



SPRINT SERIES

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Event Report

Round 2, Barkston, Sunday 3rd May 2009

Round two of the 2009 Toyota Sprint Series saw a return to Barkston Heath, a purpose built smooth, narrow and twisty sprint track. Many 2008 competitors were pleased to be back at Barkston, to improve on their last year's times, and to try and get to grips with the tricky corners.

The event was expertly organised and run by track day organisers Javelin, with support from Blitz-UK, Millers oils, Fensport and the GT4OC.

The day dawned a little cloudy and damp, and as with most airfields, a chill wind blew across the runway. This was nothing that the 46 contenders couldn't cope with though and were soon getting their cars unloaded, scrutineered and ready for the slighting laps. Amongst these contenders was Jonny Milner, eager to compete again after an engine failure in round one.

Barkston favours the agile, although a few long straights allow the more powerful cars to stretch their legs. Good braking responses are also a necessity as these long straights usually end with a tight chicane!

The first 4 runs up to lunchtime saw many a rear wheel on the grass, sometimes a little more of the cars too! Battle had already commenced! Adrian Smith in class A1, had just taken first place overall, with a time of 53.20, however Jonny Milner in class A2 was snapping at his heels with his time of 53.30. Darren Deavall was second in class A1 with a time of 55.44, and Otis Hayes second in A2 with 55.04s on the clock.

After a lunch break, the competitors began their final 4 runs. There had only been a few spots of rain, not even enough to wet the track, so times were generally improving, except where people had got a little over ambitious and ended up on the grass!



Class F (1.0l)

Paul Thomas (above left) in the Aygo has been used to having the class all to himself, however he had three other competitors in this round, albeit all using the same Vitz! They were no match for Paul however who picked up his inside rear wheel and first place with a time of 64.31. Doing it for the girls was Jane Newsome (above right), scooping runner up with 66.86 seconds on her very first sprint.



Class D (Under 1600cc na)

David Brooks (above left) in his rear wheel drive Starlet proved unbeatable yet again, with an amazing time of 56.64. This time put him right up there with the more powerful cars. Niel Latham (above right) again grabbed second place with his 20v Mk1 MR2, with a time of 61.46.



Class C (over 1600cc na)

Jeff Lotts (above left) stamped his authority again in his Celica 2.0 GT, his fastest time of the day of 59.91 was enough to keep Scott Briance (above right) at bay, Scott took second place with 61.92.



Class B (Under 1600cc forced induction)

Phil Cutler was pleased to win this class, after a cooling system problem in round one resulted in no time being achieved. Phil's best time of the day was 58.63, gained in his last run, in his supercharged Mk1 MR2. Barrie Newsome was chasing hard all day and took second place, with a time of 59.19 in his Starlet Turbo.



Class A2 (Over 1600cc forced induction limited modifications)

After Jonny Milner's (above left) engine problem at Rockingham, he returned to Barkston with not only a class victory in mind but also had an eye on the overall win, fighting with Adrian Smith's corolla all morning the pair were swapping tenths. Jonny was the victor in A2 and set a new record time of 52.61 in his Celica ST205, which not only got him first in class, but first overall, and the first overall victory for a class A2 car. Otis Hayes (above right) also fought hard and took a well deserved second in class with a time of 54.47. Otis's fine driving also landed 3rd overall.



Class A1 (Over 1600cc forced induction)

Both first and second place drivers did not complete all their runs due to car problems. Adrian Smith in his Corolla GT4 was first in class, with a time of 53.20 set on run 3, Adrian was pushing extremely hard to chase Jonny Milner but the corolla clutch expired in the afternoon and the battle will have to wait for another day. Adrian's time was good enough for 2nd overall and managed to keep Darren Deavall at bay. Darren suffered a wastegate pipe failure after run 4 and his time of 55.44s was good enough for 2nd in class and 4th Overall.



Awards

- 1st Overall; Jonny Milner, Celica GT4
- 2nd Overall; Adrian Smith, Corolla GT4
- 3rd Overall; Otis Hayes, Celica GT4
- Class A1 Winner; Adrian Smith, Corolla GT4
- Class A1 Runner up; Darren Deavall, Celica GT4
- Class A2 Winner; Jonny Milner, Celica GT4
- Class A2 Runner up; Otis Hayes, Celica GT4
- Class B Winner; Phil Cutler, Mk1 MR2 Supercharger
- Class B Runner up; Barrie Newsome, Starlet Turbo
- Class C Winner; Jeff Lotts, Celica GT
- Class C Runner up, Scott Briance, Celica ST
- Class D Winner; David Brooks, Starlet 4AGE RWD
- Class D Runner up; Niel Latham, Mk1 MR2 20v
- Class F Winner; Paul Thomas, Aygo 1.0
- Class F Runner up; Jane Newsome, Vitz 1.0

Hard Charger Award

David Brooks in his Starlet once again won the hard charger award. David's time of 56.64s placed him 6th overall, a great achievement for both driver and car, and the essence of what the Toyota Sprint Series is all about.

Full Results & Championship positions can be found at

http://twistysprint.com/sprint/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7&Itemid=15

Round 2, Barkston Summary

For many competitors returning to Barkston was an ideal opportunity to check their progress and compare the times to last year. Although the track is now tighter, most competitors were smiling and a new record was set by Jonny Milner 52.61. The TSS will also be re visiting the venue on the 2nd August for a re match.

We would like to thank Javelin Trackdays for their professionalism and smooth operation of the day. Also thank you to all our sponsors for making the championship a reality.

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Round 3 is at Woodbridge on the 28th June, Spectators welcome.

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