

500 OA Speed Championship. Round 5,

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The Lawrence name to the fore once again.

Nine entrants gathered at the Worcester hill for the annual MAC Nostalgia meeting run in mixed weather conditions, although both timed runs were dry.

The promise that 17 year old Jonathan Lawrence had shown in karting finally came good to just win the day 0.25 secs ahead of John Dent who is having a remarkable season thus far. Third was Mike Wood in the venerable Iota, also enjoying a year of newfound reliability and improving times ahead of Jan Nycz using the event to trial new engine configurations. Alistair Dent struggled to improve on 5th after a frustrating day of engine fuelling and misfire problems. Robin Baxter was ever consistent (a 100th sec difference between his two runs) in his Staride and the skilled Richard Robarts continues up the learning curve. Alistair Howells' 250 engined Angle Iron Special finally made an event and created much paddock interest but suffered all sorts of mechanical maladies to retire early.

In the 'Wally Cuff' Trophy Over 500 cc round, Phoebe Rolt was uncatchable in her FJ Elva while Charles Reynolds suffered fuel starvation problems all day to just finish ahead of Simon Brown's fast catching ex-Collins Mk.4.

Results:

Up to 500 cc

(Current record: Steve Lawrence – 37.35 on 18.08.02)

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Jonathan Lawrence	Cooper Mk.8 JAP	46.63	43.83	40.54	39.97	39.97
2	John Dent	Cooper Mk.8 JAP	44.39	41.57	40.51	40.22	40.22
3	Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	51.97	45.21	42.59	40.79	40.79
4	Jan Nycz	Staride Mk.III Norton	49.95	48.52	41.58	41.42	41.42
5	Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	46.48	45.31	43.24	44.68	43.24
6	Robin Baxter	Staride JAP	56.64	49.89	47.12	47.11	47.11
7	Stuart Barnes	Iota P.101 JAP	65.03		53.11	48.85	48.85
8	Richard Robarts	Cooper Mk.4 JAP	59.19	54.32	57.51	53.65	53.65
9	Alistair Howells	Angle Iron Sp. 250	F	66.20			-

Over 500 cc & FJ cars

Pos	Driver	Car	P1	P2	T1	T2	Best
1	Phoebe Rolt	Elva 200 FJ Ford	46.01		38.12	37.03	37.03
2	Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk.7 JAP	43.45	40.92	39.15		39.15
3	Simon Brown	Cooper Mk.4 JAP	46.20	43.06	40.64	39.74	39.74

A full report will appear in the next edition of 'The 500'.