

THORL

The HO Racing League

Welcome to the latest THORL newsletter.

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The 2016 UK Slot Racing Festival 2016

Over the weekend of May 13th and 14th, Members of THORL put on a fabulous display at the UK Slot Racing festival.

The festival is the largest slot car event in the UK and showcases all the major manufactures and runners in the hobby, as well as the smaller, but no less enthusiastic enthusiasts.

This year's HO Zone looked at what is currently available in the world of HO, and was shared with some fantastic Minic layouts.



There were 3 layouts, all with a different look at the HO scene. The first layout was a Micro Scalextric 4 lane track, demonstrating what can be achieved with the Micro Scalextric system. The AFX Raceway showing the latest offerings from the AFX Racemasters slot car system, ready for the Europe release of its products. The final display was a Brad Bowman routed sectional HO track with the cars on track having no traction magnets. The Viper cars with brass weights instead on magnets allow the cars to handle completely differently to the magnet cars. These cars are a blast to drive, and faster than you think.



All three tracks also had lap timing, demonstrating the some of the systems available to use on a HO layout.

Many thanks go out to those who helped put on and man the displays.

Further thanks go to Scalextric for donating prizes and the cars running on the Micro Track. Thanks also go to Barry at Slot Cars Direct for supplying the Viper V-Jets on the display, Phil Rees for the lexan bodies and Alan T for the paint jobs.



Congratulations to the Winners of Micro Scalextric Tracks, Carl on Saturday (27 Laps), and Rob Heaton on Sunday (29 Laps) Pictured with Sarah from Scalextric presenting the prizes, and Clive and Andy from THORL.

THORL 2015/16 Round 7 @ SCHORC April 17th 2016 Race Report

Round 7 of the THORL race series took us to the chocolate box village of Yelling. Situated a few miles from St Neots in Cambridgeshire, the village hall is the home of SCHORC, South Cambridge HO Racing Club.

17 racers descended into the venue, with Paul Rose and Dave Peters making their THORL debut after a few months away from national race scene.



The Morning kicked off as usual with the Open Wheel races. With the majority of the field choosing to use the AFX Mega G+ platform, the pressure was once again on the Larkfield regular racers to show how much pace could be had out of the cars.

Paul Rose, using the MG+ for the first time, was clearly on the pace, with high scores in all but one lane.

A close midfield saw Callum, Dave H, Al Wood, Marc and Ash, all vying for places in the top tier finals.

Top qualifier was the quiet, but quick Mick Hobden. Joining him in the A final were Paul R and Andy W.

Al Twiddy and Louis was the first of the finals, with Louis the victor, celebrating in style! Dave Peters was the next of the finals victors, placing him in a final with Ash, Marc and Henry. Both Ash and Henry were struggling for pace, with Ash only being able to place one high score in the qualifiers. This would soon change as Ash found his pace, and won 2 finals, placing him the B Final. The B final was won by Elliot, putting an end to Ash's streak. Elliot joined Mick, Paul and Andy in the A final. And that is the way it finished. A solid drive from all 4 drivers, with Mick taking a clear lead over Paul, Andy and Ash.



After a quick bite to eat, the afternoon sessions took place. With almost 50/50 split for the 2 classes, there was to be no walkover victory!

How wrong could we have been. SCHORC are regular runners of the Marchon Chassis, and they took full advantage. Both Paul and Al making all other cars round them looking rather pedestrian!

Callum's fast Marchon, was just that, but keeping it on the track was the big question.

Also struggling was Andy running an SRT, which was intent on losing its traction magnets! The first of the Grand Touring finals was the Juniors Vs Andy. Louis and Josh were against Andy. Andy being the meany that he is, won, and moved into the B final.

Dave P was the Victor of the B, and joined Paul, Al and Dave H in the A Final. The 2 on song Marchons blasted round the track, with Al taking the Grand Touring Win from Paul.



In Le Mans, the first of the finals was won by Carol from Henry. This put Carol against Al T, winner from the morning Mick, and Marc. The Larkfield dominance was once again shown, as Mick was to join a now much faster Ash, Nick and Elliot. In the A final, Elliot took the win over Dad Mick, from Ash. A close final with only 1.5 laps separating the top 3. The final set of races of the day was to be the PRO MOD races. A mix of Wizzards and Viper V1s in various guises would whizz round the track. The pace was with the upgraded Vipers showing laps by Al T and Andy in the very low 5s. The Pro 4s were not too far behind, with the Wizzard of Clive right in the middle. Andy went on to win with the Viper, from Clives Wizzard. Alan T dropped down the order after a non score in one of the lanes, but showed the speed was there to win overall. Maybe next time?

The Winners for the day were:

**Open Wheel: Mike Hobden
Grand Touring: Al Wood
Le Mans: Elliot O Gorman
Pro Mod: Andy Whorton
Top Junior: Henry Townsend**

After another cracking day, all the prizes were presented, and the track packed away.
Many thanks to SCHORC for hosting another great round of racing.

All the results tables and pictures can be found via <http://thorl.weebly.com/round-7---yelling.html>

THORL Round 8 - May 29th @ HONK, Orpington, Kent.

HONK (HO North Kent) will be hosting round 8 of the THORL season in Orpington, Kent.

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/940012142783381/>



THORL Calendar and Rules 2016/17

The calendar and rules for the 2016/17 season are now available on the THORL Website.
Currently the calendar including demonstration events is:

<i>Sun Sept 11th</i>	<i>Pinewood Raceway</i>
<i>Sun Oct 23rd</i>	<i>Larkfield (Maidstone)</i>
<i>Sun Dec 4th</i>	<i>FLBT (Venue TBC)</i>
<i>Sun Jan 8th</i>	<i>Swindon Swap Meet</i>
<i>Jan 2017</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<i>Sun Mar 5th</i>	<i>SCHORC (Yelling, Cambs)</i>
<i>Sun Apr 2nd</i>	<i>Pinewood Raceway</i>
<i>Sun Apr 30th</i>	<i>Larkfield, (Maidstone)</i>
<i>May 13/14</i>	<i>UK SCF 2017</i>
<i>Jun 2017</i>	<i>TBC</i>

These dates maybe subject to change. Please check the THORL website for up-to date listings and events.

The rules also 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 but the GT Jet Class.

Le Mans Class running AFX Mega G cars stays unchanged.

Grand Touring and PRO MOD are replaced with LMP and GT Jet Classes.

The LMP class runs either Super G+ or Viper V1 (Pro4 Magnet) Cars. The GT Jet class runs exclusively VSR Viper Jets with brass weights.

AFX Endurance Event 2016

The 2016 AFX Endurance event will be held on Sunday July 17th.

This will be the 8th running of the event, held at Pinewood Raceway.

I will be in contact with the Captains over the coming weeks to finalise the entry lists.

If you would like to race, please either contact the team captains (the first name in the lists), or myself and we will see what we can arrange.

Keep up to date with the events latest news on the Facebook event page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/747383755361289/>

Details of past events can be found at <http://afxenduro.weebly.com>.



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