XI Norton	65.81	65.18	64.32	64.57	64.32
Richard Robarts	Cooper Mk.XI JAP	67.53	66.90	67.08	66.88	66.88
Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	73.72	68.80	68.05	67.65	67.65
Vic Deane	Cooper Mk.IX JAP	73.00	76.33	72.79	70.18	70.18
Jan Nycz	Staride Mk.III Norton	71.98	69.83	71.77	70.67	70.67

Over 500cc Wally Cuff Round 4

(Current Record: Andrew Bennett – 61.21 on 12.07.08)

Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk.7 JAP	65.98	71.33	64.30	64.84	64.30



Full on lunch break relaxation in the 500 camp!

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A full report will be published in a future edition of 'The 500' club magazine.