

The NASTE IROC Drivers Championship for 2018 continues on with rounds 6 and 7.

In early May we convened at Bob Nakamura's Gorge Raceway in Troutdale to again do battle on his large 4-lane Scalextric layout. And once loosed, the NASTE drivers provided a thrilling race in the first set with Terry Abbot taking first with Bob Nakamura second and Monte Saager third – all separated by only 1/10 of a lap! In the second set Bob led the way with a one lap lead over Monte in second with Tracy flood just a couple of tenths back in third.

A short month later and it was racing at Howie's Rapid Raceway in Portland. Howie's track is an old-style 4-lane wood track and we've always enjoyed racing there. However, tonight would prove troublesome at best. The track had been cleaned recently and the result was that even at 9.5 volts the tires were glazing over. Perhaps it was the tire compounds, but quickly after starting the race a car would become undriveable, sliding side to side and in some cases impossible to get up an incline. Racing for some and disaster for others. It was decided to limit the second race to only three lanes. Nevertheless, making the best of the night – taking first in the opener was Tracy Flood, followed by Terry Abbott in second with Dorothy Abbott in third. In the second set the win went to Monte Saager followed by Al Christensen in second and Terry Abbott in third. I think we learned that next time we should not only consider some test time but we should also set up some cars specifically for Howie's track.

Next up - a July date at Autumn Hills in Milwaukie.

The NASTE IROC race series welcomes newcomers and encourages new slot car enthusiasts to get involved. These entry level races help beginners learn about slot car racing, with minimal investment. It is also a forum for those who just enjoy driving slot cars and hanging out with friends around a common hobby. NASTE IROC races are family friendly. Kids who can race, get to race. The NASTE IROC Driver's Championship also provides an opportunity for experienced slot car drivers to demonstrate their driving expertise on a level playing field. Drivers compete using

Here are the final results:

Race #6 - The Gorge Raceway

Round 1		
Driver	Laps	Points
Terry Abbott	52.7	10
Bob Namakura	52.6	9
Monte Saager	52.5	8
Jeff Fields	48.6	7
Dorothy Abbott	47.7	10
Al Christensen	47.6	6
Bart Ouichida	46.7	9
Tracy Flood	44.9	5
Shawn Jarrett	44.8	8
Victoria Saager	44.5	7
Amy Fields	44.1	6
Guy Gray	43.9	5
Mark Valentine	41.0	4
Todd Flood	39.8	3

Round 2

Driver	Laps	Points
Bob Namakura	43.2	10
Monte Saager	42.3	9
Tracy Flood	42.1	8
Terry Abbott	40.5	7
Al Christensen	40.2	6
Jeff Fields	39.4	5
Bart Ouichida	38.5	10
Victoria Saager	38.5	9
Dorothy Abbott	37.9	8
Todd Flood	36.9	7
Shawn Jarrett	36.6	6
Guy Gray	35.8	5
Mark Valentine	35.1	4
Amy Fields	34.0	3

Race #7 - Rapid Raceway - Portland

Round 1						
Driver	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Laps	Points
Tracy Flood	11.3	11.4	11.1	12.7	46.5	10
Terry Abbott	12.0	11.9	11.3	10.9	46.1	9
Dorothy Abbott	10.3	11.3	10.5	11.8	43.9	10
Al Christensen	9.5	11.5	11.2	11.2	43.4	8
Bart Ouichida	9.9	10.9	9.0	10.2	40.0	9
Monte Saager	10.0	12.4	12.4	5.0	39.8	7
Perry Petrequin	7.9	10.5	9.9	10.7	39.0	8
June Petrequin	9.2	10.4	9.4	9.4	38.4	7
Guy Gray	8.5	9.4	9.2	9.9	37.0	6
Victoria Saager	8.8	9.2	7.5	10.4	35.9	5

Round 2						
Driver	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Laps	Points
Monte Saager	12.9	13.0	12.4	0.0	38.3	10
Al Christensen	11.5	13.2	12.2	0.0	36.9	9
Terry Abbott	10.2	13.4	13.2	0.0	36.8	8
Tracy Flood	10.7	12.9	12.9	0.0	36.5	7
Dorothy Abbott	10.3	12.3	11.9	0.0	34.5	10
Perry Petrequin	9.1	11.9	12.3	0.0	33.3	9
Bart Ouichida	8.8	11.9	12.2	0.0	32.9	8
June Petrequin	9.3	10.5	12.0	0.0	31.8	7
Victoria Saager	11.3	8.6	11.9	0.0	31.8	6
Guy Gray	8.0	11.5	11.9	0.0	31.4	5