



SPRINT SERIES

TOYOTA  **2009**



Event Report Round 5 Woodbridge 8th August 2009

MOD Woodbridge hosted round 5 of the 2009 Toyota Sprint Series. This course is the most challenging of all the rounds, being over 2 miles long. It consists of tight chicanes and sweeping bends twisting around the hangars on the service roads, as well as some nice straights along the runways and taxiways.

The event was expertly organised by track day organisers Javelin, with support from Blitz-UK, Millers oils, Fensport and the GT4Owners Club.

The weather smiled on the Toyota Sprint Series again, with temperatures soaring all morning, keeping cars and drivers cool soon became a priority.

The sighting runs began, and a trail of Toyotas headed out onto the track in order to learn the route. Two untimed practise runs and three timed runs were completed before the lunch break.

Many drivers were being caught out by the surface changes, and experiencing unplanned movements in their cars, resulting in hitting cones or a bit of off roading, gaining void runs, or uncompetitive times.

The top four drivers were all very spread out, and all achieved their best times in the final run before lunch. Jonny Milner lead the field with a 141.11, Adrian Smith was 2nd place, 3 seconds adrift with 144.88. Otis Hayes a further 4 seconds back with a 148.78, and David Brooks with his normally aspirated 1600cc Starlet in 4th overall with his time of 153.57.

After a few tips over lunch of what lines to take, and which bushes to avoid, the final runs began. Unfortunately, Barry Charters and his Celica GT4 suffered an incident resulting in a mangled wheel and broken suspension. Barry was fine and confident the damage would be repaired for the next round. The heat and challenging track was taking its toll and a few drivers missed runs due to overheating. On the other hand, some drivers were quite literally flying, (David Brooks managing to hurl the Starlet onto two wheels at one point). These last few runs achieved most of the drivers' best times. The day belonged to Jonny Milner, finishing 1st Overall with an incredible 138.94.





Class F (1.0l)

Both winner and runner up in this class achieved their fastest times on their last runs. Paul Thomas (above left) scooped the first place trophy with his time of 169.09 in the Aygo. Jane Newsome's (above right) time in the Vitz of 177.48 got her runner up.



Class D (Under 1600cc na)

By lunchtime it was clear that the class D winner would be David Brooks (above left) with his unstoppable Starlet. He was fourth overall, and won the class with a time of 152.38. Niel Latham (above right) in the 20v Mk1 MR2 was runner up with his time of 160.50.



Class C (over 1600cc na)

Craig Storey (above left) continued his good form and was first in class with a time of 160.42 in his 3.0 V6 Celica. Scott Briance (above right) was runner up with a 163.77 in his Celica ST200.



Class B (Under 1600cc forced induction)

Both drivers in this class achieved their fastest runs on their fourth run of the day, just after lunch. Barrie Newsome (above left) and his Starlet Turbo were unstoppable with their time of 155.32, which got them 9th overall. Phil Cutler (above right) and his supercharged Mk1 MR2 were chasing all day but managed runner up with their time of 157.26 and two places behind Barrie in the overall standings.



Class A2 (Over 1600cc forced induction limited modifications)

Otis Hayes (above left) took the class win with a great time of 147.53 set in the Celica GT4. This time also put Otis third overall. Russell Giddings (above right) put in a sterling performance and was runner up in class with a 153.38, also in a Celica GT4.



Class A1 (Over 1600cc forced induction)

Jonny Milner (above left) was the man on a mission and on his last run set an amazing time of 138.94 in his Celica GT4 taking the class win and 1st overall. Adrian Smith (above right) couldn't match Jonny and was runner up in his Corolla GT4 with a time of 143.07, and 2nd overall.

Hard Charger

No-one can argue David Brooks and the Starlet deserved this with his time of 152.38, and overall position of fourth.

Awards

- 1st Overall; Jonny Milner, Celica GT4
- 2nd Overall; Adrian Smith, Corolla GT4
- 3rd Overall; Otis Hayes, Celica GT4
- Class A1 Winner; Jonny Milner, Celica GT4
- Class A1 Runner up; Adrian Smith, Corolla GT4
- Class A2 Winner; Otis Hayes, Celica GT4
- Class A2 Runner up; Russell Giddings, Celica GT4
- Class B Winner; Barrie Newsome, Starlet Turbo
- Class B Runner up; Phil Cutler, Mr2 Mk1 Supercharger
- Class C Winner; Craig Storey, Celica ST 182
- Class C Runner up, Scott Briance, Celica AT200
- Class D Winner; David Brooks, RWD Starlet 4AGE
- Class D Runner up; Niel Latham, MR2 Mk1 20v
- Class F Winner; Paul Thomas, Aygo 1.0
- Class F Runner up; Jane Newsome, Vitz 1.0

Hard Charger award : David Brooks, RWD Starlet 4AGE

Fastest female; Diane Turner Celica GT4



Full Results can be found at

<http://www.twistysprint.com/sprint/images/stories/files/tss09rnd5.classresults.pdf>



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.

Round 6 is the final round and the TSS champion and class winners will be decided at Teeside on the 24th October, Spectators are welcome

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Many pictures from the event can be found at

<http://www.racingexposure.com/tss/2009/r5/>

http://www.vibrance-net.co.uk/woodbridge_080809/

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