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2016 DEWS Speed Championship

Race Report

17th April 2016 – Sprint at Clay Pigeon, Dorchester – Bournemouth & District Car Club

Class F1 - DEWS:

- 101 – Nigel Samson (1380cc)
- 102 – Rob Still (1275cc Supercharged)
- 103 – Stephen Wareham (1330cc)
- 104 – Mike Egan (1380cc)
- 105 – Stuart Samson (1275cc Turbo)

A brisk start to the 2016 DEWS Speed Championship with a visit to Clay Pigeon Raceway in Dorset. With temperatures around 4°C it took a while for the track to become favourable, allowing time to scrub in new tyres or even just take the shine off the old ones!

As is expected for the first event of the year, the mechanical gremlins showed up bright and early. Firstly with Rob's ignition feeling a bit 'flat' on the drive down, the first two practice sessions were used to adjust the timing on the electronic ignition. Winter upgrades highlighted the next weakest link in Stuart's car with some badly behaved steering, new soft compound tyres were sidelined for trusty road tyres to reduce the impact.

Stephen Wareham returned to motorsport after a 16 year break, clearly having not forgotten what to do. More tinkering commenced after the second practice with the removal of Rob's supercharger, trip into Yeovil, repair of a cracked inlet and refit all before lunch. Some begging, borrowing and stealing of carb parts for Stephen's car at lunch saw him ready for the afternoon sessions.

Nigel and Mike took off from where they left at the end of last season. Mike giving his newly rebuilt gearbox a good shakedown, having ended the 2015 series with a hole in his old casing.

The afternoon saw times improve in the last two timed sessions. Two class records were beaten with Rob taking 0.24 seconds off his best time from last year and Nigel shaving an impressive 1.15 seconds from the established Class 6 time. It doesn't appear that the dreaded changes to the approved tyre list have affected the times, some high expectation for the rest of the season!

Championship Points Earned:

Driver (Class)	Points (Best Time)
Nigel Samson (Class 8)	15.58 (85.79*)
Rob Still (Class 2a)	15.12 (88.51*)
Stephen Wareham (Class 2)	13.66 (89.45)
Mike Egan (Class 6)	12.53 (88.64)
Stuart Samson (Class 2a)	11.98 (91.65)
*Denotes new Class Record	



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