

Hosting an IROC style race on a digital track would be a daunting task, even for a veteran slot car track enthusiast. Especially on the lucky 13th event of the season! But Monte "The Big Smooth" pulled it off in typical Big Smooth style.

This was by far the best digital race I have attended. Monte has his new Jacquelin Park Speedway dialed in. Monte has not only reconfigured the track, but has switched from an SCX system to Carrera. The last race on this new track showed improvements over the old SCX track, but now with the addition of the RamJet controllers he has an excellent race venue. The improvement over the Carrera controllers with the RamJet controllers is significant to say the least! Another significant improvement was the way the refueling was accomplished.

The racers of the evening were Can Am cars – a Porsche 917/30, a McLaren M20 and two Lola T222's. Race preparation consisted of removing the traction magnets and replacing the stock rear tires with Paul Gage Urethanes.

The racing consisted of an elimination style race format with a full set of 25 lap heat races to establish grid positions. After the positions had been determined the elimination races were held: 50 laps with re-fuel. The racing between competitors was fierce. Surprisingly it was also very clean racing with few nerfs and punts. Taking top honors in the NASTE challenge division was Mitch Brooks with Dennis Hart in second and Al Christensen in third. For the experts Bill Bostic took the win with Monte Saager in second inches ahead of Tracy Flood in third.

A big thank you goes out to Monte for not only introducing us to the digital slot car world, but for taking the chance to actually put on a race where the probability for "issues" is high. And thank you Victoria for not only providing us with a great meal, but for supporting Monte as we all know you do in all of his slot car endeavors!

Here are the final results:

Race No. 13 - Jacquelin Park Speedway -		Heat <			Season
NASTE Challenge	Laps	24	Seed	+/-	Points
Mitch Brooks	98	0	3	2	20
Dennis Hart	98	0	2	0	19
Al Christensen	99	0	1	-2	18
Amanda Abbott	94	1	7	3	17
Lance Sperling	96	1	4	-1	16
David Harburg	96	1	5	-1	15
Nick Snowhill	95	2	6	-1	14
Victoria Saager	94	2	8	0	13
Jimmy Jones	91	2	9	0	12
Todd Flood	91	2	10	0	11
Dominic Locati	84	4	11	0	10

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Experts	Laps	24	Seed	+/-	Points
Bill Bostic	99	0	1	0	20
Monte Saager	96	0	3	1	19
Tracy Flood	97	0	2	-1	18
Goose Gossett	96	1	5	1	17
Terry Abbott	96	1	4	-1	16
Rico Locati	94	1	6	0	15
Dorothy Abbott	93	2	7	0	14