

## NASTE Season 2017 – Race 5

April 8, 2017

The Gorge Raceway, Troutdale, Oregon



The fifth race of the new NASTE Second Saturday Series arrived as scheduled! A stark reminder that both sickness and foul weather can play havoc with the schedule as both the second and third race had to be postponed for later in the season. Never the less, on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> we arrived at the home of Bob and Terry Nakamura for another evening of exciting racing on the big track. Bob's 4 lane Scalextric Sport track is the longest track we race on for 1:32 scale cars. Gives them a little chance to stretch out. Or not...

For the evening the surface seemed more like an ice rink or a backyard slip n' slide as cars slipped, slid and careened all over the place. It looked more like Saturday night at the Derby!

First up for the evening were a blend of GT cars provided by Mitch Brooks. We drove them as fast as possible which means we did our best to manage their progress around the track. Managing the slippery cars the best was Terry Abbott followed closely by Jeff Fields with Monte Saager taking third.

And now that the track had been cleaned by the first set of cars it was time to pull out the real weapons of the night – Ninco rally cars Monte brought courtesy of Tacoma Tony. Surely these would leave a smile on the competitors' face? And they did. Every time they didn't have to drive. Having raced them a few days prior at First Sunday they were hoppy little demons. But without traction they were just little demons. Lap totals plummeted. They were a disappointment to say the least. It became an evening of sheer mediocrity...

Nevertheless, undaunted Jeff Fields stormed to his first NASTE victory followed closely by Terry Abbot with Tracy Flood taking third.

And there you have it, another night of great racing. A big thanks to Bob and Terry for inviting us over to play. Next year – more magnets!

Here are the final results:

### Round 1

Driver	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Laps	Points
Terry Abbott					37.1	13
Jeff Fields					36.6	12
Monte Saager					36.3	10
Tracy Flood					36.3	10
Bob Nakamura					35.7	9
Bill Bostic					35.5	8
Dorothy Abbott					35.3	7
Mitch Brooks					34.6	6
Victoria Saager					32.9	4
Bart					32.9	4
Amy Fields					31.5	3
Todd Flood					31.2	2
Guy					30.4	1

### Round 2

Driver	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Laps	Points
Jeff Fields	8.4	8.3	6.9	6.3	29.9	13
Terry Abbott	8.4	7.2	6.7	7.4	29.7	12
Tracy Flood	6.5	7.7	7.5	7.3	29.0	11
Dorothy Abbott	6.8	7.3	8.0	6.7	28.8	10
Monte Saager	7.6	6.7	7.1	7.0	28.4	9
Bill Bostic	6.5	7.2	7.6	6.9	28.2	8
Bob Nakamura	6.4	6.8	7.7	6.8	27.7	7
Bart	6.6	7.3	6.4	6.7	27.0	6
Todd Flood	5.5	6.6	7.4	6.8	26.3	5
Mitch Brooks	5.5	7.2	6.3	6.7	25.7	3
Victoria Saager	5.7	6.3	6.9	6.8	25.7	3
Amy Fields	5.6	6.8	6.4	6.6	25.4	2
Guy	5.8	6.9	5.8	6.7	25.2	1