

NASTE Season 2014 – Race #17

May 17, 2014

Edgewater Raceway, Salem, Oregon



On May 17th 2014 NASTE racers had the opportunity to race at a commercial slot car raceway in Salem Oregon. Commercial raceways are not locally available. There have been very few that have been opened around here in the last 30 years. For many of the NASTE racers this was a chance to experience what they had missed in slot car racing's prime. For others of us it was a flashback filled with great memories.

Edgewater Raceway in Salem Oregon sits on a historic street in an older part of town. There are large windows in the front of the building, giving a passerby on the sidewalk an excellent view of the tracks inside. On this race day, on numerous occasions throughout the race, spectators would gather at the windows and watch. On one occasion two young boys ventured inside the building and took up positions trackside to get a better look. As I watched the boys and listened to their comments I remembered myself, or more accurately a much younger me, watching the first commercial slot car race I had ever seen. The first race I ever saw was at a slot car raceway in Parkrose Oregon. It was a large shop with multiple eight lane tracks. I remember there were as many or more spectators than there were racers. The building was packed and filled with excitement!

But this race was different. This was a NASTE event, and NASTE racers create their own style of atmosphere. With the track owner's permission, we started off with a terrific pot luck style meal at the

raceway. Between bites racers took a few practice laps on the big beautiful four lane track.

After dinner Dave Smith held a short driver's meeting, and then lined the cars up on the start line. This was the third time we had raced the Parma FCR based cars at Edgewater Raceway. These Dave Smith prepared cars have proven to be very durable, and fun to race in the IROC format.

The racing was very close and competitive. We raced two rounds so everyone got plenty of race time. At the end of it all Monte Saager emerged as the overall winner. Monte drove a fast smooth (pun intended) race to capture the victory. Dorothy Abbott showed her skills by winning the NASTE Challenge amateur division. NASTE thanks Art and Dave for yet another great race at Edgewater Raceway. And I thank them for letting my "inner little boy" out for a while!

Race No. 17 - Edgewater Raceway	Laps	Season
		Points
Monte Saager	180	20
Bill Bostic	180	19
Tracy Flood	180	18
Richard Phillis	180	17
Mark Sims	179	16
Terry Abbott	178	15
Dave Smith	177	14
Dorothy Abbott *	176	13
Rico Locati	176	12
John Fisher	175	11
Glenn Heath	175	10
Perry Petrequin *	169	9
Tyler Petrequin *	168	8
Amanda Abbott *	165	7
Lora Baxter *	165	6
Victoria Saager *	161	5
Nick Snowhill *	156	4
Bob Pearson *	155	3
June Petrequin *	151	2

* NASTE Challenge