

Wiscombe 20 May 2023

Championship round 2



This year we were a couple of weeks later than the traditional early May date due to the Coronation, but we were again greeted by a warm temperature and blue sky, so a marvellous competition was in prospect. The course was in perfect condition having been recently resurfaced. This is our own event, and forms part of both the Speed and Race championships.

The meeting had attracted another bumper entry with 28 members amongst the 93 cars, 4 Morgan 3 wheelers and 31 motorcycles. For five of our number this was their first visit to Wiscombe with a 500 and for Simon Dedman, Dominic Bishop and Robert Burke the first time competing in their car.

Practice for our class got underway around 10.00 and went smoothly for most, although there were a few gremlins, mainly fuel related. The most serious were engine troubles in Mark D's Cooper which meant it needed changing, and a half shaft failure causing JB to leave the start on three wheels. Mike made a mess of Martini and stalled bring out a red flag and face!

Second practice saw good improvements and it was clear the main runs would produce some close competition. Fin laid down a marker with a low 48 followed closely by Tom, with Alistair and Max the only others to dip under 50 seconds. In the larger class, Charles produced a very rapid sub 48, followed by Dave, Richard A and Russell.

After the lunch break, competition runs got underway shortly before 2pm. Fin put in a storming run, below 48 seconds but was fractionally pipped by Tom, and closely followed by Max, the only other driver below 50 seconds. Behind them, competition was fierce with some very tight margins. In the Wally Cuff Trophy, Russell hooked up a quick run to give him a good margin over Charles who was being pushed by both Dave and Richard A along with an improving Simon F.

Under near perfect conditions each driver took their turn at the start line for the second competition run. Nearly everyone found some extra pace, with Tom extending his advantage to threaten the course record. Alistair pushed Max hard and Frazer continued to shave more away, the only other driver to dip below 50 seconds.

In the bigger cars, Russell held onto his lead ahead of Charles and Richard A closed the gap to the former. Closest margin of the meeting went to Simon F, a mere seven-hundredths behind Dave A.

At prize giving, the trophy for best family pairing went to Fin and Max, the fastest of the six combinations that were present across the two classes.

A great big THANK YOU must go to Lesley de la Roche and Mike Fowler for superb organisational skills and keeping the meeting on course. Many thanks also to all the other members who marshalled in the paddock and on the start line.

Results

Up to 500cc

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		Run 1	Run 2	Best
Tom Waterfield	Cooper Mk IX Norton	47.81	47.24	47.24
Fin Mackintosh	Cooper Mk XI Norton	47.93	47.88	47.88
Max Mackintosh	Cooper Mk VI JAP	48.67	48.93	48.67
Alistair Dent	Hornet JAP	50.10	48.99	48.99
Frazer Deane	Cooper Mk IX JAP	50.95	49.91	49.91
Richard Roberts	Cooper Mk XI JAP	51.25	50.10	50.10
Mark Dent	Cooper Mk VI JAP	52.18	51.06	51.06
John Dent	Cooper Mk VIII JAP	51.41	51.96	51.41
Angus Frost	Cooper Mk V Norton	55.22	52.46	52.46
Vic Deane	Cooper Mk IX JAP	52.87	52.87	52.87
Andy Raynor	Cooper Mk V Norton	53.21	53.96	53.21
Chaz Reynolds	Kieft CK53 JAP	56.63	54.76	54.76
Mark Riley	Squanderbug Rudge	55.57	55.43	55.43
Simon Dedman	Staride Mk III Norton	55.76	56.23	55.76
Dominic Bishop	Cooper Mk IV Triumph	56.98	56.22	56.22

Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	57.69	57.01	57.01
Jonathan Morris	Waye JAP	58.12	59.31	58.12
Richard Kelly	Cooper Mk V Norton	59.00	58.75	58.75
Stuart Barnes	Smith Mk 3 JAP	F	64.13	64.13
Robert Burke	Arnott JAP	82.53	80.93	80.93
JB Jones	Cousy Triumph			DNS

V-twins and FJ cars Wally Cuff round 2

Russell Haynes	ELVA 200	47.12	48.04	47.12
Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk VII JAP	48.04	47.98	47.98
Richard Ashcroft	Cooper Mk IV JAP	48.76	48.57	48.57
Dave Andrews	Cooper Mk VII JAP	49.51	49.31	49.31
Simon Frost	CFS JAP	49.89	49.38	49.38
Mark Haynes	ELVA 200	53.10	51.25	51.25
Ruth Ross	Cooper Mk IV JAP	60.20	58.99	58.99

Mike Wood



Simon Frost at Wis

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