

## MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Cadwell Park

29<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Weather: Dry, cold, windy

Kicking the season off at Lincolnshire's tricky track Cadwell Park with a cold but sunny day and great turnout of Speedmoggers. Cadwell is a challenging track with twists and turns through the woods, long straights, hills and a tight goose neck corner – the perfect circuit to put the cars to the test for the first run out.



This event saw some old and new faces as another family rivalry begins with Chris Cowpland sharing his fathers Plus 8. Cadwell also marked a special day for Paul Bryan as he celebrates his 25<sup>th</sup> year competing in the speed championship. His first event was at Elvington in 2001 driving the same 4/4 that he competes in today.

**Paul Bryan leaving the start line**

With the practice lap done and great times across the board, it was clear this year that the competition was on. That being said, unfortunately for Simon Baines the competition was over before it had begun – despite still putting in a fantastic time on the practice, Simon's car wasn't quite ready to come out of its winter hibernation yet, however, with a bit of TLC and praying to the Morgan gods we expect to see him back at Anglesey where he will no doubt be making up for lost time at Cadwell.

With round one underway, more quick times were achieved with the consistent Chris Bailey leading the pack closely followed by a personal best breaking time put in by Phil Cowpland (you may have seen that on the news). Andy Hatch also achieved a fantastic time hot on Phil's tail.



A quick lunch break saw the weigh in for the season, where Michelle Bailey tactically waited until after the cars and drivers had been weighed to dish out her irresistible brownies that have been greatly missed throughout the winter.

**Andy Hatch hot on the heels of Phil Cowpland**

After lunch, round two commenced. With all drivers a few kilos heavier everyone still took some serious amounts off their times especially Paul

Bryan and Chris Cowpland who knocked impressive amounts off. The battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> place was on between Ella Frow and Andy Hatch with less than a second between them.

Onto the last run of the day and the competitors looked to put in some fantastic times with constant improvement throughout.

Michelle Bailey and Paul Bryan took a mighty eight seconds off their practice, Dave Frow consistently chipped away at his time taking a second off every run.

With some very close times between placings the pressure was on for competitors to keep these improvements going.

The final lap brought some changes to the placings which had been so consistent throughout the day. Ella Frow, borrowing her father's 4/4 managed to find an extra two seconds, sneaking into 2<sup>nd</sup> place by less than half a second, just pushing Phil into 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chris Bailey set an exceptionally quick time from the beginning and ran away with the day into 1<sup>st</sup> place proving impossible to catch by the other competitors.

A special mention Paul Clarke who set the standard with an eye wateringly quick time achieving FTD in the Morgan class and Chris Cowpland who, in his debut, achieved a very quick time and exciting improvement throughout the day taking 14 seconds off his practice.



**Winner Chris Bailey**

Also a mention to the brave (or slightly bonkers) fathers who have lent their cars to their progeny bringing some new faces to speedmog.

A great, competitive start to the season and fantastic to see all the friendly faces of speedmog again! We look forward to what lies ahead in the rest of the season.

Ella Frow

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