

# Track Day at Wakefield Park (Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004)

A brilliant sunny day at Wakefield Park. As is almost always the case the day started with a freezing morning so jackets and hats were in order. Most of the Maserati drivers stayed over night on the Friday so we could be there nice



*A great day out in the big V8 twin turbo*

and early to go for a walk around the track. We had a great turnout of 12 cars with a good representation of the turbo powered cars as well as the later model V8s...the range present included a number of the 3200GT, Quattroporte, Ghibli, 222, 4200 Spyder and the 4200 Coupe...Thank you everybody for making the trip down. Special thanks to the Maserati drivers who come down for the day to watch and experience the atmosphere.

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. Some great adventures were had and all the drivers learned a lot about their cars and maybe even a little more about themselves. It's great to see people enjoy their cars in a safe environment and have an absolute ball.



*A great looking 222 in full flight*



*Mitch and Don in the colour matched cars on the tight section of track at the bottom of the hill*



*Great looking 4200 Spyder and Coupe*



*The two fastest cars of the day...1:09.73 and 1:11.40 in the Ghibli...well this Alfa powered F3 doesn't really count does it...59.85*

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*Some fast looking machinery...*

*Some real fancy (and expensive) race cars there as well*

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 experienced drivers. The fastest Maserati was again the dark grey Ghibli being beat for outright best time by the one Ferrari. The biggest surprise was how well Philip went in the V8 Quattroporte...well enough in fact to be in the top ten results of the day...that gave us three of the top ten positions. The times were about average for the track given the good track and air temperature on the day. In keeping with the understanding that we will only publish the times for the people who are there for the competitive aspects these are the top ten times.

### Top Ten Lap Times Results

Time	Driver	Car
1:09.73	WARREN WELDON	FERRARI F355
1:11.40	KAI MYSLIWIECZ	MASERATI GHIBLI
1:13.23	PETER LEEMHUIS	FERRARI 355F1
1:13.28	PAUL SIMPSON	FERRARI 308 GT4
1:13.42	DON NANAYAKKARA	MASERATI GHIBLI
1:13.58	GRAHAM CARDWELL	FERRARI 308 GTB
1:14.11	MEL CHOO	FERRARI 360
1:14.11	ENZO PIAZZA	ALFA (Race)
1:14.21	STÉPHAN TASKIN	FERRARI 360
1:14.45	PHILIP MILNE	MASERATI QUATTROPORTE

To put these times into perspective...the club lap record is 1:10.93 held by Kai Mysliwicz in the V6 Ghibli. 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 now held by Philip Milne at 1:14.45 in his somewhat modified Quattroporte. Just for perspective the Alfa powered F3 in the pictures above laps at around 59 seconds !



*If you are going to take a trip into the dirt it's a good idea to have the roof up*



*What happens when you come into the turn too fast...just a little sideways...*



*Not a good place to be...in the dirt just onto the main straight*

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