

Toyo Tires/WSCC Speed Series Round 1, North Weald

Airfield or Aquadrome?

It became apparent travelling to North Weald Airfield, that round 1 may be a little damp. Nearly 24hrs of rain, 2 flooded sections of road and 1 fallen tree to be negotiated simply to get there.

For P1 & P2, there were huge 30ft wide pools of water to be negotiated. Rain, wind and spray meant visibility while driving was appalling.

Through the practise runs, all Speed Series competitors either span or took a wrong route at some point – the exception being Barry Slingsby, the only one to manage 2 clean practise runs. Barry did however, receive a face full of water having left his visor open to aid vision.

At a second drivers briefing after P2, the organisers announced, that due to weather, timing issues and spins, only one timed run was going to be available.

Pete Goulding – improved steadily through the day

Paul 'Tigger' Dew, tested both new gearbox and engine, improved through P1 & 2 but span at the all important single timed run.

Barry 'Wotbox? Thatbox' Slingsby delivered tidy runs all day and collected a trophy for 4th place.

Graham 'Windy' Millar having stopped his drift practise antics put in a fantastic run for a 1st in class.

Tom Caldecourt – drove to the event, with an aeroscreen, ran out of fuel twice and still received a 2nd place trophy on his first ever outing.

Alexa & Alan 'The A-team' Briggs withdrew after P2 in search of sunshine and warmth.

George Newrick – competed in comparative luxury with his hood up and also made steady gains through the day.

David Hussey in the Striker retired after an altercation with one of North Weald 'Aquadromes' many cones.

Peter Haytor – struggled with electrical charging gremlins but still managed a useful 2nd in class.

Matt 'Fatbloke' Hillam, span twice, but with the aid of a hastily fitted cardboard mud flap managed to complete the timed run.

Special thanks to those who Marshalled in such atrocious conditions.