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Update – April Driver Training Day



A 3200GT in full flight...pretty good lines and only the second time out on one of these driver training days

Welcome to a quick event update covering the Driver Training Day held on the 16th April at Wakefield Park with our friends from the Ferrari Club. Most of the Maserati drivers stayed over night on the Friday so we could have dinner on the Friday night and be at the track on time. Saturday started as another typical Wakefield day being cold but clear in the morning. As part of the familiarisation for the drive around the track we always go for a walk around the track to see the road close up and spend time at each corner to learn how to best approach the turn and exit.

There were about 40 cars there in total with 10 from the Maserati club. We often get about that number of cars attending and have quite a mixture of Maserati's at these days...this time the 4200s stayed home and the day was the domain of the turbo powered cars...too bad guys you missed a great day. Special thanks to the Maserati drivers who come down for the day to watch and experience the atmosphere...in particular thanks Anthony for your video efforts !



A panoramic view of some of the Maserati's there on the day...the 4200's were conspicuously absent this time out

The day was run in the normal format of the morning session being used for driver training with several instructors being available to guide people around the track safely and faster laps without instructors in the afternoon. We had a good mixture of first time drivers as well as a number of drivers there on their second club track outing...some great adventures were had but no big spin offs into the grass (or should I say dust given the lack of rain in recent times)...

It's great to see people learn more about their cars and maybe even a little more about themselves...there is nothing like experiencing your Maserati at full throttle in a safe environment...an open bit of good road...no police...and nobody going the other way...an absolute ball.



Arriving for the day...



Don using his flannel shirt to check the oil levels



Danny arriving with his modified WRX on a trailer

These events are all about learning and improving your car control skills and not about setting the fastest time, in particular for first timers. Having said that, there is more than a fair dose of friendly competitive spirit between the more

Top Ten Lap Times Results

Time	Driver	Car
1:09.66	CHRIS SMITH	FERRARI 360 CHALLENGE
1:09.96	WARREN WELDON	FERRARI F355
1:10.96	TREVOR McPHERSON	SUBARU WRX
1:11.44	KAI MYSLIWIECZ	MASERATI GHIBLI
1:12.38	BRANDEN GALWEY	FERRARI F360
1:12.55	DANNY JOSEF	SUBARU WRX
1:13.25	DON NANAYAKKARA	MASERATI GHIBLI
1:13.81	GRAHAM CARDWELL	FERRARI 308 GTB
1:14.46	TONY GALWEY	FERRARI 360
1:14.48	PETER IRELAND	FERRARI TESTAROSSA

experienced drivers. In keeping with the understanding that we will only publish the times for the people who are there for the competitive aspects...the table on the left shows the top ten lap times of the day. So...the fastest Maserati was again the dark grey Ghibli this time however finishing in 4th place behind the regular somewhat worked F355 that always seems to beat us by

about a second and a half and a F360 Challenge (full race car). I think it's time we took the automatic transmission in the Ghibli out of D for Drive...or maybe even get a manual gearbox. The fact that we run a good but standard 2.8 V6 engine is also quiet a surprise to people...honest a stock standard engine... Danny also finished well in the top ten running his hotted up WRX.

The club lap record is still 1:10.93 held by Kai Mysliwicz in the V6 Ghibli...albeit that we had a time of 1:10.66 but that was unofficial so we can't claim it...The quickest 4200 has been Greg Smith with a time of 1:13.72 with the quickest novice time in a 4200 being 1:18.78 held by Ian Wall in the 4200 Spyder. The quickest time for a 4-Door is held by Philip Milne at 1:14.45 in his Quattroporte.



Fastest lap of the day 1:09.66 in a F360 race car



second fastest 1:09.96



The Ghibli 4th fastest 1.7s behind at 1:11.44



2224V waiting in the carpark to go out



V8 QP at about 160 kph on the straight



Danny in his WRX



Ghibli about to go out with the quick F355



Another 2224V on the track



Ghibli on a morning lap with a passenger



Side view of the QP



3200GT at the same corner just a little earlier



Don taking Dana for a spin

Hope we see you out at one of the future driver training events...till then...happy driving !

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