

120 Southern Rally Haynes Motor Museum



Well, the forecast was wrong, the weather was good and so was the day! Thank you to all of you who came. I think from the feedback I've had we all enjoyed ourselves.

I was also very pleased to welcome John Tallis in his 123GT which has now done the London to Sydney Rally twice. Everyone who had the opportunity to speak to him found the stories of his exploits fascinating. Thank you to John and his wife for joining us.

The attendance was excellent with 23 120s and 13 in the open class. The standard of the entries was as usual very high and made judging extremely difficult.

The results:

120 Class

Winner: Barry Gard, FTK 837E,
Automatic 121
Runner Up: John Griffiths, FJT 500D, 122S

Open Class

Winner: Michael Croxon, A1 BKV, S60
Runner Up: Nigel Ayling, OBL 442L, 164

Longest Drive

Malcolm Crosher, UGF 436F, 122S, 242 miles

As an extra the club had hired the Museum's test track for the day. This proved popular, with 10 cars using it. The cars which took part ranged from a standard 121 to a new V70R AWD. The course was altered from morning to afternoon and it was interesting to see the improvement as the individual drivers increased the number of laps. The rules of the track meant that the Trophies were awarded on the basis of style and perceived improvement, as no timing was allowed!

Winner: Stephen Turner V70R AWD R70 SJT
Runner Up: Tim Tyler 123GT TMO 57G

All the drivers on the track had a great time and I will be happy to arrange another track day at Haynes. Malcolm Crosher not only drove the furthest to get to the Rally but then proceeded to make several spirited laps but the award for Most Tyre Smoke goes to John Griffiths in John Sandford-Hart's 850 T5 (touring car look-a-like). Funny how you can always tell when the driver isn't paying for the tyres!

I would like to finish with a big thank you to everyone who helped on the day and Pat for her photos.

Andy Rowlands

