

## NASTE Season 2017 – Race 6

May 14, 2017

Autumn Hills, Milwaukie, Oregon



Another scheduled date, another actual race!

On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 10 hearty racers were treated to food, fun and frolic. As for the hearty part – torrential rains made the trip to the start quite interesting with lakes appearing in the middle of intersections. We forded a few on route. Once there food caught your eye on the way to the track. It was excellent as always. Kelly never fails to disappoint. Some very tasty pizza gave way to a selection of great cookies. I felt guilty taking the last of the chocolate chips but when I returned later, more had magically appeared! I did the only thing I could and had another one.

On the track, more magic.

For starters Autumn Hills is a beautifully detailed but somewhat tight circuit that will keep you on your toes. Keep the car moving at speed and you'll do well, scrub a little off on the bridges here and there, not so much. But to be sure there's no time to rest.

Up first, Rico "prepared" a pair of Fly Porsches. They were fun. I really enjoyed them. Felt like I was going fast. But it was an early heat and soon I could see that I was not going to be on the fast end. In a stunning result Tracy Flood claimed his first NASTE victory scorching the Hills for a 46.1 lap total – two tenths of a lap ahead of Rico, with Mitch Brooks in third a full lap and a half off the pace. The rest of us, not so much in fact my magical disappearing act resulted in a nice 6<sup>th</sup> place finish.

For the second set out came an old crowd favorite – the Ninco Flying Fickle FIATs of Fate!

Now are they slow or just misguided? Perhaps a little of both. I was running late in the field this time and maybe it was Dorothy's chocolate but suddenly the magic worked. The little fickle fiends were responding like lightning bolts. Ok, maybe more like 30 watt bulbs but by the time the race had been run I stood in first scoring 46.7 laps with Terry almost a lap behind in second. Rico claimed third place. For me, finally, it only took that one magic moment.

And that's our story from another great night of NASTE racing. A big thanks to Rico and Kelly for providing an entertaining evening.

Here are the final results:

#### **Round 1**

<b>Driver</b>	<b>Lane 1</b>	<b>Lane 2</b>	<b>Laps</b>	<b>Points</b>
Tracy Flood	23.5	22.6	46.1	10
Rico Locati	22.9	23.0	45.9	9
Mitch Brooks	22.6	21.7	44.3	8
Todd Flood	22.0	21.9	43.9	7
Terry Abbott	22.3	21.0	43.3	6
Monte Saager	20.6	21.8	42.4	5
Dorothy Abbott	20.0	21.5	41.5	4
Victoria Saager	19.5	20.2	39.7	3
Al Christensen	19.6	19.9	39.5	2
Dominic Locati	18.5	19.4	37.9	1

#### **Round 2**

<b>Driver</b>	<b>Lane 1</b>	<b>Lane 2</b>	<b>Laps</b>	<b>Points</b>
Monte Saager	23.1	23.6	46.7	10
Terry Abbott	23.2	22.7	45.9	9
Rico Locati	22.0	23.5	45.5	8
Mitch Brooks	21.7	22.3	44.0	7
Tracy Flood	22.4	21.5	43.9	6
Al Christensen	21.3	21.7	43.0	5
Victoria Saager	20.5	21.4	41.9	4
Todd Flood	20.7	20.4	41.1	3
Dominic Locati	20.8	20.0	40.8	2
Dorothy Abbott	19.7	21.0	40.7	1