

Race Results



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| Date | 15 th May 2011 |
| Location | Jurby 1.7 Miles |
| Conditions | Dry Practice. Surface Water 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Race. Damp track 4 th race. |
| Passenger | Rob 1 st Practice & 1 st and 3 rd Race: Stig 2 nd Practice & 2 nd and 4 th Race |

| Practice 1 | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Lap | Time |
| 1 | 1.30.016 |
| 2 | 1.31.390 |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| 5 | |
| 6 | |
| Best Lap Ave Speed | 68.988 |

| Practice 2 | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Lap | Time |
| 1 | 1.27.577 |
| 2 | 1.28.459 |
| 3 | 1.26.111 |
| 4 | 1.25.816 |
| 5 | |
| 6 | |
| Best Lap Ave Speed | 71.315 |

| Race 1 | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Lap | Time |
| 1 | 1.40.500 |
| 2 | 1.34.339 |
| 3 | 1.33.375 |
| 4 | 1.33.406 |
| 5 | 1.32.937 |
| 6 | 1.31.576 |
| Best Lap Ave Speed | 66.830 |

| Race 2 | |
|--------|-----------------|
| Lap | Time |
| 1 | |
| 2 | 1.37.847 |

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|---------------------------|----------|
| 3 | 1.33.665 |
| 4 | 1.33.596 |
| 5 | 1.34.551 |
| 6 | 1.33.602 |
| Best Lap Ave Speed | 65.386 |

| Race 3 | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Lap | Time |
| 1 | |
| 2 | 1.28.623 |
| 3 | 1.28.524 |
| 4 | 1.28.139 |
| 5 | |
| 6 | |
| Best Lap Ave Speed | 69.436 |

| Race 4 | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Lap | Time |
| 1 | |
| 2 | 1.27.121 |
| 3 | 1.27.071 |
| 4 | 1.27.117 |
| 5 | |
| 6 | |
| Best Lap Ave Speed | 70.287 |

| Summary | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Quickest Lap | 1.25.816 |
| Slowest Lap | 1.40.500 |
| Best Lap Ave Speed | 71.315 |

| Race Report |
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| <u>Definitely moving in right direction now.</u> |



Someone once said it's all in the preparation. Well if I wasn't so tired I might be able to count how many hours we put in, to get Oscar to the line this weekend. As well as going to work and trying to run a normal house hold and keep a relationship! Having my ear bent by family for not speaking to them in a fortnight. Sorry dad.x. Eventually phoning and texting the team at 9.30pm the night before to say we are racing tomorrow. But all worth it when the van pulled away from Jurby Airfield and we all had grins on our faces. Get in there!

On race day I awoke to having a stinking head cold and sore throat. If not racing I would have stayed under our duvet. Driving down to Jurby I said to Stig "fancy a chicken on the BBQ for lunch today babe" only joking of course. Only for the next thing at the last second this white chicken decided to walk right in front of us. I don't know how I missed it but on looking in the mirror it was still strutting across the road!

During the week I had spoken to many sidecar friends about all sorts of issues. Then thought long and hard before doing anything but what we did paid off big time. Not only that but having driven now twice in the wet conditions and having Robin Daykins ("Team Past it" newcomers in this years TT) advice re tyre pressures and combinations ringing in my ears like big alarm bells we made some smart choices.

At various times during the day every sidecar team in the paddock had been to our little camp. Having had a few words or advice or borrowing tools or words of encouragement. This also was one of our other high points on reflection.

Conditions for practice were good and we gave Robs new helmet an airing. Same with Stig everything was in the groove for racing. Changed the battery for the races, forgetting to tighten the positive screw consequently Oscar would not start without a bit of poking and swearing. Then the radio message "It's raining on the other side of the course" as we waited in the holding area to go out. So hold we did eventually returning back to the awning to wait it out, even though we did have the wets tyres on.

In the 3 out of the 4 races the first corner on the track was far the worst, for water lying on the surface. Very fortunately for Sean Ridout and Paul Burnfrey on two separate occasions they also found the first to be very testing and got away with both. The start was interesting too, with the spray from the mighty front two completely washing Team Oscar, like going through a car wash at 50miles per hour with the roof off and the windows open. Nothing compared to Marc Fagan and Julie Canipa because in practice going over the start finish line a bird hit his helmet and large chunks of bird remains had to be removed from the air vents on the top and side.

Maybe I should drive with a head cold each time, all I know was, I was so determined to get a reasonable start and then reel the competition in and then defend. Be safe though. This was my strategy for all four races no matter how many competitors and it worked. Both passengers did extremely well in these testing conditions. Brave and skilled that's for sure, well-done Rob and Stig. All I know is that the team fits together

like a glove. – Oh on that note more pictures of Robert please Stig getting to much camera time this meeting.

Thanks to Janet and Tony for shopping and supplying the food. We would have starved only for you two, cos I missed the chicken.

The next couple of weeks are all about getting Oscar race ready for the Southern 100 with only one more meeting at Jurby on the 26th June to try out any changes. But just importantly is that Rob Lunt and myself are also prepared mentally and in good shape and continue to work extremely well together. Till then folks enjoy the TT I'll be sitting in a hedge doing very little watching our hero's go by.

Keep smiling.x