

Round one Classic and Clubmans 2022,

Dundrod.

With the none running of the Kinrara class the Classic and Clubman 2022 season kicked off with a round of Dundrod racing with three competitors as Allan and Eric were unavailable.

The night was an all-Jaguar affair with two XK120's and a Jaguar C type. Russ brought out his trusty white XK which has been hard raced for some time and is held together by more sticky tape and struts than plastic now. The other XK was Johns Blue Ninco bodied car with lots of shiny bits and a good turn of speed. Dave used one of his castings on a Angelo chassis which I think all three cars had powered by a Scaleauto 20k S-Can.

The race was run on the Catalonia circuit with 7minute heats as the original Tourist Trophy were more about endurance racing. We ran using our self-marshalling rules which with drivers well spaced work well without too many hold ups for other drivers in event of an off.

Russ took a lead early as John got up to speed and Dave's car about a second off the pace running wide in some corners. As the heats progressed John dialled in his driving and started to closely match Russ's pace and Dave added incremental weight to remove the running wide issues, but these began to show up a habit to flip unpredictably in some corners. The Tea Break and sugar rush saw Johns usual reverse fortunes as the second half started but after a heat he was back on pace and giving Russ some issues. Towards the last two heats some ominous grinding sounds could be heard under braking from John's car. These did not appear to slow him down much. Worse sounds began to come from Russ's chassis, a chirp from the gear train, as the 7-minute heats took a toll. Although a failure did not happen for any car for all's relief.

Driver	Total Laps
Russ Monkman	260
John Tetley	230
Dave Sykes	191

Dave Sykes	32	28	30	32	36	33
Russ Monkman	44	44	44	40	44	44
John Tetley	37	44	36	35	41	37