**Speed Events Tuition - an update December 2015**

HSA member, regular competitor, Speedscene columnist and ARDS registered instructor Clive Wooster, has given us an update on his Speed competitor training this year.

“As we all prepare our cars, equipment (FHRs anyone!) and renew licences, it’s worth a thought about driver preparation as well. It’s usually the case that a few hours honing driving techniques can bring more significant improvements than 30bhp or a new set of dampers and it’s almost always more cost effective. Notwithstanding the excellent group of Hillclimb schools we have, one –on- one tuition is extremely useful. In our sport, we have little track time to learn a circuit or hillclimb on the day, so heading off the line knowing ones basic technique is spot on particularly for newcomers, can be invaluable.

In 2015, out of the of the group I’ve worked with, at least 4 are winning classes or heading regional championships and the remainder have all found increased speed and confidence.

Predominantly Southern-based, a variety of circuits can be used, with Llandow a particular favourite due to its variety of slow, medium and fast corners and good value pricing. We can use the Haynes Motor Museum test track near Yeovil and also track days, so there is usually a venue conveniently close by.

A 3 hour session, includes a safety briefing, car dynamics, car control basics, sighting laps and an initial assessment of your driving. We then go through a process of demonstration and putting that into practice, gradually increasing speed as a consistent technique is developed. Finally we put all of that together in a solo session which gives you the opportunity to test your new found prowess- that’s when I get out of the car!

Newcomers, in particular, are most welcome. I certainly don’t see myself as an expert- just someone who has learnt the hard way over 35 years of competition and can pass it on to save you the time!

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