

SOUTHERN STUFF 5 2014

WISCOMBE PARK HILLCLIMB

Our now annual second visit to Wiscombe, as usual there was a full entry although there seemed to be a few less MGs, especially the older models. Our Luffield class consisted of 14 competitors, one notable absentee was Martin Wollacott whose MGA was still side lined with gearbox problems, a good result today would have been crucial for maintaining his top spot in the championship. The weather was dry, sunny and very warm by lunch time. Conditions were ideal and the track was in perfect condition even under the trees and this was reflected in some quick practice times.

During the lunch break we had a photo shoot with five MGA Coupes parked in front of the house which hopefully will appear in Safety Fast. Photos over and we were soon lining up for the first competition run, apart from a car catching fire just as it crossed the finish line (not an MG!) proceedings went well without too many hold ups. As mentioned, the excellent conditions produced seven new record times set by David Jones MGF 51.89; Mike Cole MGB 46.66; Steve Luscombe Midget 47.99; Chris Warden MGF 50.16; Ian Beningfield Midget 54.96; Keith Beningfield TC 50.72 myself MGA 45.62. Ian and Keith were both going well with Keith's time in his TC putting a lot of 'newer' cars to shame. Top points scorers were Chris Warden and Mike Cole with 100.40 and 100.34 respectively. SW Centre awards winners were Frank Ashley - The Don Smith Trophy, Keith Beningfield - The Cider Apple Trophy and myself - The Bristol Motor Company Cup for fastest MG.

Finally many thanks to the MGCC SW Centre headed by Bruce Weston and Club stalwarts for another excellent event at Wiscombe Park Hillclimb.

Late news - Darren Porter scored a 102 and a 99.84 at Harewood in his MGF and now leads the championship, Martin is second and David Coulthard is third.

Terry Drinkwater