

# THORL

## The HO Racing League

Welcome to the first THORL newsletter of 2016. We hope that you have had a very merry Christmas and had a great time welcoming in the New Year.

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### **THORL 2015/16 Round 3 @ SCHORC December 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**

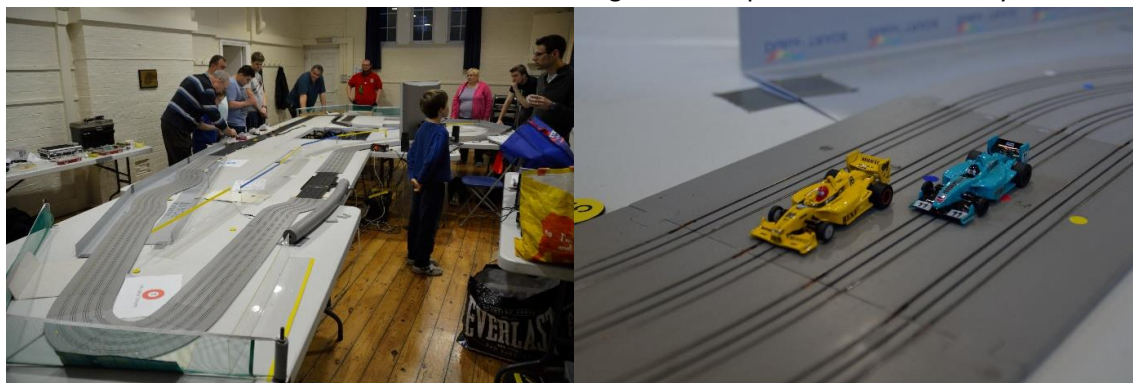
Early December 2015 saw Round 3 of the THORL 2015/16 season hosted by SCHORC, in Yelling Cambridgeshire.

Al and Tony constructed a brilliant track based on the famous Spa race circuit.

The track was a superb layout, with plenty of areas to test the handling of your well prepped car!!

The Chicane was where everyone, at some point fell victim.

Racing soon ensued and it soon emerged that Larkfield's dominance with the new Mega G+ was to continue. Last time winner Ash was using a new 3D printed McLaren body.



A solid and fast paced final saw Elliot take a dominant win in Open Wheel, from Dad Nick, Clive then Ash.

The afternoon commenced with the heats for Grand Touring and Le Mans Classes.

The GT A final was a battle against the Marchons of Callum and Al W, vs Clive and Louis. All Callum had to do was keep it in the slot. And that he did. A dominant performance saw him take the GT A final Win.

The Le Mans Finals followed and Larkfields Mega G+ dominance continued with Elliot taking his second win of the day, again from Nick. Al T and Marc rounded out the rest of the LM A Final.

To finish off the day, PRO MOD took place with Alan, Clive, Callum and Mike. This was a VSR V1 vs

Wizzard Battle. 4 heats, of 2 minutes each saw Clive lead early on with his Wizzard from Alan and his V1. Heat 3 saw Alan take the lead, which he took into the 4th and final heat.

Medals were awarded to the winners Elliot, Callum and Alan. Louis was awarded best Junior.

Many thanks go to Al Wood and Tony of SCHORC for hosting and setting up the track. Thanks also go to all for their patience during the fun and games with timing equipment. Just glad there is always a backup...

More results, the championship tables and pictures are on the THORL Website and on our Facebook Album.

### **THORL Round 4 - January 24<sup>th</sup> @ Pinewood Raceway, Wokingham, Berks.**

THORL returns to Pinewood Raceway for the fourth round in the THORL season.

This time, we will be racing atop their new 1/32 track.

All equipment can be provided for newcomers.

The raceway is just a few miles from the M4. Tea and Coffee will be on offer and food is available from the nearby Café.

Directions and more are available on the website, and on our Facebook event page.

See you at the Raceway.



### **THORL at Swindon Swapmeet.**

Early January sees THORL at the annual Swindon Swapmeet. This is one of the larger slot car events of the year and sees many of the slot car community in one room.

Four Lane Black Top entertains in bringing 3 tracks. Its 1/32 club track, 60ft Drag strip, and in association with THORL, a 4 lane AFX track. Marc and Andy from THORL will be there to answer your HO Questions.

There are plenty of stalls at the meet, and Tony Stacey will be there with his HO stall.



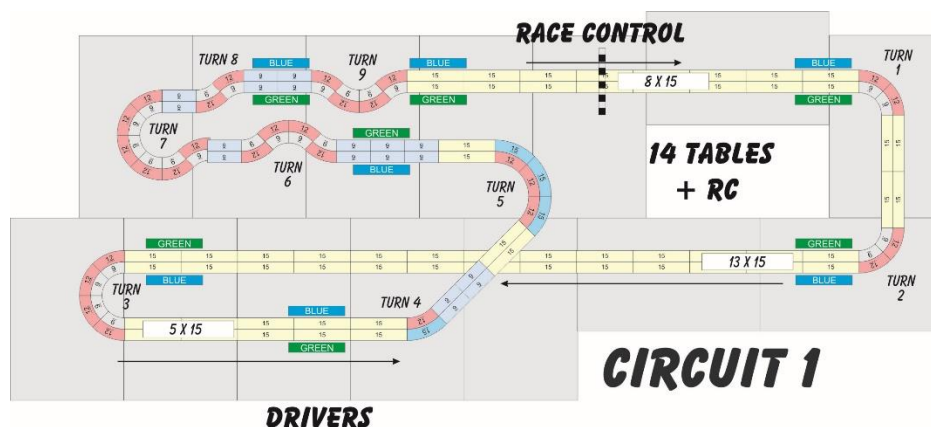
### Celebrating 25 years of HO racing in the UK

On January 31st 1991, C.H.O.R.C held its first meeting, making January 2016 the 25th Anniversary of both C.H.O.R.C and organised HO racing in the UK, the whole being kick-started by an exploratory meeting set up by Dave Cutler at Wood Green, London in October 1990.

1990 was 'The Perfect Storm' for HO, with Dave Cutler's tentative exploratory Open meeting, the Tomy Electronic Lap Counters and GpC Turbo cars coming out around the same time, it suddenly made 'everything' possible.

CHORC was the first club in Jan '91 - that 'key moment' in Oct '90, being the impetus needed to at least give it a try. There was also five open Meetings that year - one at Bedworth jointly organised by Dave Cutler and Trevor Tennant, two at Chesterfield and two other joint efforts - one with CHORC and Dave Cutler at Stansted Airport and one CHORC/Nick Sismey meeting at Derby, in preparation for the first 24hr the following June/ July '92, which was about the same time the second club – DHORC was born.

To mark the occasion, on January 21st CHORC will be turning the clock back to January 31st 1991, so you can see how things were when it all started.



There were no Lifelike, Marchon MR1, Scalextric Micro or Tomy SG+ cars, although the latter came out mid-year and were allowed in 1992, so cars used will be using Tyco 440 F1's and Tomy Turbo and Tyco 440X2 (pan or slimline) cars in the Closed wheel class.

WHO and DHORC will also mark the occasion by using the same track during January although they will run cars, heats and finals to their own rules, as their meetings will be an integral part of their 2016 Championships.

Others are welcome to mark the occasion using the same track plan, or in their own way. Please let Doug at CHORC know about it and send any photos. Many thanks to Doug for the information.

More details 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.

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