

Cadwell Park, MGCC Saturday 22nd July

A report by John Bevan

Competitors for the two day meeting at Cadwell Park had fallen into two groups- those who arrived on Thursday evening ready for testing on the Friday, and those who drove up on Friday. Either way, the majority of Morganistas had elected to camp. Friday evening consisted of much tent pitching, and the successful erection of Andrew Thompson's awning, which would provide much needed shelter later in the weekend.

Once signed on and scrutineered on Friday evening, Saturday morning was a leisurely affair, with occasional car tinkering, breakfast and polishing (Mr Bailey!) to occupy us until our qualifying at 1.30.

With rain certain at some time during the weekend, we were lucky to qualify in the dry, with Russell Paterson (class A) putting 99OK on pole, closely followed by son Elliot less than a second behind in his class B ARV6 roadster. In between helping Jen lay on a magnificent spread, and locking his keys inside his Mercedes, Tony Lees had put the yellow peril on third place.

New recruit Simon Sherry and returnee Chris Springall both put in commendable times in their Class C plus 8s, both from Kathy Sherry's stable.

There was much consultation of the Met Office weather forecast prior to our afternoon race, the outcome being that it would either be wet or dry. In actual fact we got a dry race for 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes of rain.

From the flag, Russell and Elliot stormed off into the lead, pursued by Andrew Thompson and Tony Lees, with Dominic House with them showing that the Friday testing had been well worthwhile. Close

racing continued throughout, until as the wet weather set in and Steve McDonald had a very nasty off at Park at the far end of the circuit, ending up lodged in the barriers. Although the car was badly damaged Steve emerged from the wreck fit and well. Steve- we are glad you are OK and hope to see you out again when the car has been repaired.

On the last lap (thirteen!) Michele Bailey, busy trying to hold off Alan House in his newly built historic Plus 4 spun and collected the Armco. The car only sustained minor damage, but Michele was more annoyed that she had not made it to the finishing line which was only 150 yards away!

We were now set for the final competitive event on Saturday, the Cadwell curry cup. Although closely fought, Simon from Sifab emerged victorious with both the cup and a dried toad to put in it.

For an account of Sunday's events with VSCC please see Michele's account.

Finishing positions:

- 1) Russell Paterson (Class A Plus 8)
- 2) Elliot Paterson (Class B ARV6)
- 3) Tony Lees (Class B Plus 8)
- 4) Andrew Thompson (Class B ARV6)