

2017 March Brickhill RTV

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BORG and AFLC RTV at Brickhill 5th March

Brickhill is a great RTV site. There is a variety of different types of terrain and ground surfaces to include in the courses.

The weather was not great – not a total down pour of rain but enough first thing in the morning to make the surface damp. Soil just stuck to the tyres, even those with serious mud treads struggled.



It was still a great turnout.



Four courses were laid out.

The first down an open area slope with a few dead leaves on top of dead grass and soil. Put on the brakes and lock all four wheels and just slide on down missing the gates. This was amazing to see as the slope is not that steep;



something on a dry day perhaps a regular car would drive up OK. If you didn't lock the wheels and kept the engine braking to allow you to steer into the gates and through the trees, a turn at the bottom up through another pair of tree. Again, it is thinking in advance on this. You need speed where you lack traction and this ground was giving anything away. Big turn at the bottom of the slope and a sprint up the hill to get to the top for the half way marker. Those hoping to accelerate whilst going up the hill – didn't get to the top!

The second half was tight through the trees and in and out a water hole that was



more mud than water.



Most people lost momentum in the hole and couldn't make the final gates.



The second was down a similar slope as the first but forcing you to cut right past the first tree before hitting the next. A deep hole at the tree actually helped twist the car around. Some people got creative, taking large loops out away and back – all still within the rules so long as you don't cross any existing tracks you make. This helped some but not others.



A couple got stuck with front bumper against the far tree and rear bumper against the near but the benefit of wet ground is it is easier to slide sideways !



Crossing ruts through the gates was not for the faint hearted.

No one was near rolling over but that is not how it felt to the drivers doing the



course.

