

Burke I  
June 10-11, 2006  
KSCC Event

Saturday's AM sprinkling faded during the morning and we took advantage of Okemo's excellent bite on a slowly drying course to get some good practice in. Sunday looked forboding, with rain again, but it soon gave way to sun and clouds for the rest of the day, resulting in the best climb we have seen in a year. Results were of great interest. At the end of the day Gerry Driscoll's efforts to best Mike Wilson did not yield the 1/3 second he needed to take first, but he did split the high tech crowd. Maros Zelina recovered from various bothers to take 3rd two seconds behind Gerry, while Sherman Baumann felt that he had squeezed all there was to be had out of his Mod Lite, a second behind Maros' Evo. Arlo Cota was 5th in his STI, over 3 seconds behind Maros. The Truly Fast (thru 10th place) rounded out with Dave Dennis' 6th place, unfortunately followed by a walk-away wreck where the course goes into the woods above the meadows. Kevin Gale coped with shifting problems and a new beast to come 9th.

The times for The Rest of Us started after a notable 5 1/2 second increase from 10th to 11th. Jimi Heider led this group with a 2:36, leaving at noon for his trek to Pike's Peak where he will run his bike for the (?th) time. Other notables among the hoi polloi included Greg Haley, who finally got his powerful VW to the top in 15th place. Steve Turgeon posted very impressive times in the ex-Rutan Rabbit, ending 1st in P3. The Rabbit's owner (me), beset with shifting problems off the line, got starter Mikey to perform a 3rd gear dance just before (what turned out to be) the last vehicle run of the weekend. Mikey's mojo worked, with the bunny gaining a profound 3 seconds, which I found most wonderful but was not enough to dislodge John Marsha from second spot. Arlo and Ralph Cota and Rick Young won their classes but were not quite as far up overall as we usually see. Nelson Shepard and son-in-law Chet Deverney drove their Corrado to within 2/10 of a second of each other. Stan Markawitz came from New Jersey with his Lotus to experience climbing and impressed us all with this remarkable car. KSCC prexy Earl Hayes continues to revel in the reliability of his Porsche. Butch King's ride had spark plug-itis. And Denver Webb, alas, got caught out at Okemo's sneakiest turn (19) with the Webb/Manning Jetta and did his version of my Burke crash. At least they have 6 weeks to fix it.

As at Burke everyone worked to make this meet a success. A particular nod to Sharon Root, who rounds up all the workers. What would we do without her? What would Earl do?

Don Peaslee