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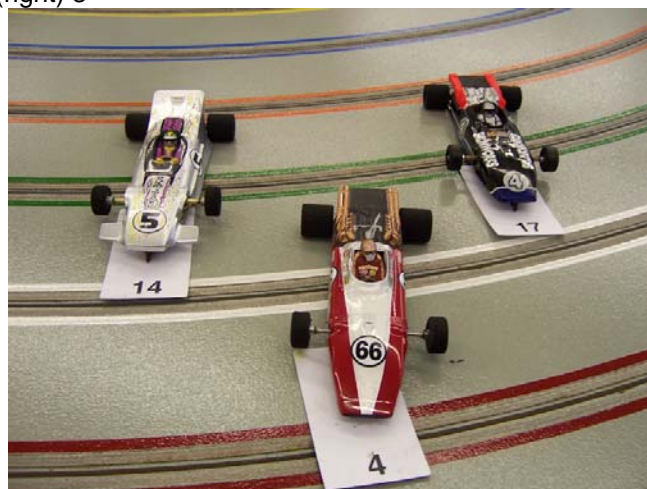
The Final Event!
Kisling and Kohr Prevail
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Speed Zone in Mount Holly, NJ was host to the final event of the Retro East™ 2010-2011 Winter Series. While I expected a pretty good turn out I never expected we would have the largest field that we have had all year at any of our events. Note that some of the regulars couldn't make it either!

Concours was won by Roger Ruggieri's Cooper with Hip Culy's Lotus 49 (left) 2nd and Randy Kohr's Cooper (right) 3rd

The races today would give us the results for the overall winner of the series as well as the folks who would make the top 3 in the Formula 1 and Can-Am classes. A full finals result report is being issued separately.



A total of 58 entrants made their way to South Jersey to give it a go on the beautiful Engleman. This track is a blast to drive and is not just a punch bowl either.

Qualifying got underway and the times looked good. No records were broken but it was only a difference of .001 between the TQ man Jay Kisling and Matt Bruce.



There would be a total of 4 Mains run with the usual 2 move-ups from each. First up was the D Main.

D Main Recap

The D Main was smooth and Hip Culy wasted no time in taking and holding the lead. The battle for the 2nd move-up spot was a good one with our own Jersey John holding off Phil Badger and Larry Cyr, using one of my loaners. Phil just got by Larry for the final podium spot.

F1 Event

Formula 1 would be up first for the day. We had 24 entrants for this one and the field looked great.

Hip Culy took the win (center) with (left) Jersey John Molnar 2nd and (right) Phil Badger 3rd.



B Main Recap

The B Main had a pretty good line up so the race for the 2 move-up spots was going to be a good one for sure. At stake too were the needed points for the overall in the F1 class. I jumped into the lead with Roger Ruggieri right on my heels. Ray Duran and Mike Katz were right there with us. On any other day this could have been an A main. The racing remained tight and Roger prevailed over me for the win but we both moved up.

Roger Ruggieri took the win (center) with (left) Noose 2nd and (right) Ray Duran 3rd.



D Main Results:

1. Hip Culy - 229 Laps – Best Time 5.878
2. Jersey John - 223 – 5.9295
3. Phil Badger - 221 – 5.9291
4. Larry Cyr - 221 – 5.9297
5. Jeff Bates – 208 – 6.097
6. Ed Hilland – 206 - **5.601 – Fast Time of the main**

C Main Recap

It's not too often you see some of the names that were in the C-Main. Guys like Ed Sohl and Dale Granger are usually right up there at the top of the field for sure. Ed got right to it and we all wondered if he was going to have another "enduro" day but alas it was not to be as he got slam jammed as we say and broke.

Hip Culy took the win again (center) with (left) Matt Ramirez 2nd and (right) Dale Granger 3rd.



B Main Results

1. Roger Ruggieri – 244 Laps – Best time 5.706
2. Noose – 242 – 5.710
3. Ray Duran – 240 – 5.706
4. Mike Katz – 239 - 5.816
5. Matt Ramirez – 239 - **5.648 - Fast Time of the main**
6. John Streisguth – 235 - 5.819
7. Doug Murphey – 234 – 5.706
8. Hip Culy – 231 – 5.819

A Main Time!

Another tough Retro East™ A Main! The only question was whether Jay Kisling would continue his dominance in F1. He did in this one for sure by taking the win by a margin of 9 laps. That usually doesn't happen. Matt Bruce did not have a good start but climbed right back to finish behind Jay and Wes Pikunis came prepared for this one because he was trying to get the 3rd spot in the overall from me and Roger. He got close and ran a great race. And so Jay Kisling earned the F1 Class Championship with this win and tightened the difference in the overall Championship with Matt.

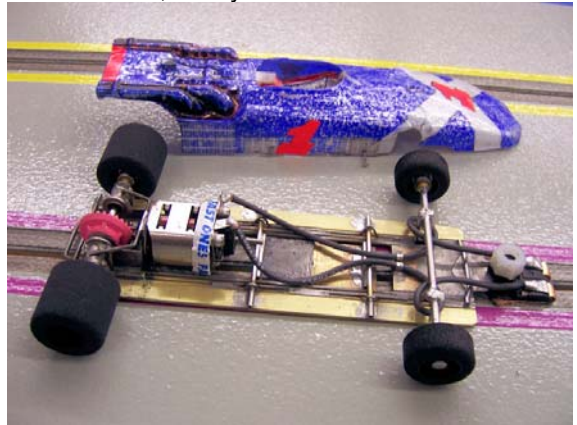
C Main Results

1. Hip Culy
2. Matt Ramirez
3. Dale Granger
4. Steve Vogt
5. Jersey John
6. Phil Badger
7. James Bennett
8. Ed Sohl

Matt Bruce 2nd (left), Jay Kising 1st,
Wes Pikunis (right) 3rd.



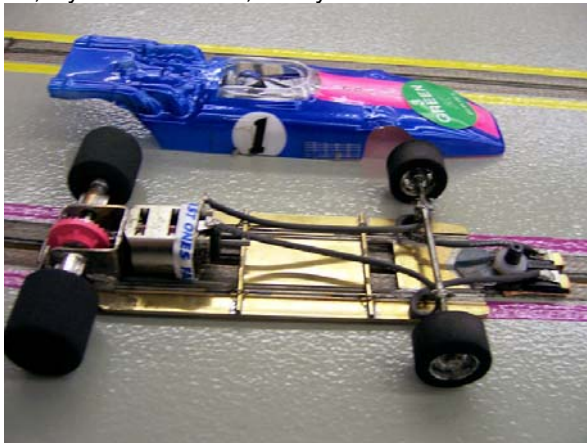
Matt's car: Samson chassis, 109.1 grams, Fast Ones ProSlot, OS Cooper, 7/27, JK Guide, JK Treated Rears, JK / Bruce Fronts, 3rd Eye Controller.



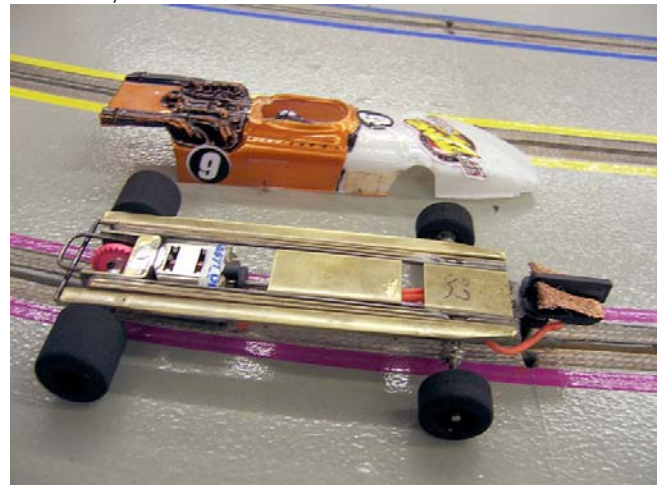
A Main Results

1. Jay Kising 253 Laps – Best Time 5.487 & fast time of the main
2. Matt Bruce - 244 Laps – 5.597
3. Wes Pikunis – 244 – 5.539
4. Roger Ruggieri – 243 – 5.597
5. Randy Kohr – 240 – 5.706
6. Ray Carlisi – 234 – 5.707
7. Noose – 234 – 5.710
8. Mac McPherson – 234 - 5.488

Jay's car: Samson chassis, 113.7 grams, Fast Ones ProSlot, OS Cooper, 7/28, Parma Guide, JK Treated Rears, Cyr / Mac Fronts, 3rd Eye Controller.



Wes' car: Samson chassis, 114.8 grams, Fast Ones ProSlot, OS Cooper, 7/28, JK Guide, JK Treated Rears, JK Fronts, Difalco HD 30 Controller.



Can-Am Event

The premier event. The battle for the overall driver's Championship. The crowning of the Can-Am class King. Could Jay take overall Championship for a second time? Would Matt finish second again 4 years in a row? It was race time folks so let's see what happened.

We had 34 entrants for this one. This was the largest regular race field ever in Retro East™ and only 1 less entrant than at the Fall Brawl (35).

Concours had some new inners this time. Ed Hilland's JK Ti22 (center) was 1st, (left) 2nd, was Hip Culy's OS Ti22, and Roger Ruggieri's OS Ti22 (right) was 3rd.



Qualifying got underway and the times were fast. It looked like you had to be in the low 5.2s to make the A main for sure. Proverbial TQ Man John Gorski got the TQ spot and the only one to get into the 5.1s. It was surprising to see who was in the lower mains as most would normally be near the top.

We would run 5 mains with the E having a 10 man round robin.

E Main Recap

As expected this was going to be a close one. The competition was great. Newcomer Adam Chayla got his very fist podium in his first retro event! He gave it everything he had to get by Phil Badger and Jeff Bates for the move-up. Larry Cyr ran a great race along with other newcomers Ed Hilland and Ed Chayla. Jersey John had some issues and lost a lot of time in this one.

Phil Badger 2nd, Adam Chayla 1st, Jeff Bates 3rd



E Main Results

1. Adam Chayla – 228 Laps – 5.980 Best Time
2. Phil Badger – 227 – 5.871
3. Jeff Bates – 224 – 5.707 – Fast time of the main
4. Larry Cyr – 222 - 5.980
5. Ed Hilland – 222 – 6.038
6. Steve Vogt – 221 – 5.820
7. Ed Chayla – 214 – 6.089
8. James Bennett – 212 – 5.866
9. Frank Giordano – 207 – 5.882
10. Jersey John – 5.882

D Main Recap

Yeah, OK, so here I was in the D Main. OMG Enduro day laid ahead I hoped. The cars I had ready didn't work in the morning and had no time to get anything else set-up so I went with an old reliable car but I know it needed more motor. Meanwhile, Wes Pikunis was in need of a ride. As usual, I say "here take this one" and **the curse continued**. LOL Of course I never even tried that car because it was planned to be a loaner for another guy who didn't take it. Lessoned learned? Probably not.

It turned out to be quite a race. For most heats Wes and I ran side by side. He got a lead when I went to the top lanes and drove great to hold onto it. Meanwhile, Rapid Rick Raducha, or as we call him "Hooked On Retro Rick", drove great and got the 3rd podium spot. At that time, one of the racers who had qualified for the C Main had an emergency and had to leave thus enabling Rick to also move up.

Noose (left) 2nd, Wes Pikunis (center) 1st, Rapid Rick (right) 3rd



D Main Results

1. Wes P – 246 Laps – Best Time & Fast Time of Main- 5.594
2. Noose – 243 – 5.597
3. Rapid Rick – 241 – 5.758
4. Phil Badger – 235 – 5.660
5. Adam Chayla – 233 – 5.819
6. Hip Culy – 230 - 5.648
7. Mac McPherson – 229 – 5.757
8. Bill Sutton – 3 – Broken Guide & Chassis

C Main Recap

Once again, on any other race day this could have been an A Main. Tough competition in these parts! Wes continued to NOT FOLLOW team orders LOL. He took the lead and ran with it for another win in this one. Meanwhile, I had Mike Katz nipping at me and Roger Ruggieri and John Streisguth right with him for that 2nd move-up spot. Katz would get the 3rd podium just ahead of Roger.

Noose (left) 2nd, Wes Pikunis (center) 1st,
Mike Katz (right) 3rd



C Main Results

1. Wes P – 253 – 5.484
2. Noose – 245 – 5.538
3. Mike Katz – 244 – 5.593
4. Roger Ruggieri – 244 - 5.600
5. John Streisguth – 243 – 5.6012
6. Vinny Spina – 226 – 5.6010
7. Rapid Rick – 213 – 5.648
8. Mike Mankin – 207 - **5.483 Fast Time of the Main**

B Main Recap

It was futile to have We follow team orders. LOL He was on a roll! He had a bit more of a challenge in this one though. Ray Duran was fast and local Tony Lang had a rocket. I had some front tire issues as did Wes in the last main actually. Seems the rubber didn't want to stay on the hub. Hmm...oh well. Good day anyway. The top 3 went at it while the rest of us bounced back forth in position.

Wes P (left) 2nd, Ray Duran (center) 1st,
Tony Lang (right) 3rd



B Main Results

1. Ray Duran 252 Laps – Best Time & **Fast Main Time 5.383**
2. Wes P – 251 – 5.437
3. Tony Lang – 250 - 5.430
4. Ray Carlisi – 246 – 5.546
5. Ed Sohl – 245 – 5.499
6. Doug Murphey – 242 – 5.546
7. Al Pollack – 237 – 5.6016
8. Noose – 237 – 5.6013

A Main Recap

The final event. The last race. The battle for the crown. It's was A Main time! Whoosh they were off. For the first few heats it was a back and forth thing between Randy Kohr, Matt Bruce and John Gorski. At one point they were inches apart. Mr. Daytona Bill Gerhart was giving it a run but would end the season as he began it on this track with a win. Jay Kisling had some troubles in the first two heats and was making a run for it now. Dale Granger was at the back and I believe Wes ran out of gas. Dang youngins.

Matt charged hard and so was Jay. Randy had a body pin issue but it didn't stop him from holding onto the lead. Matt had 2nd locked and the battle for 3rd was on between Jay and Gorski with Jay getting it.

Matt Bruce (left) 2nd, Randy Kohr (center) 1st,
Jay Kisling (right) 3rd

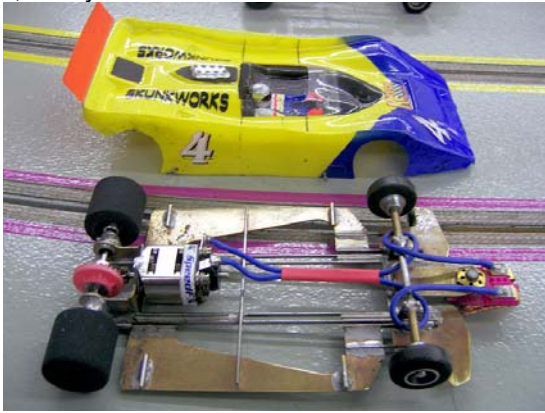


And with his finish Matt Bruce captured the Can-Am Class for the series. As for the overall Driver's Champion, well you will have to stay tuned for the Special Report. The points had to be figured out. I brought the laptop for that this day.

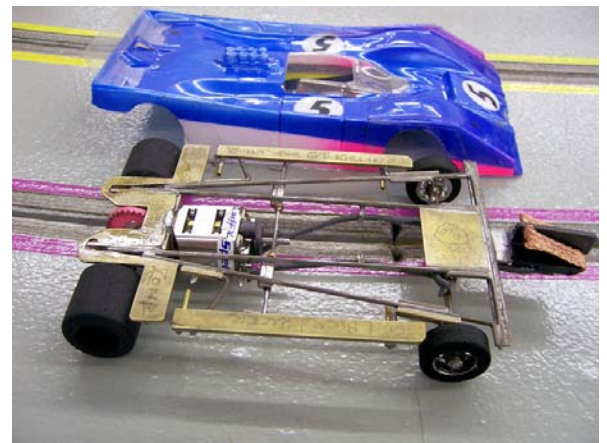
A Main Results

- Meanwhile, here are the results from the A Main.
1. Randy Kohr – 256 Laps – 5.429 Best Time
 2. Matt Bruce – 255 – 5.382
 3. Jay Kisling – 252 – 5.390
 4. John Gorski – 252 - 5.266 – **Fast Time of the Main**
 5. Ray Duran – 252 – 5.374
 6. Bill Gerhart – 244 – 5.491
 7. Dale Granger – 240 – 5.539
 8. Wes P – 234 – 5.491

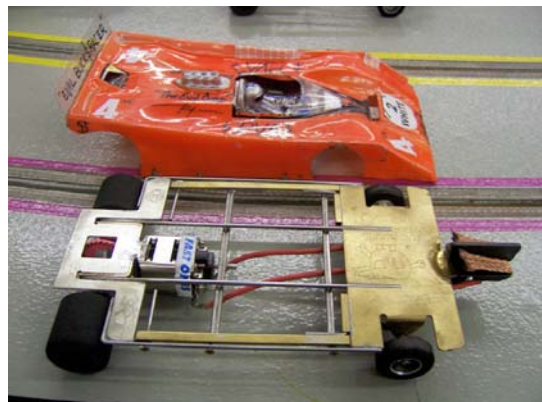
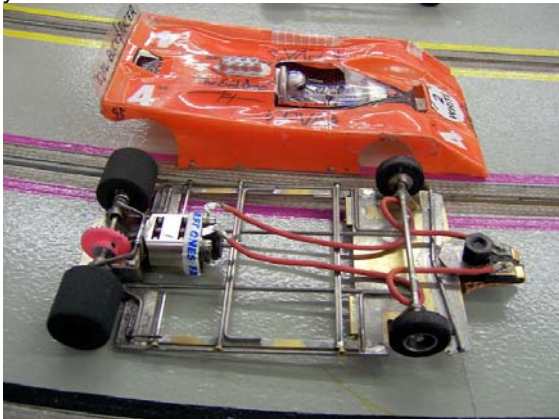
Randy's car: Skunkworks chassis, 106.3 grams, ProSlot, JK TI22, 8/29, Red Fox Guide, JK Treated Rears, Sonic Fronts, 3rd Eye Controller



Jay's car: Tony P Triagra chassis, ProSlot, OS TI22, 8/30, Parma Guide, JK Treated Rears, Cyr / Mac Fronts, 3rd Eye Controller



Matt's car: Tony P Project X chassis, ProSlot, OS TI22, 8/29, JK Guide, JK Treated Rears, Sonic / Bruce Fronts, 3rd Eye Controller



Well that's it for another fun packed, competitive Retro East Winter Series race.

Thanks to Jay and the whole Speed Zone crew, especially "Mrs. Sarge" who was very busy putting the results up to the web, taking food orders and handling everything else that day!

Thanks of course to all the racers who made this event very memorable. And Wes – you can not follow team orders anytime when you drive like that! LOL

The Spring Summer Series kicks off on April 9, 2011 with GT Coupes and Jail Door GP cars at Dom's Raceway in Creamridge, NJ.

CYA!