

Back of the Grid (again) 1 April 2017  
Snetterton Race 2

As Bob Bull pointed out only a fool would volunteer to write a report a race on 1 April! Thanks Bob.....

I had not raced at Snetterton in the dry before, so Race 1 had been a new experience and a lonely one in Class E, with no other competitors and no John Bevan in Class D either.

Chris (the spanner man) had taken all 4 wheels off Gromit in the break between the races, after I had mentioned there was a shake in the steering wheel and nearside of the car at 'high' speed in race 1. My thanks to him and James Gateson for sorting it out; although I did provide the 'sitting in car and depressing brake pedal' technical assistance.

To my surprise I wasn't at the back of the grid for race 2. James Carter didn't make the start after a bump in Race 1. Tony Rivers did make it (the same bump), but only after one wing was hammered back into shape between the races. Steve Mac was also behind me, something to do with a fuel issue I believe (more on that later). I had no doubt that both Tony and Steve would be ahead by the first corner and of course they were. The rolling start was a good one, and I settled in behind Peter Rafter, but soon he disappeared into the distance.

Phil Tisdall had a spin at Agostini (I think), kindly waited for me to go past him, and then he also disappeared into the distance. It took a couple of laps of splendid isolation, and Keith was lapping me. He was a bit ahead of Phil Goddard, who was himself a bit ahead of Elliot and then Andrew T.

Roger and Andy G seemed to be having an interesting battle. After that I concentrated on my mirrors, and putting into practice the new 'Top Tip' received from Jerry before the race. No I am not sharing it with the rest of you; Jerry had given me a 'JTT' at Mallory in the last race of 2016 which worked, so I had high hopes. I also needed to think about the track limits, having received a black and white flag in race 1 (much to everyone's surprise, as I am nowhere near the edge normally). Phill Thomas had gone one better than just the flag in race 1 and received a 5 second penalty.

The result of race 2 was the same as race 1, with Keith winning from Phil G, Elliot in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Andrew T 4<sup>th</sup>.

Class winners were:

- A Keith with 2 new lap records - beating himself twice
- B Elliot also with 2 new lap records
- C Steve Mac (having not almost run out of fuel)
- D Brett Syndercombe
- E Me
- H Tom Dailey - with 2 new class records
- R Tim Parsons

I feel that I must mention Dominic - he actually ran out of fuel on the last lap. Did this make both Steve Mac and Phil Tisdall feel better I wondered?

Finally yes the JTT worked (4 seconds) so thank you Jerry! Any more gratefully received.

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