

Snetterton 11th September 2021.

A report by John Bevan

There was a small select group of entrants for the last fixture of the Morgan Challenge at Snetterton. As usual at this point in the season, some cars were broken, some drivers were abroad and some were preparing their historic cars for the Goodwood Revival.

With a dry track, qualifying was uneventful, apart from Paul Bryan who had a problem with the thermostat housing in his 4/4 and had to qualify out of session. With no other Class 1 cars present, Roger Whiteside took pole, with Simon Orebi-Gann second in his ARV6 and Brett Syndercombe third in his Class 3 4/4. Rob Gilmore has swapped his Class 3 Roadster Lightweight for his newly acquired Class 2 Roadster Lightweight and put the car 4th on the grid.

Race 1 started with Greg Parnell taking evasive action into the first hairpin, spreading a cloud of dust across the track. Tony Kilby nipped past me in the confusion in his Club Sport although as I chased him down he spun and then had problems restarting having temporarily parked the car at right angles across the track! Simon Sherry and Greg Parnell had a coming together and pulled off the track, leaving Roger to storm off into the lead. Brett was on a mission to take fastest lap in his class in order to secure the championship so was driving like his pants were on fire- he did secure the fastest lap and third overall, with Simon O-G second and John Milbank fourth in his Class 2 4/4. Electrical gremlins stopped Richard Fearn from finishing and Tony Rivers was also a DNF.

As Race 2 started we were threatened with drizzle, which luckily did not continue. With Greg, Simon Sherry and Tony Rivers not starting there were only 15 cars on the grid. Paul Bryan lost power early in the race and pulled off on lap 4 and Richard Fearn had a recurrence of his electrical problems and also stopped on lap 4.

The first three positions of race 1 were repeated, with Brett securing the championship and Steve Lockett the Challenge trophy. Well done to both.

So another season finishes, and we now look forward to the Drivers Dinner at the factory and details of the fixtures for 2022.