



# SPRINT SERIES

**TOYOTA**  **2013**

## Event Report - Round 5 - Croft - 15th September 2013

Round 5 of the series was at Croft Circuit in North Yorkshire. A long drive for some competitors, but a local track for others, it is a great circuit to add to the series. The competitors would be driving on most of the track, including the famous Clervaux, and the challenging Jim Clark Esses.

Whilst rain was forecast and inevitable, the time this would come was unpredictable. Drivers were keen to get out on the track before a downpour, and so the sighting laps and practice runs were soon underway.

As drivers were pushing hard, there were a few interesting lines as they got to grips with the greasy surfaces, debris from the strong winds, and general pushing to try things out. All drivers were coming back to the paddock with big grins even if their lap hadn't been the best. The rain came and stayed from lunchtime, and the afternoon was an exercise in car control and limits as there would be no improvement on the mornings drier times.

With 12 classes the Toyota Sprint Series really caters for a wide range of both driver ability and vehicle providing a challenge for everyone from the novice to the professional team.



### Report & Results in class order:



#### Class F Pro – Up to 1.0

Debbie Cooper (above) in her 1st year of Toyota Sprint was driving her TRD Vitz. Despite driving the lowest powered car, she managed to avoid last overall, with a time of 2:13.70.



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

A close Corolla battle between first and second place. Steve Allison (above right) couldn't beat his first time of the day of 2;04.90 and so came runner up to Matthew Tyson's 2:01.70 also set on the first run (above left).



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

Matt Hopkins and his MR2 (above) were on their own in this class, and was struggling to keep his MR2 pointing the right way (although having a lot of fun trying). His first time of the day was his fastest at 2:12.90.



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

Two newcomers to this class urged the old-handers on, and Simon Temple (above right) earned his first trophy at TSS with a runner up time of 2:08.80 in the Celica. Paul Thomas (above left) was enjoying finding the limits of the GT86 and pulled a great time of 1:58 dead, getting him first in class and 10th overall.



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

Missing his regular opponent, Phil Cutler (above) aimed for a good overall standing in the supercharged MR2. His time of 1:49.64 earned him an impressive 6th overall.



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

Setting a 1:51.57 on his second run, Roger Greaves (above) was first and only in his class, and 8th overall.



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

Out of 5 entrants, the Crabtree brothers (above) were way out in front and battling each other. Their morning times were important, and James set a great time of 1:42.7 on his first run, earning him first in class and first overall, John's 1:43.80 earning him runner up in class.



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

An interesting situation with two entrants in this class, sharing one Celica (above). Andy Bunney was in a very competitive mood and really pushed the Celica all day. Nigel Levinson's time of 1:49.99 was easily beaten by Andy, his time of 1:43.24 also earning him second overall. Andy's afternoon times showing fastest overall earned him the Hard Charger award in this round.



### **Class A1 Pro** – Over 2.0 Forced Induction

Iain Gard (above) was the sole runner in this class and pulled an impressive 1:43.6 on his second run, earning him third overall.



**Pro Tuner**

All alone in the Pro Tuner class this year, Adrian Smith was out in his GT86, trying to keep with the 4wd cars wan't going to be easy in the wet conditions. His respectable time of 1:44.3 earned him 5th overall.

**Trophy winners - Round 4 - Blyton Park - 18th August 2013**



**Round 4 Summary:**

A changeable day on a famous circuit showed the versatility of the series. Great to see new people getting into this affordable form of motorsport, and also the regular supporters of the series, showing that TSS is addictive!

There is plenty of action at the top of the table and overall titles are in sight for some.

But TSS is not all about the top guys and girls, there are battles throughout the field with new drivers getting to know their cars and set ups, giving the seasoned ones a challenge.

Don't miss the final round, will it be wet, will it be dry? Let's see, at the famous -

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