

# CLASSICAL GAS

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## Arnolds Spring Fever



**Arnold looking relaxed on his way to setting FTD**

Arnold Lane set FT at Falcon's season opening autotest but it was far from a forgone conclusion. Richard Tompkins was leading at lunchtime and if it wasn't for a disastrous test immediately afterwards could have taken the win. It was very much a Lane occasion with Rachel winning the production car class and Andrea was Clerk of the Course.

Organisers Andrea Lane and Mike Hayward attracted eighteen entries for the Spring Fever Autotest in the meadow behind Neil Bray's house at Upper Caldecote. There were a couple of notable absentees. Simon Groves non-started his Metro as he was home fixing the engine of his trials Escort so he could compete in the Ilkley Trial the following week. We were missing our host as well as Neil was entertaining at a family birthday party.

Arnold Lane started the day with fastest time in his familiar Mini, nearly a second faster than Richard Tompkins in his very smart yellow Imp. Third quickest was David Manning his Mini. This was an un-familiar colour as David's old shell had finally fallen victim to the dreaded tin worm so David had transferred the engine and best of the mechanicals into a new shell.

The second test saw Richard Tompkins quickest and into the lead of the event with Bob Tatum just behind after an excellent time in his familiar Panda. This test must have

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# Spring Fever Pictures



*Richard Tompkins came close to an overall win before a slow test five*



*Bob Tatum had an excellent day in his Fiat Panda*



*Keith Pettit's A365 was the oldest car present and the most hard working as Jonny and Danny Tovey also used it in for their competitive debut.*



*Laura Dudley shared Andrew's Escort in the Production Class*

# Lands End Results

Driver	Car	Class	Result
Reg Taylor	RDT Anglia	0	Retired with Petrol Pump Problems
Keith Oakes	Dutton Phaeton	7	Failed Darracott, Crackington, Treworld, Hoskin & Bishopswood
Colin Sumner	Morgan +4	5	Failed Beggars Roost, Darracott & Hoskin
Peter Thompson	Opel Kadett	3	Failed Beggars Roost, Sutcombe, Crackington, Hoskin & Blue Hills 1
Ross Nuten	Dellow Mk 2	8	Bronze Medal - failed Hoskin & Blue Hills 1
Simon Robson	Leige	7	Failed Treworld, Hoskin, Bishopwood & Blue Hills 1
Dave Nash	MGeetle	7	Failed Crackington, Bishops Wood, Hoskin & Bluehills 1
Michael Leete	VW 1302S	4	Silver Medal - failed Hoskin
Neil Bray	Primrose	8	Bronze Medal - failed Crackington and Hoskin
Brian Alexander	Fiat 850	4	Failed Crackington, Hoskin Blue Hills 1 & Blue Hills 2
Peter Manning	MG Midget	5	Clean before retiring with stripped CWP after Treworld
Geoff Hodge	RDT	8	Failed Crackington, Hoskin, Bishopswood & Blue Hills 1
Clive Booth	Dellow Rep	8	Failed Crackington, Hoskin & Blue Hills 1
Jim Bounden	Marlin	7	Failed Darracott, Treworld, Hoskin, Blue Hills 1 & Bluhills 2
Simon Groves	Ford Escort	3	Failed Felons Oak and Beggars before retiring with Clutch Failure
Ted Holloway	Ford Sierra	3	Failed Felons Oak, Beggars Roost, Darracott, Crackington, Warleggan, Hoskin & Blue Hills 2
Nick Ikin	Citroen 2CV	1	Failed Crackington, Warleggan, Hoskin & Bluehills 2
Peter Mountain	Dellow Mk1	8	Failed Crackington, Hoskin & Bluehills 1
Ian Davis	VW Buggy	8	Bronze Medal - Failed Hoskin & Blue Hills 1
Ed Nickel	VW Buggy	8	Retired during the night with electrical problems
Richard Tompkins	Imp	4	Failed Beggars Roost then had to miss a number of hills after multiple punctures
Mike Pearson	Dellow Rep	8	Bronze Medal - Failed Hoskin & Blue Hills 1

## Michael's Musings

Falcon's Autotest opener went off very well. I had hoped to drive my Dellow but what I thought would be a simple job to fix the brakes has turned out to be a bit more complicated and I have decided to completely strip and refurbish them. This has involved taking the floor up so I decided to clean and paint part of the chassis as well!

Back to the autotest. Although Arnold won it was far from a forgone conclusion and Richard Tompkins came very close to taking the major honours with David Manning and Bob Tatum not so very far away.

It was also super to see so many younger drivers having a go and the Production Class is certainly a success in giving them a chance to get started.

I hadn't heard that JP was stepping down as Vice-Chairman when I wrote last month's piece. It's super that JP will carry on organising Brickhill and the Sporting Challenge and I wish him well in his retirement from his business.

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really suited Fiat's, as Bob's co-driver Mark Lines was fourth quickest here. A familiar name was fasted on the third test but in an unfamiliar car. Keith Pettit had forsaken his familiar Sprite for his tin top A35 so that Jonny and Danny Tovey could share the car in the Production class. Keith actually built this car for classic trialling but has only used it on the hills one, the occasion when the prop shaft broke and dug in on Bamford Clough!

The last test before lunch saw the fourth fastest driver and this time it was David Manning. Richard Tompkins second fastest time saw him go to the break just over a second quicker than Arnold who was followed by David Manning and Simon Robson.

In the production class Laura Dudley had a real battle with Rachel Lane for the first three tests but then Rachel had a storming fourth test, setting a time some eight seconds quicker than Laura, putting her into a lead she was not relinquish for the rest of the day.

Not to be outdone her Dad flew round the first test after lunch to set fastest time, establishing an overall lead after Richard set a particularly slow time. Although Richard fought back with some fast times it wasn't enough and Arnold retained his position for the rest of the day to set FTD.

Simon Robson had been creeping up the leader board to finish third overall ahead of David Manning, Bob Tatum and Roger Dudley.

	Arnold Lane	Richard Tompkins	Simon Robson	David Manning	Bob Tatum	Roger Dudley	Peter Manning
TEST	Mini	Imp	Liege	Mini	Panda	Mini	Mini
1	41.2	42.1	42.4	42.2	43.0	43.5	44.1
2	73.3	71.9	75.4	75.2	74.2	77.3	78.2
3	116.3	115.3	119.6	117.2	119.0	121.6	122.7
4	147.0	145.9	150.8	147.7	150.3	154.2	154.3
5	184.4	189.1	189.2	187.7	189.4	195.8	194.8
6	233.3	237.8	239.2	239.7	242.6	244.6	247.7
7	278.7	284.5	285.6	285.4	288.9	290.5	295.5
8	309.8	313.9	314.7	315.3	317.9	321.2	327.3
9	350.9	354.8	354.2	356.5	359.7	361.1	367.2
10	385.1	387.3	388.1	390.4	392.5	395.1	401.2
Overall	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Award	FTD	1st A	1st C/D	2nd A	3rd A		