

Once again, the Lymm Truck Stop became the home of the Inter Association AutoSOLO. Six teams from 4 associations managed 30 tests each in this fine value for money event. The classes on the North West of England AutoSOLO events tend to be very competitive as below;

- (A) Production Saloon Cars up to 13' (3.96m) overall length and up to 1400cc (Must have all seats & trim fitted)
- (B) Production Saloon Cars up to 13' (3.96m) overall length and over 1400cc (Must have all seats & trim fitted)
- (C) Production Saloon Cars over 13' (3.96m) overall length (Must have all seats & trim fitted)
- (D) Series Production Sports Cars hood down or hood up. (Must have all seats & trim fitted)
- (E) All other cars (including low volume sports cars e.g. Westfield's and Caterham's) and Rally prepared cars.

A team of 3 cars could be, all from classes A or C as these tend to be more standard and less powerful cars. A team must have one car from A or C, and then, only one car from any other classes B,D or E to a maximum of two in total for B,D and E. – simple really.....

The event had 18 starters with ANCC and ANWCC supporting the Inter Association event. Teams were chosen with drivers either, members of club in the Association or lived in the Association maps area. Great we had two ANCC team two ANWCC teams and one each from the Welsh and West Midlands.



All set up by 15:00 on the Saturday, we just need cars now.....

All the event was split into 4 groups and these Drive- Rest - Marshal - Rest, so all helped to run the event. First car was due to be 10:00am all was clear to go by 9:55 so off they went. 4 runs at two test sites in each session.

After 2 sessions, 16 tests, for the 3 cars team, the scores were as follows;

WAMC –	1929.7
ANWCC A	1935.3
ANWCC B	1961.4
ANCC B	1996.7
West Mids	2125.4

A very close battle was developing, the West Mids team was suffering from a wrong test by Richard Yapp, and not often, he does one of them!



Plenty of shade required for the timekeepers!

After each car had done 24 tests and the team had 72 tests to count the scores were;

ANWCC A	2897.1
WAMC	2908.9
ANWCC B	2937.3
ANCC B	2964.8
ANCC A	2974.0
West Mids	3177.4

Again not a lot in it as the Welsh team went from a 5-second lead to 11 second behind. The ANCC team had only 10seconds between them!

It was a very hot day and temperatures hit 30 degree C at the venue. The last run was cut to 3 at each test as time was lost with drivers finding shade and water. The marshals had been given umbrellas by the club!



So by 15:20 after 30 test per car making 90 tests per team! The scores finished as;

ANWCC A	3611.9 with Andrew Williams 1199.4, Stephen Mather 1209.7, Phil Clegg 1202.8
WAMC	3623.1 with Liam Rollings 1129, Lauren Crook 1334.8, Neil Jones 1158.4
ANWCC B	3662.4 with James Williams 1206.7, Scott MacMahon 1211.8, Jack Mather 1243.9 all under 25!
ANCC B	3701.7 with Chris MacMahon 1237.2, Howard Morris 1216.6 Steve Johnson 1247.9
ANCC A	3706.4 with Warren Nicholls 1313.7 Dave Graves 1268.7 Alec Tunbridge 1124.00
West Mids	3961.3 with Matthew Nicholls 1535.8, Ian Williams 1186.3, Richard Yapp 1239.2

All very tight and it was all to play for all day 11.2 second to ANWCC A, only 5 seconds between the ANCC teams after 90 tests! Awards by 16:00, drivers off home soon after, most had 20 minutes or more of Motorsport for only £30.