

Gurston Down, Sunday 10 September 2017

As the competition year draws to a close it was time to visit this tranquil farm setting in the Wiltshire Downs. The meeting saw eight cars assemble for our second visit. There were six 500s and the twins of Charles Reynolds and Ainsley Barwick. The weather was overcast and rain was forecast.

Practice turned out dry and Nick was on the pace straight away posting a sub 41 second time on his second ascent, well clear of Mark Riley in the 42 second bracket. For once there were no forced mechanical issues to be attended to.

Aware that the weather was beginning to threaten even more, an early lunch was called so that the competition runs could hopefully start before the rain arrived. The early couple of batches were fine but for us there was drizzle. Everybody made it to the top paddock and the grins said it all - wow what fun!

The second competition run was even wetter so consequently times fell away again for all bar Nick. Uncharacteristically John got caught out by the conditions, spinning at Karousel, but otherwise we all made it.

		Run 1	Run 2	Best
Nick Reynolds	Cooper Mk 9 JAP	46.40	46.35	46.35
Mark Riley	Cooper Mk 9 JAP	47.98	48.58	47.98
Mark Dent	Cooper Mk 6 JAP	48.65	49.58	48.65
John Dent	Cooper Mk 8 JAP	48.90	Fail	48.90
Mike Wood	Iota CB2 JAP	50.11	52.34	50.11
Stuart Barnes	Iota P1 JAP	55.30	57.13	55.30
Charles Reynolds	Cooper Mk 7 JAP twin	44.43	46.44	44.43
Ainsley Barwick	Cooper Mk 6 Triumph twin	48.58	52.79	48.58

A fuller report will appear in the yearbook.



I wonder if anyone would notice!



How was it for you?