

The Doings in Lincolnshire Over the Weekend of July 22/23rd.

A report by Bob Bull

Now a trip to Cadwell Park from Luton is a pretty expensive undertaking, in fact it is mighty costly from where ever you start, so it was good to find that MSV had a BOGOF weekend.

Behold-one-get-one-free.

Watch one round of the Morgan Aero Challenge and see another one the next day, all at the same price, well more or less, after factoring in an overnight stay. In my case that was eighty odd quid on a Premier Inn, although many cheaped it out with a variety of tents, wigwams and wickiups. Hardy types these Morgan folk.



**John Bevan's home-from-home complete with detached garage.
Of course not everyone was prepared to slum it.**

Once proceedings got underway it was little surprise to find Russell Paterson heading the times, being the only Class 'A' car present in the absence of Keith, Phillip and Peter (Chuckle). Nor was it a surprise to see Paterson the Younger next up, the Champion being on imperious form in his grim shaded ARV6, and ahead of Messrs Lees, Thompson, Hirst, House (the younger), and Phill Thomas. The rest lined up pretty much as expected, with the exception of Simon Sherry standing in for The Doctor, and making his racing debut in number 55.

The weather was looking somewhat like Elliot's ARV, grim and grey, so rain was always possible as the grid formed up on the undulating circuit.

Sure enough 99OK surged into the lead with the Champ never far behind and the rest battling mightily amongst themselves. Andrew T led Tony L with Dominic House going well next up. Sadly Phil Tisdall got a little out of shape at Park causing Steve McDonald, who was close behind to get two wheels on the grass and from there into a hard contact with the tyre wall, ending up astride the barrier. (The car that is, not Steve.)



It is good to report that apart from being a little shaken, Steve suffered no injuries, and spent Sunday spectating. We hope to see him back in action soon.

Andrew Thompson approaching the scene slowed and found Tony Lees scything past to take third spot, whereupon Andrew decided that he would not respond and throttled back for a safe fourth place.

A sprinkling of rain dampened the surface as the 30 minutes ran out causing a few problems for the leader, as Dad found Junior closing in on his big red car, but all was well and Russell took the chequered flag just in time, averring that one more lap and he would have been passed by the Class 'B' car.

So Tony Lees took 3rd, Andrew Thompson 4th. and Dominic House gaining his best result in the Challenge with a 5th place finish well clear of Tony Hirst in the 'works' car. At one lap Tim Parsons had less than a second over John

Milbank at the finish, Phill Thomas came next with Class 'C' winner Phil Tisdall recovering from the spin that unsettled Steve McDonald in 10th. Greg Parnell just held off Peter Sargeant, and Alex Laidlaw, Craig Hamilton-Smith was a lonely 14th. while Paul Bryan had Simon Sherry for company. A fine drive by our novice. James Sumner, Tom Dailey, Peter Cole, Chris Springall, Richard Thorne, John Bevan, and Alan House completed the finisher. The aforementioned Steve McD and Michele Bailey were the only non-finishers, the lady having nudged a barrier in the tricky conditions.



Techniques TLC or cosmetic surgery.

With prizes presented, your scribe receiving the clap he fully deserved and not forgetting a blatant demand for money with menaces, all that was left was for the Curry Competition to be judged, and so to bed. Simon Hall's creation was adjudged the tastiest of the dishes entered in the curry race, with Nicola Thorne receiving an honourable mention for her delicacy. Tony Lees and Andrew Thompson were given the task of tasting the comestibles, and commented on such things as "blend of spices", "delicate flavours", but frankly I bet they just enjoyed the free scoff. With Jan having put forward her own version of the spicy repast, and not getting even a mention suggests that things might be a little uncomfortable in the Lees' household for a while.

Oh! I should point out that Dominic was awarded the Driver of the Day prize for his best ever finish, and that Alan was also out in his newly refurbished +4 of fifties vintage. Another blast from the past was Chris Springall making a return to the series after a long absence.



Scenes of domestic bliss and good fellowship ended the day and so for tomorrow.