

## **Records Tumble as Winners from Across the British Isles Take Top Honours at Manx Classic**

This year's Manx Classic sprint and hillclimb event for vintage, classic and modern sports cars saw more than eighty-five competitors take part in three days of close-fought motorsport action at three different venues across the island.

The event produced four overall winners, drivers with the fastest times in the four age periods: pre 1941, pre 1968, pre 1981 and post 1981. Of the four, three were newcomers to the event and each hailed from a different part of the British Isles: England, Wales, Scotland and the Isle of Man.

The Governor's Sprint kicked off proceedings from the TT Grandstand on Thursday (25 April). Despite rain earlier in the day, times began to tumble and spectators around the course were entertained by a great diversity of cars, from a 1931 vintage Bugatti to a 2010 Ford Focus ST.

Starting a trend that was to continue for much of the event, Tim Greenhill from Hertfordshire, in his 1935 Wolseley Hornet Special, took pre 1941 honours whilst Robert Bremner from Scotland took the overall fastest time of day (FTD) in a 1964 AC Cobra 289. The pre 1981 award went to local man Connor Corkill in his 1979 Ford Escort RS1800, whilst the post 1981 award went to Mike Manning in a 1994 Ford Puma.

Friday saw the action move south for the Sloc Hillclimb. Cold but sunny weather was punctuated by a heavy sleet shower which brought about an early lunch, before action resumed in the afternoon. Once again, Greenhill, Bremner, Corkill and Manning took FTD honours in their respective classes.

The finale, the Lhergy Frissell Hillclimb, took place in Ramsey on Saturday (27<sup>th</sup> April). Andrew Smith, who'd brought his 1957 Cooper T43 over from Cumbria especially for the Saturday 'climb, took pre 1968 FTD honours whilst Greenhill, Corkill and Manning continued their winning ways, achieving FTDs to each secure a hat-trick.

Overall event honours went to Tim Greenhill (pre 1941); Robert Bremner (pre 1968); Connor Corkill (pre 1981); and Mike Manning (post 1981).

The Northesk Award from Best Team Performance went to Team Manx Motorsport (Sam Beevers, Tristan Kewley and Steve Thompson) and the Best Lady Driver was won by Rachel Corlett. The nil desperandum prize was awarded to Peter Thompson who managed to change the clutch on his GT40 in less than two hours, mid event before returning to complete the final timed lap at Lhergy Frissell.

A special mention must go to first-time competitors, locals Tim George in a 1954 Sunbeam Alpine and Wayne Solomon in his 1952 Jaguar XK120.

The Manx Motor Racing Club would like to say a huge "thank you" to its team of officials and marshals who did a great job again this year!

Dates for next year's event are: Thursday 24, Friday 25 & Saturday 26 April 2014

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