

# Harewood Hillclimb

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## Lane back on top

ROY LANE re-established his superiority on the hills at Harewood on Sunday when he won the seventh round of the RAC Hillclimb championship in his Fen-ny Marine McRae GM1. Lane won his class to qualify for the top 10 run-off and he stayed in command to secure victory with his first top 10 run.

The surprise of the BARC-organised meeting was the

performance of Ken MacMaster's 2.2-litre Hart-engined Modus. After the first runs MacMaster was lying second, but few expected him to hold that position in the second half of the run-off. He proved them wrong, though, by going up the hill even faster and wound up a clear second, only 0.11s behind Lane. Alister Douglas-Osborn didn't threaten Lane's supremacy this week and had to settle for third place in the Pilbeam. Mike

MacDowel's 2-litre Ralt was third after the first runs, but he failed to improve his time on a disappointing second run and dropped to fifth behind Douglas-Osborn and an on-form John Cussins (5.7 Chevron B32).

In the classes, leaders championship pacemaker Russ Ward again came away with a class win in the Allard Sprite, but he really had to fight for it as Chris Seaman's Midget finished the day only 0.01s behind him. Chris Dowson had an easier ride in his class to hold onto second place in the championship with his Brabham BT15 and John Meredith consolidated his third position by taking

his Mini to another class win.

Top 10 Run-Off: 1, R. Lane (5.0 McRae GM1-Chevrolet), 38.72s; 2, K. MacMaster (2.2 Modus M4-Hart 420R), 38.83s; 3, A. Douglas-Osborn (3.0 Pilbeam R22-DFV), 39.41s; 4, J. Cussins (5.7 Chevron B32-Chevrolet), 39.67s; 5, M. MacDowel (2.0 Ralt RT1-Hart 420R), 39.97s; 6, C. Cramer (3.4 March 76A-Cosworth V6), 40.07s; 7, M. Griffiths (2.2 March 74B-Hart 420R), 40.51s; 8, R. Brown (2.0 Martin BM16-Cosworth Vega), 40.78s; 9, M. Dungworth (5.0 Brabham BT35X-Repc), 40.78s; 10, R. Jones (2.0 Surtees TS10-Hart), 40.85s.

Class winners: J. Meredith (1.3 Mini), 45.87s; J. Thomson (2.5 Firenze), 45.57s; R. Ward (1.3 Sprite), 46.66s; R. Craik (1.6 Elan), 50.75s; N. Robinson (3.8 Jaguar-E), 44.80s; B. Prest (1.6 U2 Mk16-Davron), 43.08s; L. Curtis (2.0 U2 Mk16-BMW), 43.36s; D. Thomson (250 Motus Mk7-Bultaco), 46.63s; C. Dowson (1.1 Brabham BT15), 42.13s; R. Turnbull (1.6 Brabham BT35-BDA), 41.22s; Lane, 38.91s.