

Fastest Stage Times in a 1.4 Micra!!

Major Motorsport took the Wetherfield Stages, in Essex, by storm! The military base hadn't been used for rallying in 14 years, which provided a great level playing field for all of the competitors.

Simon was seeded car 1 as he was originally due to compete in Dennis Marshal's Metro 4M4, however as that car wasn't ready in time, he decided to take a Micra out to play! Having explained the situation to the organisers, Simon asked to be re-seeded, but was told that he would be fine where he was – ahead of car 2, Paul King in his 2.5 Millington Escort!! Amazingly, the organiser's decision proved to be correct, and Simon wasn't caught all day!

The first stage proved to be very challenging, the unused roads were extremely slippery, but a bigger problem was the heated screen not working, so the car windscreen completely misting up! Simon could be seen coming past the spectator area, using his rally overalls sleeve to wipe a clear spot!

A quick improvisation in service with an ice scraper sponge, copper pipe and a lot of duct tape, meant the crew were ready to tackle the second stage. Although co-driver Steve was now on windscreen wiping duties as well as reading the maps!

Simon and Steve continued setting blinding stage times whilst the sun shone, including fastest overall times, and climbed their way up the leader board from 4th to finish an incredible 2nd overall after a last stage push to overhaul Mark Jasper in his 2.5 Millington Escort!

Major Motorsport's second Micra at the event also turned a few heads. Rob Gilham was unsure at first how competitive a 1.4 Micra could be, and being used to more powerful circuit racing cars thought he would be frustrated in our Micra. However, he and co-driver Dingo (usually a Major Motorsport mechanic!) soon changed their minds when on the first stage the crew set a top 10 time, and continued to hold 7th place throughout the rally, until a drive shaft broke forcing them to retire. This was hugely disappointing as Rob and Dingo were doing so well in their Micra debut, leading the class by a comfortable margin!

Dick Mauger and Stuart Andrews were also out in a 2.0 MK2 Escort, the crew got off to a great start in the tricky conditions, and carried on throughout the day to have a fun, safe rally finish, within the top 20.

An enjoyable day was had by all!

We would just like to take this opportunity to thank Ravenol Oils, who have confirmed they will be continuing their partnership with Major Motorsport in 2015.

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