

ROUND 2 DRUMHORC HILLCLIMB

Showery changeable conditions can often lead to surprise results on a Hillclimb event as the running order of competitors will determine who gains or loses as road conditions change.

So it was on Saturday's Drumhorc Hillclimb as the leading single seater competitors seemed to suffer from a short shower of rain just before they went to the startline for each of the timed runs. Opting to stay on slick tyres proved particularly costly for reigning Champion Graham Thompson and he found himself down in 10th Place overall at the finish. Seamus Morris also stuck with slicks but managed to salvage 2nd overall behind Rudi Gage's Maguire Mini which took the overall win. Rudi showed his usual bravery in the tricky conditions and grabbed the opportunity of the win with both hands. Chris Houston's decision to fit wet tyres paid off as he snatched third place. The Top Five was completed by Mickey Conlon's rapid Buggy and Neil Dugan's well driven 205.

Roadgoing Saloon winner was David Hunter's Subaru with the Modified Section also going to Rudi Gage.

In the Classes, Class 2 saw a good battle between Adrian Mulholland's RS and Mervyn Johnson's 911 going in favour of the Escort man whilst 6A Modified had a good contest between Chris Rogan's lovely Escort and Gordon Fogarty's X1/9 with newcomer Rogan winning. Class 6B Modified saw Steven Gault's Saxo getting the better of Jason Curran's Clio.

Other Classwinners were: David Hunter; Gardiner McIlwaine; Rudi Gage; Alan Castles; Neil Dugan; Gerry McPolin; Ian Lancashire; Chris Houston; Seamus Morris; Robert Davison and Mickey Conlon

Overall, a good event organised by Newry & District Motor Club in difficult conditions. Next round is Omagh Motor Club's Spamount Hillclimb on 25th May. Entry Forms available on the ANICC Website.