

THORL

The HO Racing League

Welcome to the latest THORL newsletter.

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THORL 2015/16 Round 9 @ Larkfield. July 2016 - Race Report

For the THORL season Finale, Larkfield Slot Car Club, near Maidstone would be the hosts.

The Larkfield 1/32 track was used as a basis to lay the AFX and BSTS track upon.

With the track making a few extra runs up the length of the table, the longest track of the season was created (151.46ft).



The 'usual' THORL faces were joined by Phil Rees and John 'Razor' Lamb, travelling from Derby, bringing along Lexan bodies, body clips and more 3D printed goodies.

The morning kicked off with the 19 racers beginning the Open Wheel Qualifying.

All 19 drivers raced for 12 minutes, with the 3 best scores counting.

Larkfields Gary Hobden was the fastest qualifier. 2nd was Andy, and Ash in 3rd.

Championship Leader Elliot qualified 7th. Maybe it was the Pizza?



The first of the finals, and it was Sofia, John, Louis and Carol. Carol was the victor, and stepped into the 'E' Final.

The Winner of the 'E' was FLBT's Marc, very closely followed by Carol less than half a lap behind. In the 'D', it was starting to get very close, with Henry and Nick doing battle. Both drivers being separated by just over half a lap. Nick would step up into the C final.

The C was won by Clive, who was up against DHORCs Phil, Dave and Nick.

In the 'B' Elliot looked like he had regained his form, and won from Mick, Clive and Tony.

The Final Open Wheel race of the season saw FLBT's Andy, against Larkfields Gary, Ash and Elliot. Ash took the early lead, but it was Gary who kept it on track, and continued to victory from Andy, Elliot and Ash.

Gary would be the 7th different winner in the open class this season.



A gorgeous lunch of Fish and Chips was delivered for lunch, re-energising all for the afternoon races.

It would be the last time the Grand Touring class would be run, and the end of an era for cars such as Marchon, Lifelike, and the SRT.

7 Drivers took part in the class, with Phil and John having a great SRT vs Super G+ battle. No surprise that Callum was the fastest Qualifier, with a Marchon which has always been quick, when it could be kept in the slot. Dave H was very close behind with a more consistent qualifying.

Highlights were Louis who was having a great day, winning 3 of his mixed qualifiers against the LMP classes.

First of the 2 finals, and Andys SRT was the pace setter against Louis, John and Phil. Andy would step into the A final, and Phil would be the leading DHORC driver ahead of John.

The A final was won by Callum, incredibly close in matching his best score in the White lane.

Clive was second with his LifeLike, ahead of Dave (using another LifeLike) and Andy.



In Le Mans, the 12 drivers were led by Deane, using a 1.5 Short Wheel base Mega G. Nick Elliot had now re-found form, qualifying second from Mick, and the winner from the morning Gary.

Once qualifying was complete, the first final got underway, with HONKs Carol, Jim and Larkfields Sophia.

Sofia would take victory and move into the C final.

The C saw Sophia joined by Tony, Marc and Ash. Ash seemed slightly off pace, but enjoying the day, and moving up into the B Final.

Ash Joined Henry, Nick and Gary. Nick won the heat and stepped up into the A Final.

Nick joined fellow Larkfield racers Elliot and Mick, alongside Deane.

Nobody else could match the pace of Deanes Jaguar bodied SWB MG, and took the Le Mans Victory from Nick, Elliot and Mick.

Next Season, the Le Mans battle continues!!!

In very fitting last race of the day, as many people as we could coerce, would take part in last ever PRO MOD race.

Cars and Chassis were dug out for one last blast of these immensely quick pocket rockets.

Dave Peters who had been at the Goodwood Festival of Speed, joined the 15 other racers in the action.

An eclectic mix of Wizzard, Slottech, Viper amongst others, banged round the track in sub 7 and 8 second laps.

The PRO MOD class was borne from a Wizzard class, which introduced the fastest HO cars to the UK, and PRO MOD evolved with ever quicker cars.

However, sometimes good things must come to an end, and it was its final swansong.



In a rather fitting result, it was John 'Razor' who would win the final race of the season, using a VSR Viper.

Andy finished second using a Viper (PRO 10), and Third was Clive using a Wizzard.

The Winners for the day were:

Open Wheel: Gary Hobden
Le Mans: Deane Walpole
Grand Touring: Callum Norris
Pro Mod: John Lamb
Top Junior: Henry T

After what can only be described as an Epic day, all the drivers were presented with the days Prizes. Many congratulations to all.

Many thanks go to Larkfield for hosting, and everyone who took part. Special thanks go to Phil and John who travelled the long distance from Derby to join us.

As the season comes to an end, Me and Marc wish to thank all those who have raced with us, and to all those who have given up their time to spend many hours setting up the tracks ready for racing the next day.

AFX Racemasters 6hr Endurance Event 2016



July 17th year saw the 8th running of the AFX Racemasters 6hr Endurance race. The race is held atop Pinewood Raceways 1/24th track.

Congratulations to Team Worthing-Derby for winning the 2016 Event.



They won with a grand total of 2171 Laps, a new record. 2nd was AFX FLBT with 2137 laps, 3rd was Larkfield Too with 2066 laps, 4th was SCHORC with 1998 laps and 5th was HONK with 1884 laps. Team Larkfield had to return home early from the event due to a family emergency after completing 177 laps. Thankfully all was ok, and their race fees donated to charities selected by Larkfield SCC.

Many thanks go to Pinewood Raceway, AFX Racemasters, Supertires and Frank The Racer.

All the pictures and full results can be found on the AFX Racemasters Endurance website:
<http://afxenduro.weebly.com>

THORL Championship 2015/16

Congratulations to Elliot who won the THORL Championship, Open Wheel Championship, and Le Mans Championship.



Callum won the Grand Touring Championship.

Clive Won the PRO MOD Championship.

Henry T was the Top Junior.

Larkfield SCC won the Club Challenge.

Pictures and the final standings can be found by following the [Link HERE](#)

THORL Rules 2016/17

The rules for the next racing season see some significant changes.

The morning sessions for Open Wheel Cars stay largely unchanged (Renamed Formula HO).
In the afternoon, Closed Wheel Classes, all racing results will be a total of running on all 4 lanes.

Racers will be able to run in all 3 afternoon classes.

Racers will score THORL Championship points in all classes.

Le Mans Class, running AFX Mega G LMP cars stays unchanged.

Grand Touring and PRO MOD are replaced with the Sports Prototype and GT Jet Classes.

The Sports Prototype class runs either Super G+ or Viper V1 (Pro4 Magnet) Cars, running Lexan type bodies with a Sports Prototype / Group C / LMP theme.

The GT Jet class runs exclusively VSR Viper Jets with brass weights and RazorLite lightweight GT themed bodies.

A full set of the rules are available on the THORL website.

THORL Calendar 2016/17.

The THORL calendar for the upcoming season current stands as below.

The calendar is also available to download as a Google Plus calendar on the websites schedule page.

September 11th - FLBT @ Pinewood Raceway

October 16th - Larkfield

December 4th - FLBT

January 29th - HONK venue TBC.

March 5th - SCHORC

April 2nd - FLBT @ Pinewood

April 30th - Larkfield

June 17th- WHO

We are also looking at holding several non-championship open events during the year, and more details will follow.

THORL Round 1 – September 11th @ Pinewood Raceway, Wokingham, Berks.

Pinewood Raceway will be the venue for the opening round of the 2016/17 THORL season in Wokingham, Berkshire.



The HO track will be laid atop Pinewoods 1/24 large race-track.

All equipment can be provided for racers of all ages and abilities.

Directions and more are available on the website, and on our Facebook event page, where you can sign up for the event.

Andy and Marc wish you a very good summer, and we look forward to seeing many of you next race season.

More details of our events are available on the website and on our [Facebook Page](#). News, information, and the latest results can be found on the [THORL](#) website. Links to other HO Clubs and Organisations can be found in the LINKS page of the website. If you would like to be involved with THORL or would like more information or advice on HO Scale Slot cars, please get in touch. We hope that you have enjoyed reading this newsletter, but if you would prefer not to receive e-mails from THORL, please reply to with 'No Thanks' as the subject.
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