



DOVEYS DYNAMITE

British Champion takes Maurice Crabb Memorial Trophy win

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Father and son duo Tim and Charlie Dovey stamped their authority on the Maurice Crabb Memorial Trial in January securing a one-two finish in the front wheel drive production class in the club's first event of 2025 which was held near Uploders near Bridport.

Ground conditions were destined to be testing following rain and snow in the week prior to the event but reigning club car trials champion Mark Hoppé made a strong start at the wheel of his Suzuki Alto maximising his position as one of the early runners in Class One which featured two wheel drive vehicles with Road Fund Licence and not carrying ballast other than a sump guard which must weigh-in at less than 10kg. The Sherborne driver excelled in the light-weight 993 cc machine climbing the slippery tests to not only lead the class, but the event overall, with twenty-one penalty points after six sections and a four point advantage over David Robinson in his Reliant Scimitar SS1 who was contesting Class 3 for rear wheel drive machines which at this event were all sports cars. The two-litre Renault Clio Sport of Tim Dovey had eked out a two-point lead in Class two just two up on Citroen Saxo driver Mark Dunkerley who in turned headed co-driver Mike Dore by a similar margin.

As the event progressed through the morning to the halfway point Hoppé's class lead was reduced by two points as Bridport driver Gary Morris moved into second place with his Vauxhall Corsa demoting the Ford Fiesta of David Moss but the Wareham driver was still very much in contention being a mere two marks adrift. Meanwhile in Class 2 Dovey senior had doubled his advantage over Dunkerley.



Third in Class 2 for Mark Dunkerley in Dore Saxo



Another Under 23 win for Alistair Moss



A determined Jess Baker took home the second place award for Class 2 in two-litre Renault Clio Sport

Drying ground conditions in the afternoon saw some drivers consider changes to tyre pressures (always with consideration to the minimum allowed within the regulations for each individual car) but the force remained with the early leaders who continued to up their game in the improving conditions with Tim Dovey completing the final round of six tests with only five penalties against the half a dozen of Hoppé who secured a comfortable class win ahead of Morris and Moss and strengthened his position at the top of the Woolbridge Car Trials Championship.

Dovey was the best performer in Class 2 leading home son Charlie, in a similar car, by some thirty-six marks, a performance which when the Index of Performance was applied, gave the former the event win and his offspring the class honours after a strong performance during the afternoon. But there was more success for Renault Clio drivers. Jess Baker, co-driving with Charlie Dovey, secured second in class ahead of the Dunkerley driven Saxo by a margin of nine points.

Apart from the event winner a further seven drivers were entered to drive the four Renault Clios brought to the event and all of them were eligible for the Young Driver of the Event Award which was claimed by Ford Fiesta driver Alistair Moss. Meanwhile Sherborne Hyundai i10 pilot Mike Flack completed the day with the Best Novice Award. David Robinson finished at the head of the sports car class leading home the similar Scimitar of Adam Smith and Donal Doyle.



Applause from his peers as Mike Flack storms to the Novice Award with his Hyundai i10



Ryan Wiffin shared Renault Clio with Will Coplen



David Robinson is checked by marshal and his wife



Gary Morris climbing his Vauxhall Corsa on just three wheels!

RESULTS

Maurice Crabb Trial		12th January 2025																									
Class	No	Driver	Club	Car	cc	LN	J	Round 1								Round 2											
								f	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Sub Total	Cum Total	f	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Sub Total	Cum Total
1	102	Mark Hoppé	W/MC	Alto	993	E		3	5	2	3	3	2	2	2	21	21	4	7	2	1	5	0	0	2	37	43
1	104	Mike Flack	W/MC	i10	1248	N		10	10	6	3	3	2	5	5	44	44	9	3	6	3	2	0	3	2	0	2
1	106	Peter Ramsden	W/MC	C30	1598	N		10	11	6	5	7	3	6	4	50	50	9	8	6	5	0	4	4	4	42	52
1	107	Izzy Lawrence	W/MC	C30	1598	N		10	11	6	6	5	3	6	4	54	54	9	8	6	5	7	4	5	48	102	
1	109	Alistair Moss	W/MC	Fiesta	1295	F	J	10	10	6	3	1	2	5	7	41	41	9	7	3	1	1	0	7	28	89	
1	110	Richard Wilson	W/MC	Corsa	1400	E		10	10	7	3	3	2	5	3	43	43	4	7	2	4	6	1	0	4	28	72
1	111	David Moss	W/MC	Fiesta	1295	E		3	10	6	3	3	2	4	2	33	33	4	3	4	3	5	0	2	22	55	
1	112	Gary Morris	W/MC	Corsa	1398	E		10	10	1	3	4	2	2	2	24	24	4	1	3	8	1	1	0	12	53	

Maurice Crabb Trial		Round 3														Round 4																
Class	No	Driver	Club	Car	cc	LN	J	Round 3								Round 4								Sub Total	Grand Total	Class Points	U23 Points	Class Average	Index %	Award		
								f	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	f	2	3	4	5	6	7	8									
1	102	Mark Hoppé	W/MC	Alto	993	E		4	8	2	6	0	0	0	20	63	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	15	132	4	8	109.4	120.50	1st Class	
2	202	Will Lawrence	W/MC	206	1800	E		10	10	7	5	5	0	1	2	38	39	5	3	5	5	0	0	2	23	52						
2	203	Mike Dore	W/MC	Sexo	1360	E		8	10	6	3	3	0	3	36	36	4	3	2	3	0	0	0	3	18	55						
2	204	Ollie Stratham	W/MC	Clio	1400	N		10	11	6	3	3	2	6	8	49	49	10	8	7	3	3	9	5	4	48	98					
2	205	Tim Dovey	W/MC	Clio	2000	E		10	5	6	3	3	4	4	32	32	3	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	13	45						
2	206	Ryan Wiffin	W/MC	Clio	2000	N		10	11	6	3	3	8	4	5	54	54	10	8	6	3	10	6	5	4	52	108					
2	208	Charlie Dovey	W/MC	Clio	2000	E	J	10	10	7	3	3	2	5	3	40	40	4	2	3	8	0	0	0	2	19	59					
2	209	Will Baker	W/MC	Clio	1500	N	J	10	11	7	6	3	2	6	5	51	51	10	10	6	3	6	10	4	1	53	104					
2	210	Jess Baker	W/MC	Clio	2000	N	J	10	11	3	3	3	2	5	42	42	4	5	4	3	6	3	4	2	3	4	73					
2	211	Vic Rose	W/MC	Clio	1500	E		10	11	7	3	3	2	6	4	46	48	10	11	7	3	3	2	6	4	46	82					

Maurice Crabb Trial		Round 5														Round 6																
Class	No	Driver	Club	Car	cc	LN	J	Round 5								Round 6								Sub Total	Grand Total	Class Points	U23 Points	Class Average	Index %	Award		
								f	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	f	2	3	4	5	6	7	8									
1	102	Mark Hoppé	W/MC	Alto	993	E		4	7	2	6	0	0	0	34	115	10	7	3	7	3	0	0	0	15	130	1	2	112.2	120.50	1st Class	
1	104	Mike Flack	W/MC	i10	1248	N		4	7	2	6	0	0	0	34	115	10	7	3	7	3	0	0	0	15	130	1	2	112.2	120.50	1st Class	
1	106	Peter Ramsden	W/MC	C30	1598	N		10	6	2	8	10	4	4	54	145	4	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	2	18	140	6	10	108.4	120.50	1st Class
1	107	Izzy Lawrence	W/MC	C30	1598	N		10	6	2	8	10	4	4	54	145	4	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	2	18	140	6	10	108.4	120.50	1st Class
1	109	Alistair Moss	W/MC	Fiesta	1295	F	J	10	7	2	5	1	2	2	50	152	4	7	3	6	8	0	0	0	31	183	7	10	107.2	120.50	1st Class	
1	110	Richard Wilson	W/MC	Corsa	1400	E		10	6	3	6	1	2	4	44	113	5	2	2	2	3	3	0	0	20	123	6	20	107.2	120.50	1st Class	
1	111	David Moss	W/MC	Fiesta	1295	E		3	6	10	2	1	3	3	35	80	8	3	2	6	5	3	3	0	28	116	3	19	107.2	120.50	1st Class	
1	112	Gary Morris	W/MC	Corsa	1398	E		5	6	11	0	3	1	0	31	84	3	4	2	5	3	2	2	0	19	103	2	5	107.2	120.50	2nd Class	

Maurice Crabb Trial		Round 7														Round 8																
Class	No	Driver	Club	Car	cc	LN	J	Round 7								Round 8								Sub Total	Grand Total	Class Points	U23 Points	Class Average	Index %	Award		
								f	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	f	2	3	4	5	6	7	8									
1	102	Mark Hoppé	W/MC	Alto	993	E		4	7	2	6	0	0	0	34	115	10	7	3	7	3	0	0	0	15	132	2	14	112.2	120.50	1st Class	
1	104	Mike Flack	W/MC	i10	1248	N		4	7	2	6	0	0	0	34	115	10	7	3	7	3	0	0	0	15	132	2	14	112.2	120.50	1st Class	
1	106	Peter Ramsden	W/MC	C30	1598	N		10	6	2	8	10	4	4	54	145	4	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	2	18	140	6	10	108.4	120.50	1st Class
1	107	Izzy Lawrence	W/MC	C30	1598	N		10	6	2	8	10	4	4	54	145	4	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	2	18	140	6	10	108.4	120.50	1st Class
1	109	Alistair Moss	W/MC	Fiesta	1295	F	J	10	7	2	5	1	2	2	50	152	4	7	3	6	8	0	0	0	31	183	7	10	107.2	120.50	1st Class	
1	110	Richard Wilson	W/MC	Corsa	1400	E		10	6	3	6	1	2	4	44	113	5	2	2	2	3	3	0	0	20	123	6	20	107.2	120.50	1st Class	
1	111	David Moss	W/MC	Fiesta	1295	E		3	6	10	2	1	3	3	35	80	8	3	2	6	5	3	3	0	28	116	3	19	107.2	120.50	1st Class	
1	112	Gary Morris	W/MC	Corsa	1398	E		5	6	11	0	3	1	0	31	84	3	4	2	5	3	2	2	0	19	103	2	5	107.2	120.50	2nd Class	

Maurice Crabb Trial		Round 9														Round 10														
Class	No	Driver	Club	Car	cc	LN	J	Round 9								Round 10								Sub Total	Grand Total	Class Points	U23 Points	Class Average	Index %	Award
								f	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	f	2	3	4	5	6	7	8							
1	102	Mark Hoppé	W/MC	Alto	993	E		4	7	2	6	0	0	0	34	115	10	7	3	7	3									