



# SPRINT SERIES

**TOYOTA**  **2012**

## Event Report - Round 1 Woodbridge 18th March 2012

The opening round of the 2012 Toyota Sprint Series was held at Woodbridge airfield. Popular amongst competitors, the wide open expanses of the former RAF and USAF airbase in Suffolk has been on the calendar since the series first full year in 2008.

Although cloudy, a dry track welcomed everyone upon arrival, the two sighting laps giving drivers a chance to familiarise themselves with a slightly different layout to previous events at the venue. Then it was on to the 8 timed runs. As well as the familiar faces, there were many new drivers and cars to be seen at Woodbridge, proving the popularity of the series.



### Results in class order:



#### Class F Pro – Up to 1.0

Tim Cogman (above) was kindly lent the little TRD Vitz by owners Jane and Barrie Newsome to once again enter Class F Pro.

Four consistently fast runs before lunch saw a best time of 124.10.

Trying something different after lunch on tyres way past their best in slightly damp conditions didn't work, and Tim happily admitted there was nothing more to come from either he or the car.

Look out for a feature on the TRD Vitz in this month's Banzai magazine.



#### **Class D Street** – Up to 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Gerard McGlynn (above) and his Corolla Levin BZ-R made a very welcome debut in the series.

Gerard managed to improve his times by over five seconds during the mornings runs, proving how he was gaining confidence as the day wore on.

A 120.89 gave Gerard the Class win, and having enjoyed himself immensely we look forward to his presence throughout the year.



#### **Class D Pro** – Up to 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Matt Hopkins made a welcome return to the series in his MR2, shared with Mike Ellis (above left), Mike Chillingworth also MR2 mounted.

Guy Bentley (above right) had overcome the car problems he encountered last year at Cottesmore to return in his AE86.

Matt made steady progress throughout the day, but was pipped by Neil who in turn was beaten by Guy with a highly respectable lap of 118.40.

But Mike Ellis was the man on form, and won the class convincingly with a 116.32.



#### **Class C Pro-** Over 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Three drivers contested Class C Pro, Paul Thomas's Supra, David Holland's MR2 (above right), and Craig Storey's Celica (above left). Craig held the upper hand all day and deservedly won the class with a 111.80 attained on his fourth run. David finished second in class, a mere .83 ahead of Paul.



#### **Class B Street**

Seebaluck Vit (above) made his series debut in a nice Starlet Glanza. Improving steadily until the rain came, Seebaluck didn't stop smiling all day, taking the class winners trophy home with him after a 121.35 lap on his fourth run.



### **Class B Pro – Up To 1.6 Forced Induction**

With last seasons reliability issues thankfully sorted, Phil and Vix Cutler once again returned in their supercharged MR2 (above). Phil's fourth run of 113.34 saw him net the class win, Vix also finding constant improvement until the afternoon rain came.



### **Class A3 Street – Over 1.6l Forced Induction**

Having recently given birth to twins Di Turner (above right) entered Class A3 street in her trusty ST205 Celica. Husband and series stalwart Jake managed to keep track of Di's exploits whilst looking out for their three children, Di finishing second in class on a 111.23 set on her fourth run. Father and son duo John and James Crabtree enjoyed a closely fought battle throughout the day, John just coming out on top by .62 of a second. But it was series returnee Russell Giddings (above left) who took the spoils, 109.55 on his fourth run giving him the class win and ninth overall.



### **Class A3 Pro – Over 1.6l Forced Induction – Modified**

Five entrants entered Class A3 Pro, Ruth White the furthest travelled from Scotland in her now reliable ST205 Celica. Ruth once again enjoyed her day, and promised more to come for the next round. Another who will go better as the year progresses is Joe Tapply, his supercharged Celica coming home fourth in class. Steve Lawson was another to return, this time in a beautifully prepared 3SGTE engined MRS. With the car only finished the night before Steve put in a very respectable 106.84 to finish third in class and sixth overall. With the head gasket failure before the last round last year firmly behind him, Andrew Falkingham (above right) was back to his best, a great time of 104.07 putting him second in class and third overall. But the undoubted star of not only the class but the whole day was newcomer Iain Gard (above left). Whilst most were going slower because of the wetter afternoon conditions, Iain set a stunning 103.18 on his seventh run, claiming not only first in class but a brilliant second overall as well as the hard charger award.



### **Class A2 Street – Over 1.6 Forced Induction**

Daniel Armstrong (above) was the only entrant in Class A2 Street, but nonetheless put in a good performance in his ST205 Celica. Daniel was yet another to set his best time on run four, taking the class win with a time of 110.99.



### **Class A2 Pro – Over 1.6 Forced Induction**

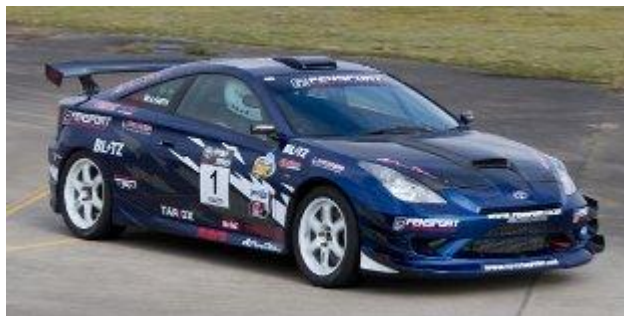
The largest and one of the most closely fought battles of the day fell to Class A2 Pro. Adam Pemble's ST165 Celica put in a good showing, narrowly beaten by Barry Mason's newer ST185 version. A pre event engine scare didn't prevent Neil Latham from entering, his MR2 proving reliable all day (unlike his rental truck on the homeward journey), a 109.00 second lap on his seventh run giving him a well earned third in class. Steve Timm's was another to return to series after a lengthy lay off. Finding his feet again Steve put in a good performance despite a turbo issue later in the day. A 106.94 was good enough for third in class, snapping at the heels of the Servicetune Celica (above) piloted by Nigel Levinson.

Andy Bunney was once again Nigel's team mate in the Servicetune Celica, and Woodbridge saw a jubilant Andy win the class with a 104.71, the 1.48 second gap between him and Nigel quite large by their standards.



### **Class A1 Pro Over 1.6 Forced Induction**

With the advent of the Pro Tuner class, the way was left open for Roger Greaves and Steven Scarr to compete for the coveted A1 Pro trophy. Sadly Steven's own ST205 Celica failed very early on, but Roger kindly offered to share his car (above) with Steven for the rest of the day. Stevens best lap came on his fourth lap, but Roger's 110.94 on his third run saw a delighted Roger receive the class winners trophy.



### **Pro Tuner Class**

Adrian Smith (above) was the only competitor in the newly introduced Pro Tuner Class. Adrian's arch rival over the years Jonny Milner was in attendance, looking after several cars and offering advice to anyone where he could, but time and making a decision as to which car he may choose to compete in has so far eluded him. This didn't stop Adrian giving his all though, tyre evaluation throughout the day and imagining what Jonny would be up to giving him the motivation to push further on each run. A 95.51 on his sixth lap gave him a deserved class and overall win.

### **Results – Simplified:**

**1st Overall:** Adrian Smith – Celica GT4-X  
**2nd Overall:** Iain Gard – ST205 Celica GT4  
**3rd Overall:** Andrew Falkingham – ST205 Celica GT4

**Pro Tuner Class:** Adrian Smith – Celica GT4-X

**Class A1 Pro Winner:** Roger Greaves – ST205 Celica GT4  
**Class A1 Pro Runner Up:** Steven Scarr – ST205 Celica GT4

**Class A2 Pro Winner:** Andy Bunney – ST185 Celica GT4  
**Class A2 Pro Runner up:** Nigel Levinson – ST185 Celica GT4

**Class A2 Street Winner:** Daniel Armstrong – ST205 Celica GT4

**Class A3 Pro Winner:** Iain Gard – ST205 Celica GT4  
**Class A3 Pro Runner up:** Andrew Falkingham – ST205 Celica GT4

**Class A3 Street Winner:** Russell Giddings – ST205 Celica GT4  
**Class A3 Street Runner up:** Diane Turner – ST205 Celica GT4

**Class B Pro Winner:** Phil Cutler – MK1 MR2 SC  
**Class B Pro Runner up:** Vix Cutler – MK1 MR2 SC

**Class B Street Winner:** Seebaluck Vit – Starlet Glanza EP91

**Class C Pro Winner:** Craig Storey – ST182 Celica V6  
**Class C Pro Runner up:** David Holland – MK2 MR2 NA

**Class D Pro Winner:** Mike Ellis – MK1 MR2  
**Class D Pro Runner Up:** Guy Bentley – AE86

**Class D Street Winner:** Gerrard McGlynn – Corolla Levin BZR

**Class F Pro Winner:** Tim Cogman – Vitz

**Hard Charger:** Iain Gard – ST205 Celica GT4



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**Toyota Sprint Series 2012  
Overall Results**

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Pos	No	Class	Name	Best Time	Run							
					One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
1	1	Pro - T	Adrian Smith	95.51	97.99	95.78	VOID	96.30	96.31	95.51	96.61	NR
2	22	A3 - P	Iain Gard	103.18	106.51	145.26	106.31	105.39	105.30	104.53	103.18	117.00
3	21	A3 - P	Andrew Falkingham	104.07	106.29	105.80	104.83	104.07	105.98	116.22	104.40	NR
4	16	A2 - P	Andy Bunney	104.71	107.71	105.99	104.77	105.43	105.91	104.71	107.64	NR
5	15	A2 - P	Nigel Levinson	106.19	107.38	107.36	106.61	107.34	106.80	107.79	106.19	112.26
6	23	A3 - P	Steve Lawson	106.84	110.74	110.34	111.16	108.85	110.29	106.84	114.40	NR
7	12	A2 - P	Steve Timms	106.94	110.51	111.88	109.50	109.00	112.22	106.94	107.34	NR
8	14	A2 - P	Neil Latham	109.00	VOID	110.92	111.42	109.04	111.26	109.10	109.00	NR
9	36	A3 - S	Russell Giddings	109.55	111.21	111.32	110.66	109.55	111.89	109.66	119.18	NR
10	17	A2 - P	Barry Mason	110.12	113.45	VOID	113.70	111.88	111.24	110.12	VOID	NR
11	18	A2 - P	Adam Pemble	110.91	124.86	115.15	113.22	112.59	110.99	110.91	111.61	NR
12	4	A1 - P	Roger Greaves	110.94	113.19	112.55	110.94	112.47	115.95	116.71	116.94	NR
13	20	A2 - S	Daniel Armstrong	110.99	112.61	112.85	111.62	110.99	112.08	111.88	112.00	NR
14	33	A3 - S	Diane Turner	111.23	114.98	114.52	112.91	111.23	113.44	111.28	114.02	NR
15	51	C - P	Craig Storey	111.80	VOID	114.75	112.35	111.80	113.98	112.94	132.51	NR
16	24	A3 - P	Joe Tapply	112.32	113.05	113.86	112.34	112.32	117.19	113.06	113.39	NR
17	32	A3 - S	John Crabtree	112.84	112.96	122.48	112.84	115.61	114.43	114.48	127.89	NR
18	41	B - P	Phil Cutler	113.34	114.44	117.96	114.68	113.34	114.53	113.56	117.47	NR
19	31	A3 - S	James Crabtree	113.46	VOID	120.39	113.64	113.46	114.00	114.34	115.65	NR
20	26	A1 - P	Steven Scarr	115.64	127.81	121.92	119.89	115.64	117.68	116.29	121.04	NR
21	68	D - P	Mike Ellis	116.32	118.77	118.33	116.36	117.08	120.02	116.32	117.59	NR
22	66	D - P	Guy Bentley	118.40	121.75	120.08	126.68	118.48	118.40	120.11	124.11	NR
23	42	B - P	Vix Cutler	119.56	122.32	120.98	119.78	119.56	120.29	120.49	126.85	NR
24	65	D - P	Neil Chillingworth	120.13	123.66	120.19	120.13	120.36	122.80	121.22	127.16	NR
25	70	D - S	Gerrard McGlynn	120.79	125.34	125.35	121.47	120.79	121.07	121.72	124.33	129.10
26	54	C - P	David Holland	120.89	123.11	136.47	120.89	142.78	VOID	125.02	124.87	132.21
27	25	A3 - P	Andrea Reid	121.10	123.33	121.10	121.95	121.91	126.04	122.02	122.03	NR
28	46	B - S	Seebaluck Vit	121.35	122.31	121.98	122.13	121.35	123.05	122.01	134.57	NR
29	52	C - P	Paul Thomas	121.72	121.72	122.87	122.40	123.33	122.94	122.58	133.79	141.34
30	76	F - P	Tim Cogman	124.10	125.68	125.53	124.10	124.44	126.64	NR	NR	NR
31	67	D - P	Matt Hopkins	124.23	131.25	128.19	124.23	124.79	132.90	124.73	126.25	133.81

**Woodbridge Summary:**

The previous days persistent rain and it being the first event of the year caused a quiet sense of nervousness and trepidation as the Toyota Sprint Series descended on Woodbridge. Colin of Javelin's pre event briefing soon had everyone smiling and relaxed and looking forward to the days events.

As usual the great family atmosphere that the series provides, along with a challenging track ensured everyone enjoyed their day.

The majority of the best times were set late morning, before light rain in the afternoon, but it didn't stop the majority still trying their hardest in the afternoon, as at no point did the track become completely wet. Many found that their winter developments had worked really well, others went away focussed on how they could improve their cars (and driving) before the next round. With Barrie Newsome hopefully recovered from recent surgery, Ziggy Dykes and Andy McCormack's cars now ready as well as others promising to join in for Blyton car numbers and the series in general is looking to grow even stronger as the year progresses.



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