



# SPRINT SERIES

**TOYOTA**  **2009**



## Event Report Round 3 Woodbridge

Round three of the 2009 Toyota Sprint Series saw a return to MoD Woodbridge, an airfield circuit which uses both runway and taxiways. Smooth corners wind in and out of hangars, whilst long straights test speed and braking! This 1.8 mile course appealed to all drivers, who were comparing notes on where they thought their cars would fail or shine.

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

The forecast for the weekend was very warm and most competitors were in shorts even at the 8am sign on time.

Cars and competitors were getting warm in the queue to the start, however all competitors came back with grins on their faces after a few runs. The course was described as 'challenging', but a lot of fun with large run off areas, twisty cone chicanes, and even the odd bit of foliage providing an obstacle! Tyre pressures and suspension set ups were altered as drivers tried to achieve the best grip.

As soon as the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 8 timed runs started, class battles began to form, and drivers were waiting for the results at the end of each run with great anticipation. By lunchtime, Jonny Milner set the overall pace with a cracking 115.44 time achieved on his first run, and chasing hard was Adrian Smith with a time of 117.60 set just before the lunch break.

After lunch, the final four runs began. The afternoon was riddled with spins, breakdowns and general 'offs' for many drivers, as they all pushed hard for the best time. The heat was taking it's toll. Steve Lawson managed the most spectacular 'off' in his MR2 turbo, spinning off the track into the undergrowth Steve was shaken but thankfully unhurt. Another casualty was the "Servicetune" GT4, after the final chicane the car spun across the finish line, damaging one side of the car as well as the finish board.

Jonny Milner was on a mission and matched his unbeaten first time in run 4, whilst Adrian Smith pushed very hard to try and catch him, improving his time in run 7 to 117.36 which was enough to keep 3<sup>rd</sup> place driver Otis Hayes at bay in 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### **Class F (1.0l)**

The combination of Paul Thomas (above left) and Toyota Aygo proved unstoppable, with a respectable time of 133.89 securing another class win, and competitive with other more powerful cars. Jane Newsome achieved runner up with her time of 145.63 in the Vitz.



### **Class D (Under 1600cc na)**

Niel Latham (above) in the 20v Mk1 MR2 gained first place with a time of 132.21. Another Mk1 MR2 took second place, in the skillful hands of Mike Ellis and a time of 134.90.



### **Class C (over 1600cc na)**

Jeff Lotts (above left) and his Celta 2.0 GT took the class win, with a time of 128.35 bagging him first place. Craig Storey (above right) and his Celta 3.0 V6 took second place chasing Jeff with a very competitive 129.44 gained on his final run.



**Class B** (Under 1600cc forced induction)

A strong battle had been playing out all day between Phil Cutler (above) in the supercharged MR2 mk1 and Barrie Newsome in his Starlet Turbo. Barrie set a storming time of 127.00 to secure first place, whilst Phil returned with a 127.95 on his final run, gaining runner up.



**Class A2** (Over 1600cc forced induction limited modifications)

Jonny Milner's (above left) time of 115.44 proved unbeatable and Jonny achieved first place overall in his Celica GT4. Otis Hayes (above right) secured 2<sup>nd</sup> in class and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with a 121.66 in his Celica GT4.



**Class A1** (Over 1600cc forced induction)

Adrian Smith (above left) took first in class and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with his time of 117.36 in the Corolla GT4, with Barry Charters (above right) in his Celica GT4 coming runner up with 123.80 seconds.





### Overall and Class Awards

- 1<sup>st</sup> Overall; Jonny Milner, Celica GT4
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall; Adrian Smith, Corolla GT4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall; Otis Hayes, Celica GT4
- Class A1 Winner; Adrian Smith, Corolla GT4
- Class A1 Runner up; Barry Charters Celica GT4
- Class A2 Winner; Jonny Milner, Celica GT4
- Class A2 Runner up; Otis Hayes, Celica GT4
- Class B Winner; Barrie Newsome, Starlet Turbo
- Class B Runner up; Phil Cutler, Mr2 Mk1 Supercharger
- Class C Winner; Jeff Lotts, Celica GT
- Class C Runner up, Craig Storey Celica ST
- Class D Winner; Niel Latham, Mk1 MR2 20v
- Class D Runner up; Mike Ellis, MR2 mk1
- Class F Winner; Paul Thomas, Aygo 1.0
- Class F Runner up; Jane Newsome, Vitz 1.0

### Hard Charger Award

This award was well deserved by Barrie Newsome in his Starlet turbo. His time of 127 seconds earned his 8<sup>th</sup> place overall.

**Fastest female Award** Diane Turner Celica GT4

Full Results can be found at

<http://twistysprint.com/sprint/images/stories/files/wbresults20090628.pdf>

Championship positions after 3 rounds can be found

[http://twistysprint.com/sprint/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=1](http://twistysprint.com/sprint/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=1)

### Round 3, Woodbridge Summary

Woodbridge round 3 was a tremendous success; the 1.8mile track offered the drivers a real challenge. The unique points scoring system is keeping the many class battles very tight, with everything to play for ...roll on round 4!

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.

MR2's, Celica's, Supra's, Lexus, Corolla's, Auris, Starlets, Sera.....If you like Motorsport and Toyota's then the Toyota Sprint Series is the place to be....

Round 4 is at Barkston Heath near Grantham on Sunday 2nd August, Spectators are welcome.

Many pictures from the event can be found at

<http://www.norwichphoto.co.uk/tss/2009/r3/>

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