

Cannock Chase CCVT 2008

Cold with added frosty bits was the order of the day for Sunday morning. Not an ideal day to set out with a roofless motor, but weeks of work to cage may motor could not go unused. Despite the cold 15 drivers turned out for what turned into a splendid day for trials competition.

On Saturday I worked with Martin James to set 7 sections for the Sunday. We would have done more but a rescue mission for Richard Smith and his sinking Disco took some time. Section one on Sunday morning can best be described as a wiggle through the trees. It is not easy to find land that stops CCV motors at Cannock but the trees and topography did allow a variety of sections and results through the day.

The four sections run up to lunch provided a variety of challenges for all of the drivers and motors. Quite by accident we had run sections laid out on Saturday afternoon on Sunday morning so the low slung sun had an effect on some of the day's climbs. This was not intentional but it certainly made us all work for our results.

During the afternoon we started with the last of the sections laid by me and Martin. Working through the trees at Cannock it was interesting to note that power was often not the best option when turning on loose leaf mulch on the forest floor. The sections ran well and as with those in the morning provided a selection of results and much banter leading to a very enjoyable day.

The last section of the day was laid by Richard Rowley who produced an interesting start over loose ground that none of the 15 drivers took the same way. Well done to those who reached the end of this challenging section. My drive showed the power of a mud bank to stop a motor when concentration is in short supply. Thank you to everyone who turned out to support the event. For our first run at CCVT me and my brother Stephen had a very good day.

Congratulations go to the following for achieving best in class for the day:

80" coil	Richard Rowley
80" leaf	Martin James
88" coil	Hamish Grundy
88" leaf	Ben Tandy

The next event is Easter at Eastnor where we need all hands on deck to finalise the sections for the National so I hope to see you all there. Happy trialling, R.Banks.