

NASTE Season 2019 – Race 3

February 16, 2019

Rippin' Ridin' Raceway, Portland, Oregon



The NASTE Second Saturday Series for 2019 continued with a trip to Rippin' Ridin' Raceway – Al's fun and fast track in Portland.

Most of us are no stranger to this track since it's become the current home of Odd Thursday night racing. And with this familiarity a lot of close racing was expected. We were not disappointed.

To start the evening Al provided a set of Scalextric F1 cars that had been worked over to the max by Al. They handled great and were a fun drive. 'Careful with that red lane'. Taking the top spot in this set was our host Al, followed by Zack just squeaking by Monte by a tenth of a lap. As always, close racing and every lap counts.

Slot.It Porsches were the battle cars for the second set. Fast, smooth and quiet. Excellent race cars. And surprise, surprise – taking his first NASTE win was Mitch Brooks. Congratulations Mitch! Back about half a lap, Terry Abbott claimed second, with Al in third another half lap back.

For the third and final set Al brought out a NASTE favorite – Parma WOMPS. The WOMPS always bring a smile. They circle the track like a small pack of angry bees. Tightly packed angry bees. Taking first place in the bee herding derby was Jeff Fields who was fit to be tied... by Monte. Both tallied 71.9 laps. Just about one lap back was another tie for third between Terry and Mitch. As stated, close racing all night long.

When the final totals were tallied, guess what – a tie – for first place. This time between Al and Monte. Great driving gentlemen! Terry took third with newcomer Zach Morgan – a force to be reckoned with – taking fourth just ahead of Jeff and Mitch with a mere three tenths separating the three of them.

A special thanks to our hosting team of Al, Donna and Chris for keeping us well fed and entertained. It seemed like every time I looked up there'd be Donna or Chris coming through with another dish. Thank you, ladies!

Next up, the March Race at Monte and Victoria's Penguin Point track in Hillsboro. It's sure to be a fun night, make your plans to join us. Monte says the Moon Rover and the pink pig will both be on display. We'll see you there.

Here are the final results:

| Driver | Class | F1 | Slot.it | WOMPS | Laps | Points |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Al Christensen | D1 | 68.2 | 73.7 | 70.1 | 212.0 | 10 |
| Monte Saager | D1 | 66.6 | 73.5 | 71.9 | 212.0 | 10 |
| Terry Abbott | D1 | 65.8 | 74.2 | 71.1 | 211.1 | 8 |
| Zack Morgan | D1 | 66.7 | 73.5 | 69.2 | 209.4 | 7 |
| Jeff Fields | D1 | 65.7 | 71.6 | 71.9 | 209.2 | 6 |
| Mitch Brooks | D1 | 63.2 | 74.8 | 71.1 | 209.1 | 5 |
| Tracy Flood | D1 | 64.8 | 73.2 | 68.7 | 206.7 | 4 |
| Dorothy Abbott | D2 | 61.1 | 64.4 | 65.2 | 190.7 | 3 |
| Victoria Saager | D2 | 58.4 | 65.7 | 60.1 | 184.2 | 2 |
| Dain Huston | D2 | 54.1 | 58.1 | 56.1 | 168.3 | 1 |