

Record-breaking Roy

ROY LANE was the man of the meeting at the 11th round of the Guyson/BARC hillclimb championship on Sunday when he broke the five-year-old Harewood course record, previously held by Richard Thwaites. Lane in his usual deceptively quick style posted a time of 38.47s at the end of the first runs, to which no one else could answer.

The other main features of the meeting were the number of red flag incidents which led to the Top 10 Run-Off being cancelled for the second week running, as was the FTD Top 8 Run-Off. Following on from hens getting on the track at the last meeting, a cow appeared in the middle of Orchard corner this time, which was symptomatic of the problems which faced Mike Wilson and his fellow BARC officials, everything that could go wrong went wrong, ranging from the timing gear to oil on the track.

In the championship Charles Barter further extended his lead, but was fortunate to do so as having completed one run (needless to say a record breaker) the gear linkage broke, which meant no second run. John Meredith, still a close second in the championship, put in two storming runs but could not close the gap on Barter. Neville Robinson in the ex-Scragg Jaguar E-type broke the three-year-old Modsports record whilst Ian Curtis drove immaculately to lower the Clubmans record and

beat Tony Boshier-Jones (in itself a notable achievement).

As far as FTD was concerned there were only three men in with a chance. Martyn Griffiths, Alister Douglas-Osborn, and Roy Lane. Griffiths who was running in a new Hart 420R engine possibly threw away his chances with a spin at Quarry on his first run, but got down to 39.60s on his second. ADO put in two very strong runs but Roy Lane was in a class of his own, posting the record-breaking time on his first run and a sub-39s time on his second run to confirm his title of "king of Harewood" yet again.

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FTD: R. Lane (March 741), 38.41s.

Class winners: T. Tattam (Cooper S), 47.79s; G. Swinbourne (Ford Escort), 48.25s; C. Barter (Hillman Imp), 45.21s — record; T. Clifford (Cooper S) 46.47s; J. Meredith (Cooper S), 45.11s; D. Gardner (MG Midget), 52.52s; T. Marshall (Lotus Elan), 52.28s; P. Garland (Moran Plus Eight), 47.15s; C. Seaman (MG Midget), 46.15s; N. Robinson (Jaguar E Type), 43.81s — record; I. Curtis (Mallock U2 Mk18B), 42.42s — record; D. Kennedy (Mallock U2 8K), 46.34s; J. Robinson (Mallock U2 Mk18/18b), 43.75s; D. Garnett (Chevron B26 BMW/Alpina), 41.88s; T. Hart (Chevron B9/15), 43.53s; P. Kaye (Brabham BT35XP), 40.24s; R. Lane (March 741), 38.41s.