

# PRESS INFORMATION

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## First SCAC Autocross Honours to Ford

Despite the pressure of carrying only a slender overnight lead of 0.5sec, Simon Ford extended his lead on Sunday to claim FTD at Torbay MC's Autocross, their first since 1975. The event was the first round of the REIS Southern Counties/ASWMC Autocross Championships and the demanding, undulating course tested the commitment, and the brakes, of all the competitors. Returnee Ben Dixley was the first to show his hand in his Honda Blackbird Special, edging Ford by a healthy 1.4s in the first runs, before a suspected imminent engine failure ruled him out of the chance to claim the honours. Ford resolutely held off a sustained challenge from Jim Hewlett (Special), both drivers gradually getting to grips with their new cars for 2015, as Alan Holly (Mitsubishi Evo) and John Rigden (Subaru Impreza) both pushed hard to try and take the fight to the top two drivers. At the end of day just 0.8 secs covered the top four contenders, with Ford clinging to his slender lead. With the fine weather continuing on the second day, and the track holding up exceptionally well, times continued to tumble on the early runs and as Ford began to feel at ease with his new car he was able to take full advantage of an uncharacteristically under-par run by Hewlett. Holly and Rigden traded tenths as their fight for E2 and overall honours continued, but neither could find the pace to overhaul Ford, who took the first FTD of the 2015 Championship.

**Colin Anderson**

### Class Winners:

A1	Richard Davies (Honda Civic)
A2	Tim Comer (Peugeot 205 GTi)
B	Andy Hoare (BMC Mini)
C	Michael Grant (Ford Fiesta)
D	Roger Brunt (Vauxhall Corsa)
E1	Jim Hewlett (Special)
E2	Alan Holly (Mitsubishi Evo)
G2	Barry Pavey (Toyota MR2)
Best Lady	Christina Hoare (BMC Mini)
<b>FTD</b>	<b>Simon Ford (Honda Special)</b>



### Photographs attached:

Simon Ford (Honda Special) (Photo – Rupert Barker)  
Simon Ford (Honda Special) (2) (Photo – Colin Anderson)

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