



Can Am Challenge Small World

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Event winner with a
convincing performance

Roger Moore

History

The Can Am events were a North American and Canadian Race series starting in the sixties and running until the early Seventies.

There were no rules just build them fast and go for it, the prize money was very generous and so a lot of famous race car manufacturers entered. McLaren, Lola, Ferrari, Porsche, Shadow, Chaparral being the most famous and the predominant entrants.

In slot car history the slot car manufacturers have produced the Can-Am cars over the years but when Thunderslot came on the market they produced some stunning models which showcased the Race series. NSR, Slot it, MRSC also have Can Am slot cars on the market so making great choices of models for the slot car racer and opening wide possibilities for a variety of cars for a race series.

With support from Slot Car Clubs in the North Wales and Border areas a race series has been created. Wirral Slot Car Club hosted our first successful event and Small World

our second venture along with sponsorship from Gaugemaster have proved to be an enjoyable racing series with some great racing.

Sprint Race

The first races are of a 3-minute duration accumulating on all the 6 lanes.

The Locals had an advantage with track knowledge, but Luis Paz “Hawthorne Park SCC” his first time on the track, stuck with it especially as his car was out the box and with not a lot of tuning.

Roger Moore “Small World SCC” showed us all a clean pair of heels and that is the way the sprint went, (the Endurance to) well prepared car and fast.

Mike and son Matty Guy had an interesting tag team approach, sharing the same car between them, interesting that son beat dad in the Sprint! (but not in the Endurance). Fast racers but they did suffer some set up issues.

Rob Jackson “Small World SCC” was only 3 laps behind Roger and in front of Steve Hills “TRUSPEED” which is no mean feat, running a Porsche NSR which was well set up for the track.

The rest of the racers were deciding which car to use and learning the track ready for the long upcoming race after lunch.

Endurance Race

So, onto the 6 minute per lane race, now a lot of the racers had got a good handle on the track to go faster in this round. Roger Moore carried on where he left off in the Sprint and was dominant again. Adam Price “Wirral SCC” got down to business and was fast, challenging the locals and being super smooth and consistent, finishing a strong 4th as he did in the Sprint. Paul Minis now at home at “Small World SCC” had a particularly good run until his wheels dropped off ruining his strong Sprint performance. Devon Fourie “TRUSPEED” new to the hobby had a strong showing and was consistent, I think he will be challenging the master of Steve Hills very soon.

Kev Lea “Wirral SCC” had a good showing but had a lot of bad luck with a few offs which hid his true pace, found the Shadow to not be as quick as his McLaren. The youngest amongst us was Nathaniel who is a local to the track “Small World SCC” showed great pace but had a few offs which put him down the order, one to watch going forward.

Paul Cooper “Cheshire West RSCC” was only his second time on the track but enjoyed the challenge trying all his cars out on the Sprint before going with the trusty McLaren for the Endurance race. Got into a rhythm and enjoyed the races.



Mike sorting all the racers out and keeping us all on time and feeding us ..most important!

Steve Hills with his meticulous race car preparation!



Paul Minnis smiling before his wheels fell off!

The winning overall slot cars.

1st Ferrari Thunderslot

2nd McLaren 6b. T.S.

3rd Porsche NSR



Steve Hills did find more pace and moved up from third in the Sprint to second in the Endurance Race and consequently, that brought him up to second overall. Rob Jackson held on to take third place only two laps behind SH.



Our Prize winners from left to right.

Adam Price, Steve Hills, Roger Moore, Devon Fourie and Rob Jackson

A big thanks to all the participants and our host Michael Williamson who sacrificed his racing so he could be the race controller and ensure we all ran to order and was fed and watered.

To Gaugemaster for their donations and support, we had a few biffs and offs so I expect their sales desk will be busy for people looking for replacement parts or just another fast car. Remember Gaugemaster stock and sell through their website all, Thunderslot, NSR, Slot it, Carrera and Sideways cars and spares.

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The Racers a fine bunch.

