

# THORL

The HO Racing League

Welcome to the latest THORL newsletter.

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## **THORL 2015/16 Round 6 @ FLBT March 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Round 6 was Four Lane Black Tops turn to host a THORL round.

Based usually in Marlborough, Wiltshire, FLBT is home to 1/32 racing as its 'normal' racing, but the club also boasts a dedicated group of enthusiastic HO racers.

This time, Devizes, a town a few miles down the road from Marlborough was the location for Round 6.

The FLBT club track was shipped to the unit in Devizes where it was used as a basis for the HO track to be laid atop.

Extender pieces were added to give extra length to the track.

The mixture of AFX track and Brad Bowman BSTS, including banking made the track with a length of 90+ foot. The sweeping track made for some super fast corners for those who were brave enough to push hard enough.



The Morning Open races commenced with the qualifying for the finals. 3 Minute heats with the 3 best lap scores arranging the grid positions.

As the qualifying commenced Clive was showing that the previous version of the AFX Mega G (mk2) was still a contender, placing himself 2nd in qualifying.

Dominant as ever, the racers from Larkfield are still quick, but they are being caught. Andy placing himself 4th and was right in the mix.

It was a close battle for 4th to 10th, with only a lap between each racer over the counted 3 qualifying races.

The Finals commenced, with the winner in each, taking a spot in the final above.

Callum, quick over a flying lap was the first to win against Mum Carol, Joshua and Al Woods father Simon. Callum stepped up into the D Final.

The D final was won by Al Wood, the C final by Nick, and the B was won by Andy.

The A final was a FLBT vs Larkfield race with Mick qualifying on pole from Clive and Elliot. Andy Stepped up from the B Final.

Clive was to take his first Open Wheel win of the THORL season, from Andy, Elliot and Mick. Clive won with just over a lap and a half from the others, with just over 2 laps covering Andy, Elliot and Mick.

Lunch was courtesy of Clive, taking advantage of the fine, if chilly spring weather, with Hot Dogs freshly cooked on the BBQ.



Post lunch, it was time for the 2 afternoon classes.

As per the Morning sessions, the 3 best heats qualify the racer into heats, this time the finals split into the 2 classes, Le Mans and Grand Touring.

In GT, Callum again showed that he was blisteringly quick over the lap, when the Marchon was glued to the track. Callum was the only driver to get into the 5.0 second range. Clive was the top qualifier with his LifeLike, followed by Andy using a SG+ and an SRT. Joshua and Louis battled it out with their weapons of choice, a SG+ Nascar and a LifeLike Nascar.

In Le Mans, Larkfield were in dominant form again, filling the top 4 qualifying spots. FLBTs Marc followed, with Alan T a further 3 laps back. Carol and a struggling Henry was at the rear of the grid.

The GT finals were the first to start with another Junior battle between Louis and Joshua. Joshua emerged the Victor from Louis.

The GT A final was Callums rocket Marchon against all the others, however, Clives consistent run gave him the win over Callum, followed by Andy using a SG+ and Joshua.

Le Mans finals kicked off with Henry winning against Carol. Henry stepped up into the B final against Dad Marc, Ash and Al T. Ash won the B to join the rest of his fellow Larkfield racers in the A.

The A final, an all Larkfield affair was won by Mick, who had driven brilliantly all day, and was his first THORL win. 2nd was Elliot, 3rd Nick, and 4th was Ash.



To Finish the day off, the PRO MOD race took place.

A mixture of Vipers and Wizzards, all with Lexan bodies, saw the fastest laps of the day.

The format was 1 Minute heats, with all 4 lanes counting, and the total lap count deciding the result.

The quick fire race was won by Al T in his Viper running Pro 10 magnets. 2nd was Elliot again a Viper, but with Pro 4 magnets. 3rd and 4th were again Vipers, run by Andy and Marc. The final places were taken by Wizzard runners, Clive, Callum and Henry.

The Winners for the day were:

**Open Wheel: Clive Harland**  
**Grand Touring: Clive Harland**  
**Le Mans: Mick Hobden**  
**Pro Mod: Alan Twiddy**  
**Top Junior: Joshua Whorton**

Many Thanks to Four Lane Black Top for hosting Round 6.  
Next race is on April 17th, hosted by SCHORC, in Yelling, Cambridgeshire.

All the results, tables, and links to pictures can be found on the THORL website.  
<http://thorl.weebly.com/round-6---devizes.html>

### **THORL Round 7 – April 17<sup>th</sup> @ SCHORC, Yelling, Cambs.**

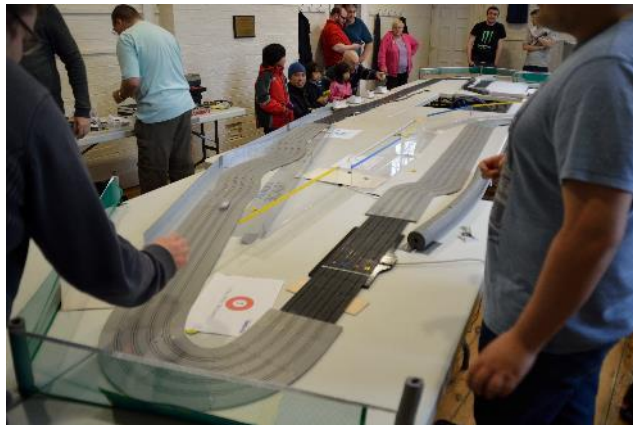
South Cambridgeshire HO Racing Club will be hosting round 7 of the THORL season in Devizes, Wiltshire.

Last time, the hosts turned out a brilliant Spa inspired track. Which track will inspire SCHORC this time round?

All cars and 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/768067716661275/>



### **UK Slot Car Festival 2016**

At the 2016 UK Slot Car Festival, we will be providing 3 displays in the HO Zone.

Spanning the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, it brings enthusiasts and manufacturers from the hobby to the largest slot car event in the UK.

The displays will be:

*A 4 Lane Micro Scalextric track – detailing what can be achieved with the Micro system.*

*AFX Raceway – 4 Lane AFX track running the latest offerings from AFX Racemasters.*

*Brad Bowman BSTS sectional track – Running performance, and Non Magnet HO cars.*



Held at The British Motor Museum, Gaydon (formerly Motor Heritage Centre). The new name is the first step in a multi-million pound redevelopment to showcase the world's largest collection of historic British cars. For the first time you will be able to view reserve collections, an extra 230 cars, including vehicles from the Jaguar Heritage Trust.

If you would like to help out in the HO Zone on either one or both days, please let either myself or Marc know.

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.

Details of 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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