



SPEED SERIES 2005 RESULTS

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Well after a blisteringly hot day at Harewood the previous weekend it was nice to get a cool start to the day. The paddock was large and well set out, signing on was straightforward, time to get the car off the trailer and get a bacon butty and a coffee...Oh No DISASTER!!!!!!!!!! The catering van (NO not the Lotus 7 type kit car manufacturer) had not turned up ☹. The organizers were very apologetic and organized a run to ASDA to clear the Sandwich shelves, which were then distributed to competitors free of charge!

First practice started with most of the Westfield Boys & Girls getting round without much damage apart from Richard Carroll taking a dislike to some cones on the last corner. Some of the other drivers were not so lucky, in particular one Porsche Boxster that came in to the paddock on the back of a truck looking distinctly secondhand **ouch!!!!**. There was also a lengthy delay due to one of the single seaters dropping oil over most of the length of the track, which kept the marshals busy for a good 20mins.

There were some quick times in practice notably John (Tommo) Tomlinson doing 128mph through the speed trap (I managed 85mph on my first run ☹).

So onto the real business of timed runs in the afternoon, the sun broke through and all was looking good apart from Terry Everall complaining of a broken rear anti-rollbar (getting his excuses in early ☺).

Class A & C

There were 7 Competitors in class A. with most getting into the high 50's/ early 60's, there was a notable exception to this with the Father & Son team of David & Guy Hussey (in their Stryker bodied Westfield?????) posting a 56.19 and an impressive 53.84 (by junior despite him keep selecting 5th instead of 3rd for the right hander after the speed trap. *"Nothing wrong with the car, just me being a muppet"*). Richard Green posted a 57.99 to claim 3rd in class. There were only 2 Competitors in class C with John Loudon winning out over Keith Adams with a 54.82 (watch out next year John for team Hussey!!!!)

Class B & D

There were only 2 Competitors in B. with Barry Slingsby winning out over Derek Lees with a 53.93 not far behind the only competitor in D. Matt Hillam who posted a 52.82.

Class E

Only a single entry for E. so a guaranteed win for Steve Batchelor in his BlackBird powered car with a 54.07.

Class F

This is where I get to blow my own trumpet for the first and hopefully not the last time ☺. There 7 Competitors in this class with a scattering of Megabusa's, two VX powered Westfields, a new Westfield 2000S with that new Ford engine & Elite gearbox and a Tiger R6/S. On the first timed runs it looked like the Busas were going to have it all to themselves with Martin Palmer (51.91) ahead of Terry (Excuses) Everall (52.47) with me (Bananaman) languishing in 3rd on a 53.93, which was being chased hard by Tom Beacon on a 54.05. So onto the final runs and I had decided that there was a bit more speed to be had through the speed trap as I'd only managed a 103mph on my first run ☹. Martin and Terry were wondering which one of them was going home with 17 points, Terry went a bit slower, I think he'd talked himself out of it with his anti-roll bar situation. Martin put in another blistering time with a 51.54 and must have thought he had it in the bag!!!! I then went out and to everybody's surprise (not least mine) knocked nearly 2½ seconds of my previous run with a class winning time of 51.47 (just .07 quicker than Martin) with 113mph through the trap. I am now classed as an Expert, which I was reliably informed means '**a drip under pressure**' ☺.

Class H

There were 5 Competitors in H. Turbo Tommo was on form in the V8 Fly-mow going through the speed trap at nearly 130mph..... and took class win with a 49.94 on his final run. There was a hard fought battle for 2nd between Derek (Hotfoot) Hodder and Paul Wright with Paul being 0.22 sec's ahead in the first timed run. Paul then improved his time breaking into the 50's with a 50.98 only for Derek to go one better with a 50.76 to claim 2nd.

Class G

This was contested between Dick Hulbert and Carole Torkinton double driving the SBD car (what a machine!!!) with Dick taking overall Westfield honours with a VERY impressive time of 47.98 (not bad for a 1700cc car) and Carole taking fastest lady with a 54.60.

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