



Classic Marques Speed Challenge

# The Oily Rag



**Rounds 19 & 20**

Blyton Park

7 & 8 September



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Saturday 7 September 2019

#### Saturday, 7th September, 07.00 hours.

Round 19 of the 2019 Championship dawned. A chill wind blew across the scalped fields. The “wilde” rabbits had nowhere to hide but were conspicuous by their absence – still running scared after my last visit? I have been to Blyton Park several times previously, but the Eastern Circuit was new to me. Still the biggest single class (20 CM entrants) even though one or two of the leading lights of the Championship were sidelined with reliability issues or had decided not to make the long journey north and keep their powder dry for the final rounds down south. However, with a field varied enough to keep both organisers and spectators happy, an interesting, if chilly day was in prospect.



Running first of our class, I (John Pollard) started the day in my usual fashion with an over exuberant entry into Chapmans (first corner!), resulting in a perfectly executed pirouette and a score of 4.5 from the judges. Thankfully, the rest of the day passed without incident.

Further down the field, Ben Curry was trying to beat my judges' score with several spins including one across the finish line, just missing the timing gear. A feat later repeated by George Proudfoot in his beautiful Morgan 'flat rad'. Even Matt Eady was in on the game completing an out of character 180.



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Talk of the day was 'Oil-gate'. Having made the journey all the way from Cornwall, Nigel Hodson was required to retire from the event after only two practice runs with oil allegedly being expelled from the car's exhausts. This caused much head scratching amongst the assembled masses who all agreed that there were no obvious signs of oil. Hopefully Nigel will back with us soon. Both Ian Beningfield in his Midget, featuring a new kiss from a recent brush with the scenery elsewhere and Nigel Walton in his Spitfire, with new lsd, quick rack and wonky numbers, were heavily scrutinised but no issues were found. However, Ian, having completed timed run 2 sideways across the line succumbed to coolant over pressurisation at the start line on run 3 and had to call it a day and make the long trek home.

In other news, I can confirm indiscretions by two of our number in motors originating in Malvern. One took out the timing gear and the other appeared in front of the Stewards having missed a red flag. Following legal advice and an enforced non disclosure agreement, I cannot name names to protect the innocent.

At the end of practice, the top four were: Steve Lyle, Roger Fish, Simon Baines and Martin Rowe covered by 2.54 handicap seconds, with Roger Fish having an uncharacteristic DNF in P1.



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Steve Lyle



Matt Eady

Although the classes were scattered around the paddock, with batch order having been changed several times in the preceding week, the paddock marshal wore out her FitBit and timed runs began before the lunch break. This gave us all the unusual opportunity of three timed runs. The order of the top four changed a little, with some banzai runs including Steve Lyle making full use of his PDK (Photon Disruptor Kannon) box to vaporise a blue cone. Finishing order was Roger Fish, Steve Lyle, Matt Eady and Simon Baines. Final numbers on board gave the win to Roger Fish who tucks another Red 25 into his back pocket.

There are 1001 stories in the world of hillclimbing and sprinting – some of them are even true.

Many of you will already know that Round 20 marks not only an end to my Classic Marques season but also the end of my foray into hillclimbing and sprinting. The time has come to hang up my helmet and race suit and move into a world of virtual racing and rallying – a full motion simulator is expected at Wilde Rabbit Racing HQ in the very near future. I was also reminded that volume four of my Magnum Opus ‘Excuses and How to sell them to the crowd – ‘A guide for Drivers in Hillclimbing and Sprinting’ was long overdue. My Mazda will



John Pollard's Mazda for Sale

shortly be offered for sale, (details on application) to a new keeper who I hope will continue to use it for the purpose it was originally built. The car needs only a replacement ‘nut holding the wheel’ to be competitive! To the many friends made over the years in both this Championship and in a previous life, TVR’s, but especially my wife and glamorous assistant (but don’t tell the Wife about the glamorous assistant!) without whom none of this would have been possible, I thank you for the banter, support and challenge. I wish you all success in what I still consider to be one of the most difficult disciplines in motorsport. Until we meet again, never say never!

*John Pollard*

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Roger Fish	120	Honda	S2000	B	93.24%	DNF	79.90	79.90	74.50	79.56	78.24	78.02	78.02	72.75	-	-	25.00	1
Steve Lyle	112	Porsche	Boxster S	1A	95.85%	78.28	76.76	76.76	73.57	76.21	76.69	77.71	76.21	73.05	0.30	0.21	24.79	2
Matthew Eady	117	Ginetta	G4	B	96.07%	90.87	81.44	81.44	78.24	79.31	77.53	77.30	77.30	74.26	1.52	1.04	23.96	3
Simon Baines	146	Morgan	Roadster	B	97.21%	83.95	78.52	78.52	76.33	78.22	77.09	76.77	76.77	74.63	1.88	1.29	23.71	4
Clive Glass	140	Morgan	Plus 8	B	93.85%	84.52	83.20	83.20	78.08	80.37	81.37	81.62	80.37	75.43	2.68	1.84	23.16	5
Martin Rowe	113	Honda	S2000	B	93.07%	DNF	82.78	82.78	77.04	82.68	81.31	81.85	81.31	75.67	2.93	2.01	22.99	6
Paul Clarke	145	Morgan	Roadster	B	94.91%	87.20		87.20	82.76	83.27	80.42	79.81	79.81	75.75	3.00	2.06	22.94	7
Ben Curry	114	Scimitar	SS1	1A	91.15%	100.19	87.54	87.54	79.79	87.33	87.89	84.81	84.81	77.31	4.56	3.13	21.87	8
Steve Cork	116	Scimitar	SS1 Ti	1A	91.38%	92.34	87.59	87.59	80.04	86.17	89.06	85.88	85.88	78.48	5.73	3.94	21.06	9
Simon Ashby	144	Morgan	4/4	B	94.53%	88.05	88.51	88.05	83.24	86.32	85.92	83.58	83.58	79.01	6.26	4.30	20.70	10
Nick Hall	115	Toyota	MR2 T-Bar	1A	89.45%	92.06	89.52	89.52	80.08	88.84	88.42	88.56	88.42	79.09	6.34	4.36	20.64	11
John Pollard	105	Mazda	MX5 - NC	1A	90.11%	115.64	88.94	88.94	80.15	91.64	89.91	89.17	89.17	80.36	7.61	5.23	19.77	12
George Proudfoot	141	Morgan	Series 1	1A	80.81%	110.67	105.38	105.38	85.16	104.81	100.65		100.65	81.34	8.59	5.91	19.09	13
Ian Beningfield	107	MG	Midget	1A	83.22%	104.76	101.13	101.13	84.16	98.52	99.00	DNF	98.52	81.99	9.24	6.35	18.65	14
Chris Harris	706	Mazda	MX5 Mk1	1A	89.36%	97.64	94.94	94.94	84.84	95.04	93.14	91.80	91.80	82.04	9.29	6.39	18.61	15
Mark Harris - Mazda	106	Mazda	MX5 Mk1	1A	89.12%	101.00	96.93	96.93	86.38	94.11	92.53	93.20	92.53	82.46	9.71	6.68	18.32	16
Nigel Walton	108	Triumph	Spitfire	1A	83.87%	110.82	102.79	102.79	86.21	100.69	99.84	100.21	99.84	83.74	10.99	7.55	17.45	17
Brian Marshall	109	Porsche	944 Turbo	B	95.82%	91.84	89.88	89.88	86.12	88.30	88.58	87.58	87.58	83.92	11.17	7.68	17.32	18
Richard Blacklee	129	TVR	Chimaera 450	1A	92.60%	96.40	94.09	94.09	87.12	97.15	92.40	92.01	92.01	85.20	12.45	8.56	16.44	19
Nigel Hodson	110	Mazda	MX5	B	92.90%	93.49	88.57	88.57	82.28	Retired								20

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### Sunday, 8th September 2019

A chilly start to the morning greeted those of us camping at the circuit but clear skies and the sun appearing, gave prospects of another good day's sprinting, as new arrivals clattered trailers over the pot holed entry road for Sunday competition.

Competitors from Saturday had a more leisurely start as there was no need to scrutineer cars again. This was much appreciated as Blyton Park couldn't provide Saturday night meals so most of us had visited local pubs in the area for dinner and a couple of refreshments. I must say thanks to our TVR friends for an invite and taxi ride too.

Some unfortunate mechanical failures meant missing from Sunday's action were Ian Beningfield – MG Midget engine sick and Nigel Hodson, possibly still driving back to Cornwall on another epic 10 hour journey home. At least his boss will be pleased he is back in work on time for Monday!

New additions for Sunday included Phil Howard sharing with Andy King – Scimitar SS1 and the venerable John Wadsworth whose motorsport biography is well worth a google. I always think of John and George Proudfoot as the grandfathers of our sport enjoying every moment as if they are still teenagers.

Blyton outer circuit is a faster less complex loop but somehow it is still very challenging and caught a few people by surprise in their efforts to shave time and corners. Spectators on the banking get a good view of the final lunge over the finish line, and a competitor's glory or failure captured in a close up photo opportunity.

For the time to count you need to cross the finish with your car inside the white lines of the track limits. The rules don't say in which direction the car has to be pointing! Ben Curry had been perfecting the half spin backwards across the finish since Saturday.



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Nigel Walton should get the most events entered award and his enthusiasm as a newbie means the little spitfire will not get a quiet life pottering around country lanes anymore. Tweaks to suspension and performance enhancements are planned (his wife will be pleased).

With a full entry list at Blyton, NSCC had to maximise paddock space and the Morgans were furthest away from start line and results timekeeping screens. So it was a brief chat and comparisons of splits whilst congregating over Martin Rowe's laptop in the timekeepers building to determine the order on handicap results. The order at the end of practise was Roger Fish (Honda S2000) in top spot, Simon Baines (Morgan), Matt Eady (Ginetta G4), Martin Rowe (Honda S2000). The slick organisation meant we had completed both practise and T1 before lunchbreak.

There aren't a lot of obstacles to hit at Blyton, or so we thought. Ben Curry had decided after trying to previously rearrange the finish boards that he didn't like the layout through the wiggler chicane on the back straight either. The Scimitar came off worse than the track markers, resulting in bumper pushed hard up against the radiator and headlamps resembling the bug-eyed look of a 'modern' Morgan.

This is where the camaraderie of Classic Marques and club motorsport comes to your aid. Without hesitation, help was at hand to assess the damage and a plan to make temporary repairs in time for the next run. There isn't much you can't fix with gaffer tape and cable ties and with seconds to spare Ben made it back out in time. Sadly though, the prospect of additional timed runs was too much for the clutch of Nick Hall's MR2 and it was retired after T1.



Simon Baines



Repairs for Ben Curry

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Away from the action, Chris Harris was enjoying a weekend away from singing at weddings and instead spent 50 notes on beer & motorsport just like his dad.

After a hard fought battle to take the red 25 points it was a well-deserved victory to Roger Fish. Simon Baines squeezed into 2nd position ahead by 0.1s on handicap to Matt Eady in 3rd place.

To end it is a sad farewell to John & Hillary Pollard, retiring from motor racing after many years' involvement and long-time supporters of Classic Marques.

*Matt Eady*

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Andy King	718	Scimitar	SS1	1A	87.81%	92.54	86.13	86.13	75.63	85.01	84.66	84.52	84.52	74.21	5.76	4.20	20.80	13
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John Wadsworth	5	Mazda	MX5 Mk 3	1A	90.54%	DNF	86.56	86.56	78.37	85.66	85.72	85.76	85.66	77.56	9.10	6.65	18.35	19
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