



VSCCA "Summer Sprints" at Lime Rock Park

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The weather was just about perfect for Lime Rock (i.e. no rain). VSCCA ran five groups, sharing the track with the Performance Drivers' Association. A total of 10 MGs participated in what was once known as the "Spring Sprints", or the "Snow Sprints". The Under Two Litre group boasted its usual large grid, with somewhere around 30 or so participants (8 MGs). Friday track time was limited to three 20 minute sessions but Saturday time was plentiful with the usual combined afternoon groups and the traditional late pm All Comers race to finish things up. We had a decent showing of MGs with Paul Fitzgerald, Frank Filangeri, Mark Sherman, Peter Ross Jim Bok, Jim Warren, K & J Harmer, Jeff Renshaw, Andy Schmidt and yours truly. Mark, Jim and Peter ran in preservation. Dan Leonard brought his Speedwell, saving the TD for the Glen. "Clementine" ('smudge' was already taken) ran quite well Saturday after a few problems Friday (stuck throttle on front straight was a giant thrill). Paul F. had his gremlins to battle with, including finding his radiator cap in his pocket while leading the pace lap during Saturday's feature.

Oops. I hate when that happens! Mark Sherman pulled into

I had the damn cap right here in my damn hand!



Susanne and Jim and Y.T. enjoying Northwest CT's finest weather!

the pits near the end of the "All Comers" race to find his engine an oily mess. After a quick look-see by Scott Terry, last rites were administered (to the TD). Frank F. ran great all weekend, while Jeff Renshaw ran his usual consistent lrp race WITHOUT spinning at the left hander (Renshaw Corner). Peter Ross was a presence at everyone's paddock lending a hand wherever needed as only Peter can do. Rachel Ross assisted with registration and monitor of "the list", our friendly reminder that one must race quietly while at Lime Rock. Joan Harmer ran Friday, and Keith was planning to run Saturday.

We had more than the usual mischief in Big Bend on green flag Friday but almost everyone got it out of their systems before Saturday. We had one treat Saturday when one of the PDA (I think) winged warriors ran out of track on track out at Big Bend and yanked/shot across the track at speed into the right inside tire wall. At his speed, the wind displaced by the hit was felt in the paddock. Luckily, the driver was unhurt, but he climbed out of the car wearing jeans, a tee shirt, and sneakers. Egads.

Lime Rock Park can be quite warm in August. But I guarantee cold, bone chilling weather in April.

The VSCCA has a winner in the Summer Sprints.



Jeff and Andy and Jim drag racing down the front straight



Paul and Joan playing in Echo Valley