

SPRINT SERIES

TOYOTA 2013

Event Report - Round 2 - Woodbridge - 19th May 2013



Round 2 of the series was held at Woodbridge, a firm favourite with the drivers, the 'long' course is both challenging and technical. With fast open sections leading in to tight technical hairpins and a few chicanes along with big braking points offers a perfect blend to test all levels of car and driver!

With the weather dry for the day, competitors signed on and cars scrutineered, the drivers had only to concentrate on setting their fastest time and straight from the off, the pace at the top was somewhat furious, with only 3 runs done, just 0.93 of a second separated the top 5 drivers!

The break for lunch was soon upon us and the pit lane was busy with mechanics eager to get the cars going that little faster! With battles throughout the field and drivers separated by mere tenths everyone was looking for an advantage.

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 unfolds through the classes



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Report & Results in class order:



Class F Pro – Up to 1.0

Debbie Cooper in her 1st year of Toyota Sprint was driving her TRD Vitz, Debbie improved her times throughout the day by over 6 seconds and took the class win with a 140.32s run and thoroughly enjoyed chasing the more powerful class D cars.



Class D Street – Up to 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Iva Sousa in his Starlet Ganza turbo was on his 1st ever competitive event and really enjoyed himself with his times getting better as the day went on. Iva finished with a 145.94.



Class D Pro – Up to 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Another newcomer to TSS was Martin Lush in his AE86 and judging by his driving and car control, Martin is no novice! On the pace from the 1st run, Martin took the class win and finished with a very creditable 124.81s run. Matt Hopkins in his MR2 chased hard but couldn't match the pace on the day.



Class C Street - Over 1.6 Normally Aspirated

Adrian Smith (TSS veteran!) was 'guesting' in newcomer's Keith Stanbury's GT86 and reported back that the car needed the suspension stiffening from its road settings, with new settings for the 2nd run, Adrian flew the car round the track to record a 121.01 to claim 1st in class and an impressive 9th overall. Paul Thomas gave chase all day in his completely standard GT86 but conceded with a very creditable 123.67 to take 2nd. Two new drivers, Keith Stanbury and Michail Dermenzi, both in Toyota GT86's were having their very own battle on their 1st ever competitive event, both fighting over tenths all day, it was Keith who claimed 3rd in class from Michail by a slender 0.71 of a second.



Class C Pro- Over 1.6 Normally Aspirated

It was Ed Stracey's turn to take the honours in his Supra, battling over tenths with rival Chris Girdler on the first 2 runs, then on run 3 Ed pulled away by just over a second when disaster struck Chris's Celica, a broken clutch on run 5 sadly finished his day and Ed went on to set a very quick 123.81 to claim the class win.



Class B Street

Sai Seebaluck in his Starlet Glanza, might have the class to himself, however Sai is always pushing hard and finished with a very quick 121.80 to claim 1st in class and a fine 11th overall.



Class B Pro – Up To 1.6 Forced Induction

Barrie Newsome back out in his Starlet turbo was not having a great day, suffering turbo actuator problems which were fixed and then followed by clutch failure, but all was not bad as Barrie just managed to get a run in before the clutch expired to claim the class win. Phil Cutler in his supercharged MR2 was again chasing but couldn't match the power or the time that Barrie had set.



Class A3 Street – Over 1.6l Forced Induction

Avi Seebaluck in his GT4 was victor this time round, pulling out a 1.88s gap over Roger Greaves in his similar GT4. Avi finished with a fine 121.75 and 10th overall. The battle is definitely on between these 2 with one win a piece it will be one to watch over the coming rounds.



Class A3 Pro – Over 1.6l Forced Induction – Modified

Brothers James and John Crabtree sharing the same car stamped their authority not only in class but were two of the drivers also fighting for overall honours! The pair were swapping tenths all day, but it was James who came out on top on his last 'banzai' run of the day to record a 112.42 grabbing the class win and also 3rd overall.



Class A2 Pro – Over 1.6 Forced Induction

4 drivers in class A2 Pro, but it was Barry Mason who took the class lead before lunch ahead of Iain Gard (above) the 2012 Champion was not liking the handling of his Celica and at lunch time the mechanics were busy adjusting settings. Run 4 was after lunch and Iain was much happier with the way the Celica was handling and catapulted from 3rd to 1st place by a slender few tenths. Watching over his shoulder as both Barry mason and Adrian Smith were very close and chasing hard, Ian then cemented his victory with a stunning time of 110.34s on run 5 to take class and the overall win.



Pro Tuner

All alone in the Pro Tuner class this year, Adrian Smith was out in his GT86 with more boost and a bigger exhaust since the last round, Adrian was gunning for overall honours! At lunchtime he was in 2nd place just 0.16s behind Barry Mason and with fresh tyres after lunch, went another 1.5s faster, however it was Iain Gard who came through from 3rd place to claim the win and Adrian overhauled Barry to claim 2nd place overall with a 111.57s run.

Trophy winners - Round 2 - Woodbridge 19th May 2013



Overall Results

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Pos	No	Class	Name	Best Time	Run							
					One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
1	1	A2 - P	Iain Gard	110.34	113.25	113.30	VOID	111.52	110.34	VOID	115.32	113.43
2	86	P Tuner	Adrian Smith	111.57	113.71	113.10	113.52	111.77	111.57	111.75	123.63	111.93
3	31	A3 - P	James Crabtree	112.42	113.94	113.80	113.17	114.00	112.55	113.58	VOID	112.42
4	17	A2 - P	Barry Mason	112.70	113.80	112.70	113.01	114.84	113.40	113.07	114.73	VOID
5	32	A3 - P	John Crabtree	113.49	113.78	VOID	VOID	114.60	VOID	VOID	114.86	113.49
6	15	A2 - P	Andy Bunney	114.38	130.07	119.30	VOID	118.15	116.17	117.58	115.44	114.38
7	16	A2 - P	Nigel Levinson	117.02	125.17	121.20	120.65	118.43	117.51	117.16	117.03	117.02
8	43	B - P	Barrie Newsome	119.80	122.98	NR	NR	119.80	120.31	NR	NR	NR
9	88	C-S	Adrian Smith	121.01	125.12	122.20	121.01	122.36	NR	NR	NR	NR
10	26	A3 - S	Avi Seebaluck	121.75	140.23	137.80	126.05	125.55	125.08	126.00	128.79	121.75
11	46	B - S	Sai Seebaluck	121.80	123.37	121.80	122.32	122.65	122.87	122.80	123.05	126.56
12	25	A3 - P	Andrew Haw	122.24	122.24	122.80	124.17	126.80	123.73	123.63	123.72	124.19
13	41	B - P	Phil Cutler	122.90	VOID	122.90	127.35	123.83	VOID	123.39	124.41	123.16
14	33	A3 - S	Roger Greaves	123.63	126.52	125.20	124.21	127.01	125.60	125.28	123.63	124.19
15	61	C-S	Paul Thomas	123.67	126.20	124.60	125.71	123.67	126.99	VOID	123.84	VOID
16	52	C - P	Ed Stracey	123.81	127.44	126.00	124.96	126.60	134.00	123.81	144.30	124.79
17	70	D - P	Martin Lush	124.81	125.13	125.30	125.50	126.82	124.81	124.93	NR	NR
18	23	A3 - P	Joe Tapply	125.86	NR	129.30	NR	125.86	126.36	127.00	127.93	NR
19	53	C - P	Chris Girdler	126.07	127.32	126.40	126.07	VOID	NR	NR	NR	NR
20	64	C-S	Keith Stanbury	128.25	134.11	133.80	130.71	130.48	131.06	129.31	129.03	128.25
21	65	C-S	Michail Dermenzi	128.96	137.13	133.50	131.97	135.21	131.46	128.96	129.16	128.97
22	69	D - P	Matt Hopkins	136.56	141.00	140.10	137.34	142.26	136.69	139.71	136.56	VOID
23	76	F - P	Debbie Cooper	140.32	146.21	142.80	143.20	144.12	140.32	142.78	140.83	140.94
24	73	D - S	Ivo Sousa	145.94	149.91	149.00	147.47	150.70	149.69	146.76	145.94	147.45
1	201	X	Chris Neeves	109.37	111.33	112.00	110.01	110.77	110.19	VOID	109.37	109.90
2	202	X	Simon Warr	120.03	121.54	VOID	120.44	122.81	120.20	120.03	VOID	VOID
3	209	X	Luke Warr	124.08	129.50	128.20	127.95	128.85	126.58	125.85	124.08	125.69
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Void Runs

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Round 2 Summary:

Round 2 proved to be an incredible event with battles throughout the field, only 2 rounds gone and the championship fight is well and truly on!!

Iain Gard adds another fine win to his belt and it is all down to the others to reel him in. With 4 or 5 drivers capable of winning, the year is shaping up to be a highly competitive one!

But TSS is not all about the top guys, there are battles throughout the field with many classes now having 2 or more drivers tying on points and wins. 2013 is sure to be fun for all.

With only 3 weeks to the next round the competitors are going to be very busy getting their cars prepared and one thing's for certain, they will all be trying their very best.

Don't miss round 3 - **Barkston 9th June**

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