

Classic and Clubman St Marys Trophy 28th March 22

Testing and proof of concept run.

This was not an official race however test cars were brought by three teams Russ Racing, Scuderia Sykes and Inwood Forward. We were eventually joined by "Any port in a storm racing" with Mr Tetley cruising in at 11th hr and taking out a loan car.

Rather than do a race run through I instead plan to describe the concept.

Under 2lt Saloons was a Thursday night race class some time ago which tried to pull together a field of 50's 60's tin top cars. Originally the plan was to have the over 2lt cars as well but although in real life they run together competitively the wider the car the better. A slot car as we know is a different beast and keeping wide variety and equal running is difficult. So rather than try all sorts of ballast and fiddling each competitor enters two cars one up to 2lt and one over two litres and nominates which lane they will use which car. This adds an element of tactics; do you use a better car on more tough lanes to compensate or bet your shirt on running away on faster lanes. You never know how its playing out with other drivers as they might have a better car to come.

Anyhow the test went well I saw competitive running from both classes however some cars need some fettling to be more compliant with rules for Ride height and would benefit with a little more rubber. We also need to avoid the slammed look for these cars.

Position	Driver	Laps
1	Russ Monkman	178.397
2	Allan Inwood	176.387
3	John Tetley	169.846
4	Dave Sykes	113.200

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1	Russ Monkman	29.402	30.852	31.084	27.657	29.868	29.533
2	Allan Inwood	30.144	28.473	27.853	26.493	31.324	32.1
3	John Tetley	26.189	29.051	27.662	28.872	27.607	30.465
4	Dave Sykes	15.092	21.783	21.523	20.608	18.75	15.444