

## NASTE Season 2010 – Race #8

May 14, 2011

Sling Shot Speedway, Carlton, Oregon



As the final race of the NASTE season dawned the race for first overall was a contest. Mostly... The Big Smooth actually had the lead over past multi-year champ Flyin' Bryan but any chance of holding him off for the championship seemed remote at best. First, Bryan's a great racer and difficult to beat on the best of days. Second, the race was at Larry Cockerham's new Sling Shot Speedway which is a 1:24 scale track. Once again advantage Bryan. And since Monte would need to not only beat Bryan but do so by at least 3 points, the task looked impossible.

Once the racing action started though it was clear that the track had changed from a sling shot into something more resembling pinball alley! And Bryan was just about to fall into that racing vortex where everything goes downhill. Fast.

On a high-speed track like the Sling Shot it's crucial to stay out of trouble. And trouble can find you in a hurry. Heat pairings can make all the difference, a point never so more apparent. This issue is heightened not just by the rapid rates of travel but high speeds coupled with occasional blind spots. Go into a corner hot and BOOM. "Dude, where's my car?" Where the Flyin' one was paired with a few drivers that seemed to take great glee in slapping a little plastic the Big Smooth got a more fortunate set of pairings and was able to spend most of his time worrying about making laps and less worrying about being the victim of traffic.

At the end the real big daddy of the Sling Shot turned out to be the Karlton Kid, our host, Larry Cockerham. Larry out-dueled second place racer Dave Smith with both having the same number of laps but Larry was slightly further along the track. In a stunner it was the Big Smooth in third followed by Bart, Terry, Bill and finally, Bryan.

The 2010 NASTE Championship goes to Monte who finished two points ahead of Bryan. The mailman, Terry Abbott claims third.



David Harburg	<b>10</b>	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Patrick Harrison	<b>10</b>	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
Lynette Spohn	<b>10</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Chris Kouba	<b>9</b>	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
Lu Evers	<b>9</b>	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Phillip Wallet	<b>6</b>	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Brook	<b>4</b>	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Myrna Stumman	<b>3</b>	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3