

Aintree 29th June

For some reason I always arrive there the night before...mmmm..can't weigh this up when I'm only ¾ of an hour away(!!) still, Little & Large were there, sorry the Robbo's, so I sampled their hospitality – Oh yes, very nice!

Anyway the Saturday morning was dry but very windy (it's always windy at Aintree), there was a good gathering of Westfields and the best view of any course in the English Isles – a Stella brewery just across the circuit! Looking at the entry list we saw the clan McNunn were coming (always good entertainment) and the guaranteed late arrival of "Welsh Boy", moaning about having no where to park his old boiler and trailer – nothing changes!

First practise was a touchy feely run for everybody! Second practise saw John (Munchkin Boy) Loudon change his rear wheels to gain some more top end speed, Aaarrgh this is where it all went "Pete Tong" (a slight case of holes in wheels too big for wheel nuts!) and on the first corner...exit wheels left and right. This is why we have diffusers to save the brake discs when your wheels come off, a little embarrassing for "Munchkin Boy".

Class 2B saw Adrian Clinton-Whatbox struggling from the start, a slack timing belt then suspected blown head gasket saw him a little off the pace, this left it slightly wide open. Two people were fighting it out with some mind games going on between Ashley "Goat Face" Mason and the sheep lurvin' "Welsh Boy".

Ahhh Class H, it's nice to be back, for the first time this year I was competitive, a slow first run but it came together, a good fight between myself and Michael & Ralph Schu – still can't work out who's who!!

Timed Runs.

2A. This time it was John "Munchkin" Loudon and "Old Mother" Siddle's turn to play mind games. John just pipping "Rickerty" Ron, with Richard Brown in third. Mr Nunn was moaning about his tyres – I don't see how a man who drives everywhere sideways can moan about having no grip, I bet he sleeps and drinks his beer sideways!

2B. God was it close between Ashley and Mark, sorry "Stoneface" and "Boilerboy" (that's better), swapping places, with "Boilerboy" just coming out on top (he loves it on top). ACW came in third and some very, very close battles down the field, but all the early talk was "Is Steve "Turbo Boy" Barnard coming?", clearly he has them worried!

H. Even closer than 2B! My first timed run saw a disaster, my bonnet came off on the first corner – I still say that it was sabotage! The Schumachers were scared I tell you, SCARED! Second run I did in 47.25s and 125mph through the speed trap (Oh Yes!) with "Micheal" (Richard) doing a 47.14s, ouch that hurt! Ralph (Philip) wasn't far behind in third.

One noted absence was Mr Greensleeve, a shame really, always good entertainment at Aintree (it's worth going just to see his trap speeds) – can't wait for Three Sisters next weekend – One fool is doing Lyden then driving up to Three Sisters...Oh yes, all that and not one sheep in sight!!!

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