

"Absolutely fantastic! To someone who has only just started out it had just the right balance of the serious and fun parts we've kept talking about! The trial was alien to me, and the testing was great but nerve racking with all the memory work to do, where the solo courses were highly intuitive and with clear pointer cones laying down it was harder to get it wrong than go the right way!



John enjoying the SOLO

With the cars only using forward gears also, it would definitely be something you could do in your every day car without breaking a drive shaft every week, and something I intend to continue with after the drive competition ends.

Half way through I'd say that the solo has been the real highlight for me, something which if familiar with the car I think Julian and I both could have pushed our way up the class considerably...I wouldn't say there have been any "lows" at all. Whilst the trial was difficult, I like a challenge and I'm looking forward to taking what I learned the first time into the next one..."

Julian also had an enjoyable day at the SOLO and the Autotest and had these comments to make on them as well as our DRIVE programme in it's entirety:



Julian on test at the SOLO

"With a total of four out of six events total under our belts both myself and John have really stepped up to the mark. With each of us raring to go the Loughborough AutoSOLO a few weeks ago began. And this time a whole new discipline to be learnt. A highly enjoyable day, however unfortunately, hats off to John, once again he beat me in our little micra. Nevertheless John coming 6th in class and myself 8th each of us went home happy.

Next was the second and last Autotest for John and I. Boy were we surprised at just how complicated those courses could be!

Despite the pitiful attempts at remembering the test we were rushed in to a very wet round one.

Once again John scoring consistent times and small amounts of penalties he had beaten me again. Even though I still had a great time and am thoroughly looking forward to our next event."

The next event is the Ernest Owen Car Trial on the 28th September at Catton Hall-the boy's second attempt at mastering the off-road technique. Good luck to both of them in their last two events!

Full reports of the last two events for DRIVE 2008 will be in next month's Newsletter!

