

# SOUTHERN STUFF 2 2014

## PRESCOTT HILLCLIMB

Our Prescott round this year was held on the 'La Vie en Blue' weekend which as the name suggests has a French theme. What a contrast to the sun drenched event last weekend at Wiscombe, it was raining steadily and dismal. In spite of this we had a bumper entry of 26 drivers in the Luffield class. Needless to say the track was awash for first practise; we all slipped and slid up the hill obviously much slower than usual. Second practise seemed a bit quicker although it was still raining, maybe we were getting used to the conditions.

The event runs began after the lunch break, the rain had abated and it was looking a lot brighter, due to the conditions no existing records were to be broken or maximum points scores were on the cards, crossing the finish line in one piece was higher on our agenda's.



Yours truly struggling for grip on the start

After the first timed run Andy Walker was leading the class with a time of 57.15 followed by myself with a time of 57.91. Amazingly we all made it back to the paddock albeit with tales of wheel spin, power slides and locking of brakes, the 'Esses' under the trees being the most treacherous section of track.



Robbie Pritchard on the start straight

The sun came out and parts of the track began to dry in time for the second timed runs, this prompted some drivers get a bit over enthusiastic, resulting in a few spins and visits to the gravel traps at Ettore's and Pardon including a couple of our MG's (no names, they were driving Midgets) There was a close battle for the class win, this was taken by Andy Walker in his MGB V8 narrowly beating me by 2/100<sup>th</sup> of a second, Keith Egar was 3<sup>rd</sup> in his Midget only 0.34 seconds in arrears. Top points scorers were Tim Kirkham ZS180 and Chris England MGF, both scoring 98's

As always, thanks to the hard working Marshals who endured the mornings awful weather conditions and the Bugatti Owners Club for a great event.

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