

RETRO East™

Skunkworks and Aeros – Gerhart and Kisling
Gorski Sr. Memorial Race
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Speed Zone in Mount Holly, NJ was host to the first of the Retro East™ Winter Series races. As is now the tradition, the first race is also known as the John Gorski Sr. Memorial Race honoring the great controller builder of the 60s and father to John Gorski Jr.

Can-Am Event

Can-Am would be up first on the 220 Engleman. We had 23 entries and it looked to be a good race day as the track felt and looked fast. As always it is was in superb condition.



Concours was won by Steve Vogt's McLaren M6 with Roger Ruggeri's (left) TI-22 2nd and Dale Granger's (right) TI22.



Qualifying got underway and the times looked good. Perennial jet John Gorski wasted no time taking the TQ spot with a new Retro East™ track record. Bill Gerhart and Randy Kohr also broke the old record. 11 year old Mikey Iles jetted his way into the A Main!



John Von Ahrens Hollywood Gorski - TQ

Qualifying Results:

A Main Sit-outs

1. John Gorski – 5.179 – New Record
2. Bill Gerhart – 5.188
3. Randy Kohr – 5.215
4. Matt Bruce – 5.318
5. Dale Granger – 5.330
6. Mikey Iles – 5.407

B Main Sit-outs

7. Ray Carlisi – 5.474
8. Jay Kisling – 5.486
9. Mike Iles – 5.491
10. John Streisguth – 5.537
11. Roger Ruggieri – 5.547
12. Noose – 5.583

C Main Sit-outs

13. Wes P – 5.6073
14. Ron Pearson – 5.6077
15. Don Wepy – 5.609
16. Chip Adams
17. Jersey John Molnar – 5.644
18. Mike Katz – 5.665

D Main Sit-outs

19. Steve Vogt – 5.673
20. Rob Garner – 5.828
21. Bruce Baughman – 5.837
22. Max Iles – 5.842
- 23 Hip - 6.387

The D Main was smooth and Steve Vogt (center) took the win with (right) Max Iles 2nd and (left) Rob Garner 3rd.



D Main Results:

1. Steve Vogt – 234 laps – Fast Time 5.598
2. Max Iles – 231 – 5.757
3. Rob Garner – 227 – 5.870
4. Bruce Baughman – 224 – 5.980
5. Hip – 222 – 5.761

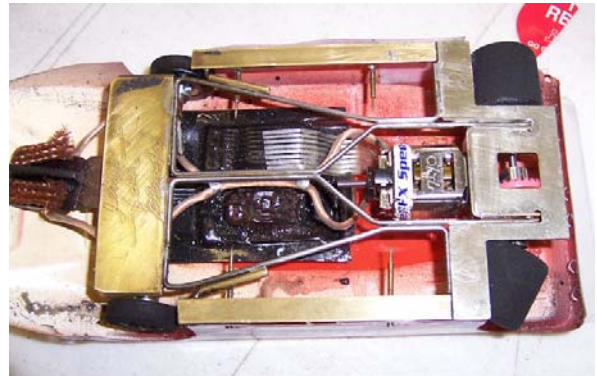
The winner from the last Retro East™ race found himself in an unfamiliar spot. Mike Katz began his Can-Am "Enduro" in the C-Main. Mike won it with Chip Adams 2nd (right) and (left) Max Iles 3rd.



C Main Results

1. Mike Katz 240 Laps – Fast Time 5.659
2. Chip Adams – 237 – 5.660
3. Max Iles – 232 – 5.769
4. Don Wepy – 223 – 5.761
5. Wes P – 191 – 5.710
6. Jersey John Molnar – 187 – 5.819 – Broken Chassis
7. Ron Pearson – 140 – 5.706 - DQ
8. Steve Vogt – 63 – 5.648 – Broken Chassis

Our beloved Jersey John Molnar tried to make a pretzel out of his car in this one. I thought I heard the voice of Tony P saying...."Chips!"



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. It was close until Jay Kisling finally took a comfortable lead for the win and Mike Katz took the other move-up spot in his next enduro stint. Mike Iles (right) was 3rd.



B Main Results

1. Jay Kisling 250 Laps – Fast Time 5.499
2. Mike Katz – 247 – 5.648
3. Mike Iles – 245 – 5.609
4. John Streisguth -245– 5.598
5. Noose – 244 - 5.601
6. Roger Ruggieri – 243 – 5.659
7. Ray Carlisi – 236 – 5.613
8. Chip Adams – 231 – 5.820

Ahhh...A Main Time!

Some of the best retro racers in the country and surely in Retro East™ took the starting line for the A Main. Talk about being boring as a marshal. Sheesh. They don't come off! LOL Well there were a few "dumps" and one proved a wee bit costly at the end for someone.

Matt Bruce jumped into the lead and held on pretty well as Randy Kohr and Bill Gerhart ran side-by-side right behind him. John Gorski had a couple of those dumps but was jetting back. Jay Kisling had one that tweaked things and pulled out. About mid-way through, Randy and Billy dropped it into high gear and were off. Randy stayed out in front right ahead of Billy. Matt and John meanwhile were dicing for 3rd place. Dale Granger was right behind.

In the last heat Randy had his "dump" for the day and it gave Billy the lead that he would not relinquish making it 2 Gorski Sr. Memorial Wins!

Randy Kohr 2nd (left), Bill Gerhart 1st, John Gorski (right) 3rd.



Billy and John holding an immortal Gorski Controller made famous by John's dad.



A Main Results

1. **Bill Gerhart 260 Laps (New Record)** – Fast Time 5.3820
2. Randy Kohr – 259 – **5.320 (New Record)**
3. John Gorski – 254 – 5.378
4. Matt Bruce – 254 - 5.488
5. Dale Granger – 251 – 5.429
6. Mike Katz – 244 – 5.601
7. Mikey Iles – 236 - 5.391
8. Jay Kisling – 32 – 5.550

Billy's car: Skunkworks chassis, ProSlot, JK TI22, 8/29, Red Fox Guide, JK Wonder Rears, JK Fronts, 3rd Eye Controller.

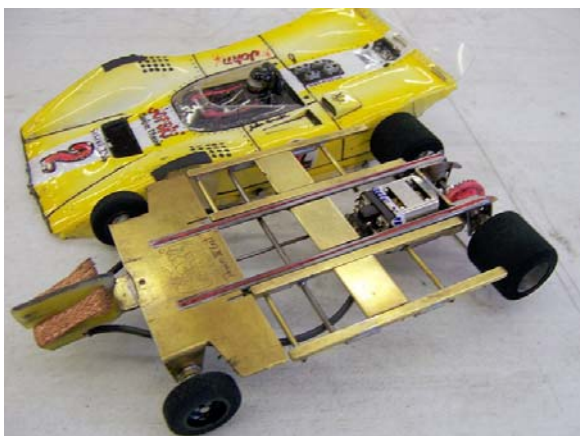


Randy's car: Skunkworks chassis, ProSlot, OS TI22, 8/29, Red Fox Guide, Alpha Wonder Rears, JK Fronts, 3rd Eye Controller.





John's Car: Gorski chassis, grams, ProSlot, Noose MAC Lola T160, 8/28, Red Fox Guide, Alpha Medium Wonder Rears, JK Fronts, 3rd Eye Controller.



GT Coupes Event

Time for the real racers to show what they are worth. It was time for the GT Coupe race on the new "Jersey Devil" flat track. From my point of view, this is a fantastic flat track. I only wish I had the time to have gotten a lot more practice on it. The good news is at least I knew I had a decent car after I let Chris Radisich and Jay Kisling try it in practice. Watching them cut some fast times at least made me feel good for the moment. I'll get my hours in before we see it again at the Fall Brawl.

We had a field of 19 and of them these were the Concours winners.

Matt Bruce 1st, (left) 2nd, Bruce Baughman, Hip Curly (right) 3rd.



Qualifying got underway and the flat track gurus showed their worth for sure. Of course, all times, laps, etc. set at this race established the Retro East™ records for this track and class. Chris Radisich took the TQ spot.



Qualifying Results: A Main Sit-outs

1. Chris Radisich – 5.586
2. Jay Kisling – 5.623
3. Randy Kohr – 5.685
4. Max Iles – 5.707
5. Roger Ruggieri – 5.802
6. Mikey Iles – 5.819

B Main Sit-outs

7. Bill Gerhart – 5.856
8. Dale Granger – 5.896
9. Matt Bruce – 5.897
10. Ray Carlisi – 5.911
11. Mike Katz – 5.945

C Main Sitouts

12. Wes P – 5.975
13. Chip Adams – 6.117
14. John Streisguth – 6.142
15. Noose – 6.270

- 16. Don Wepy – 6.608
- 17. Hip Culy– 6.628
- 18. Bruce Baughman – 7.7036

Special Note: Mike Iles did qualify 5th overall but had to leave to go race his real car. From what we heard and the fact he returned later on I think it was “chips” for the motor.

There was a rumble for sure then as we heard something outside and upon investigation it was this beautiful Willy’s street rod.



The C Main would prove to be “velly interesting grasshopper” because after the 5th heat we had some eessshhuueees. It was unfortunate of course and yeah..it did hold up things for an hour but all was repaired and we resumed. Apparently the rug along the driver’s panel moved and discombobulated the fixin’s under there causing a short. Thanks to Chris Radisich, Matt Bruce and Jay Kisling we go it fixed and were able to resume. Way to go guys.

So of course now, as is usually the case, my loaner car was jettin by me as local Chip Adams (yeah he knows flat tracks) took the win of the C Main with John Streisguth in 2nd for the other move-up spot. I took the 3rd spot. I thought it was pretty neat that a 2 year old chassis I built even worked on this track. **What is more impressive is that after the B Main, this TSR motor now has 7 full races on it and it is still alive!**

John Streisguth 2nd, Chip Adams 1st, Noose 3rd



C Main Results

1. Chip Adams 217 Laps
2. John Streisguth – 212
3. Noose – 205
4. Hip Culy– 188
5. Don Wepy – 188
6. Bruce Baughman – 185

* Sorry no fast times captured for this one due to the eeeessshhuueees

B Main time. Yeah, OK, so he didn’t have a lot of time on this track but it didn’t take him long to get it down pretty well if you ask me. Matt Bruce grabbed the lead and never let it go in this one. The real battle was for the 2nd move-up spot between Wes P and Chip Adams (remember- Noose Loaner car). Wes prevailed just beating out Chip.

Chip Adams (left) 3rd, Matt Bruce 1st, Wes P (right) 2nd



B Main Results

1. Matt Bruce – 236 Laps – 5.757 Fast Time
2. Wes P – 227 – 5.878
3. Chip Adams – 227 – 5.820
4. Ray Carlisi – 225 – 5.929
5. Mike Katz – 223 - 6.038
6. John Streisguth – 217 – 6.152
7. Dale Granger – 214 – 6.090
8. Bill Gerhart - 201 – 5.930 (Controller problem)

A Main time once again. Hmm...local knowledge at work here? Heck yeah! But...the man with all the skills

from back in the day made the A Main here and so Roger Ruggieri showed why he was so good running these tracks with Howie Ursaner and Sandy Gross back then.

Matt jumped into the lead with Jay Kisling right there. Randy Kohr was in it and Chris Radisich had a controller issue from the start that caused him to lose some time. Matt did what he could to hold off Jay but the King of Koupes aka "Capo Kisling" came hard and fast to take the lead and the win. Chris Radisich made up some of that lost time and got the 3rd podium spot.

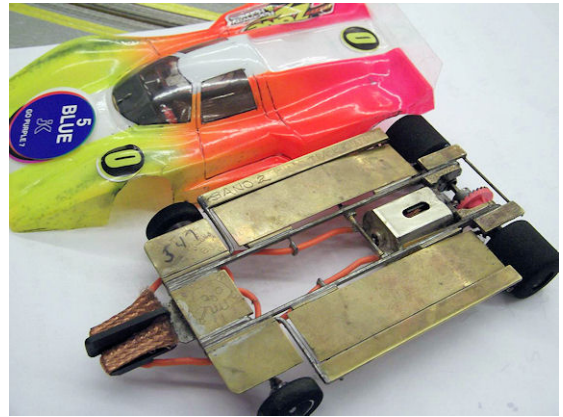
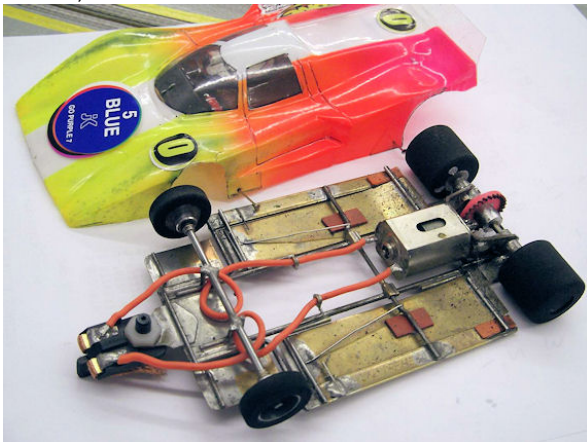
Matt Bruce (left) 3rd, Jay Kisling 1st, Chris Radisich (right) 3rd



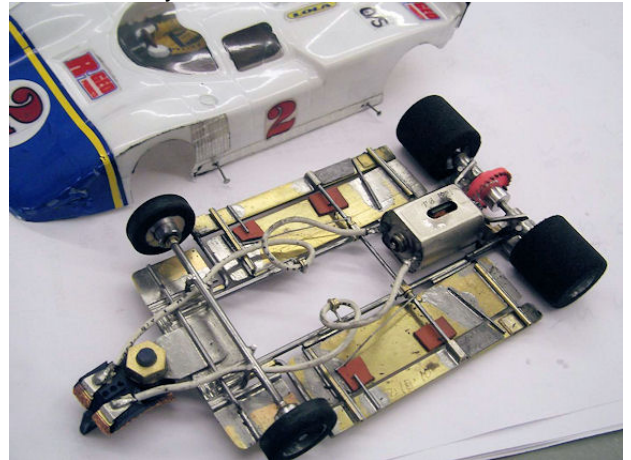
A Main Results

1. Jay Kisling – 237 Laps – Fast Time 5.648
2. Matt Bruce – 236 – 5.761
3. Chris Radisich – 235 – 5.711
4. Randy Kohr – 230 - 5.711
5. Wes P – 229 – 5.820
6. Mikey Iles – 227 – 5.710
7. Roger Ruggieri – 5.981
8. Max Iles – 219 – 5.929

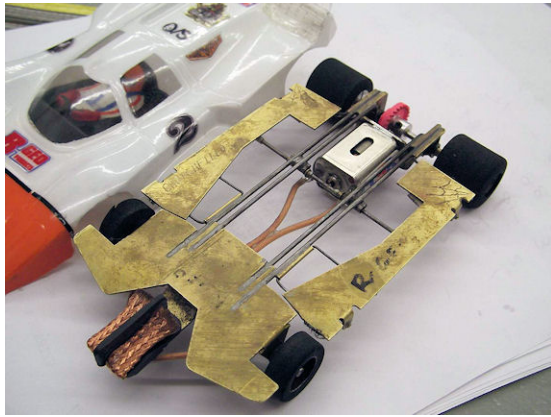
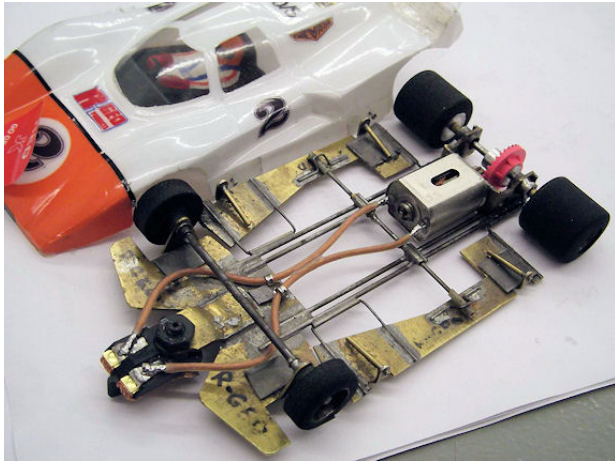
Jay's Car: Tony P Aero chassis, 111.6 grams, Falcon 7, 8/28, OS Chevron, JK Guide, Alpha Untreated Rears, JK Fronts, Difalco Controller.



Matt's Car: Tony P Aero chassis, 112 grams, Falcon 7, 7/28, OS Lola T70, JK Guide, Gilbert, Untreated Rears, JK Fronts, 3rd Eye Controller



Chris' Car: R-Geo Crutchfield chassis, 110.5 grams, TSR, OS Lola T70, Red Fox Guide, Alpha Untreated Rears, R-Geo Fronts, Kiwi Controller.



Remember we have 13 race dates, 26 points races and guys will get to throw out their lowest 10 scores. Whew..I get to lose this one on the flat track! LOL

Now, we all know that the GRRR guys have "Joey" well we have our mascot too. Here is Mike Iles giving instructions to Jay Kisling's lil buddy Curly.



As you will see, the title of this Race Report led off with Skunkworks and Aeros. When you check out the Constructors points below, you will see why I chose it. The Skunkworks chassis and, in particular, Tony Ps Aero chassis are tied for the lead. I only gave the nod to Skunkworks since it won the Can-Am – premier event.

Up next: Can-Am and GT Coupes at the World Famous Port Jefferson Raceway on September 25, 2010!

So after the first 2 races here's how the points look.

Drivers	9/11/10		Can-Am	F1	GTC	SC	Total
	SZ	SZ					
	CA	GTC					
Matt Bruce	15	18	15	0	18	0	33
Randy Kohr	18	15	18	0	15	0	33
Jay Kisling	11	20	11	0	20	0	31
Bill Gerhart	20	5	20	0	5	0	25
Mikey Iles	12	13	12	0	13	0	25
Mike Katz	13	8	13	0	8	0	21
Dale Granger	14	6	14	0	6	0	20
Roger Ruggieri	7	12	7	0	12	0	19
Chris Radisich		17	0	0	17	0	17
John Gorski	17		17	0	0	0	17
John Streisguth	9	7	9	0	7	0	16
Wes P	2	14	2	0	14	0	16
Chip Adams	5	10	5	0	10	0	15
Max Iles	4	11	4	0	11	0	15
Ray Carlisi	6	9	6	0	9	0	15
Noose	8	4	8	0	4	0	12
Mike Iles	10		10	0	0	0	10
Don Wepy	3	2	3	0	2	0	5
Hip Culy		3	0	0	3	0	3
Bruce Baughman		1	0	0	1	0	1
Jersey John Molnar	1		1	0	0	0	1

Concours	SZ	SZ	
	CA	GTC	
			Total
Steve Vogt	3		3
Matt Bruce		3	3
Roger Ruggieri	2		2
Bruce Baughman		2	2
Dale Granger	1		1
Hip Culy		1	1

Constructors	SZ	SZ	
	CA	GTC	
			Total
Tony P	15	20	35
Skunkworks	20	15	35
Samson	12	14	26
Katz	13	9	22
Streisguth	9	7	16
R-Geo Crutchfield		16	16
Gorski	16		16
Noose		10	10
Wepy	3	2	5
JJ	1		1