

H.O.R.O. NEWSLETTER

The fourth race of the H.O.R.O. 1984 point series is coming up in February. Series consists of one race per month, racing one class. The class is an open class. The series started with the race at Alder Street Raceway in Portland on Nov. 6, 1983. The second race was held at Lee Freitag's in Lebanon on Dec. 4, 1983. Race number three was run on Dave Smith's South Salem Raceway on Jan. 4, 1984. The fourth race will be held at Alan Blanchard's track in Portland on Feb. 12, 1984. The track is at 3831 N.E. 80th (1 block south of Sandy Bv) in Portland. The point standings after the third race are as follows:

Bart Currie	260 pts.	Steve Cox	110 pts.
Kerrie Skinner	250 "	Chris Johnson	105 "
Dave Smith	225 "	Dave Likins	95 "
Glen Heath	225 "	Albert Watson	85 "
Bill Bostic	225 "	Denell Moore	80 "
Al Blanchard	210 "	Russ B.	75 "
Dave Nydigger	190 "	Damon Brown	60 "
Lee Freitag	185 "	Paul Fromm	40 "
Steve Robinson	115 "	Stacie	30 "
		Rowan Nicklous	20 "

My appologies to Russ and Stacie as I did not get their last name. If you are interested in racing at the point series races or would like more info, feel free to contact me, Bill at 255-6761 in Portland, or contact any of the track owners.

At the race in Lebanon on Jan. 8, the racers in attendance voted to form a racing organization. It was decided the organization would not be a club per say, but an open membership of interested racers. No dues or rules are required, anyone is welcome, hard-core to casual ragers. Anyone who has been involved in any H.O. racing may consider themselves a member. If you do not wish to be associated with this group just let me know. This organization was formed just to give us an identity.

A copy of the rules adopted as the rules used by H.O.R.O. sanctioned races in the point series is enclosed.

Votes were taken on the following proposed changes to the rules:

1. Adding extra magnets to a car-defeated. Rule stands, No extra magnets.
2. Use of cobalt type magnets-defeated. Rule stands. No Cobalts.
3. No open wheel bodies to be used in point series races passed. Unless stated in the announcement of the next race.

Thursday nights are open to practice and general massing around at Alder Street Raceway. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. A phone call before to verify practice wouldn't hurt.

For point series races track doors will open at 10:00 a.m. racing starts at noon. Point series races are scored by number of completed laps plus sections (fractions of a lap).

At the end of the point series drivers will be assigned numbers for the next season. Drivers numbers will be their 1984 season finish position. If a driver does not wish to use his drivers number on his car he may use any number higher than 40.

I am going to try and schedule casual non-points races in the near future between points races.

At the race on Jan. 8 in Salem, the name H.O. Racers of Oregon, H.O.R.O., was adopted by the racers in attendance to identify the newly formed organizations.

First Race-Season opener at Alder Street Raceway on Jan. 6, 1983. The best of show trophy was awarded to Bart Currie. Bart's C-100 was painted white with a semi-wide blue stripe running the length of the car. Number and sponsor decals accentuated this realistically detailed C-100. The drivers vote for best of show was close, as there were many excellently finished cars entered in this opening race. My compliments to all the racers on their effort and skill in finishing their cars.

Fifteen racers entered this first points race. Kerrie Skinner qualified number one with a very fast 6.5 second lap. The top five qualifiers were all under the seven second mark.

At the end of the race it was Kerrie Skinner taking first, Dave Nydigger in second, and Bart Currie in third. 4th-Bill Bostic, 5th-Al Blanchard, 6th-Glen Heath, 7th-Chris Johnson, 8th-Lee Freitag, 9th-Randy Word, 10th-Dave Smith, 11th-Steve Cox, 12th-Steve Robinson, 13th-Denell Moore, 14th-Dave Likins, 15th-Albert Watson.

Second Race-Lee Freitag's track in Lebanon on Dec. 4, 1983. Race number two was really a wild one, with seventeen racers entered. Many racers had to leave before the race started, and many more arrived after the racing had begun. If all the racers in attendance at one time or another would have been entered the registration would have probably hit or topped 25 entrants.

A different racing schedule was used at this race. This schedule allowed the race to be run much more efficiently and quickly. This schedule will eventually allow the racing of more than one class, a possibility for next season.

After qualifying times were in, it was more than apparent Dave Smith was the guy to beat! Dave's car was so-o-o-o fast he was in a class of his own. (He brought a new meaning to the word unlimited.) Unfortunately handling problems kept Dave out of the top five.

Handling is where it's at on this challenging 80 foot Lebanon track. Ten feet of esses contributes to that. At the end of the race it was Dave Nydigger in first place. Bart Currie clinched second, even after a flight out the second story window. That's right, one crash sent his car to the ground from the open window on the second floor. Kerrie Skinner drove a very consistant race to third place. 4th Glen Heath, 5th-Russ B., 6th-Lee Freitag, 7th-Al Blanchard, 8th-Damon Brown, 9th-Bill Bostic, 10th-Dave Smith, 11th-Chris Johnson, 12th-Paul Fromm, 13th-Steve Robinson, 14th-Stacie M., 15th-Denell Moore, 16th-Rowan Nicklous, 17th-Albert Watson.

Third Race-South Salem Raceway on Jan. 8, 1984. It looked like a small turn out, but by race time eleven racers were entered. This was going to be one grueling race. Two minute elimination heats with five minute final heats would make for many bug-eyed racers! This 32 foot tight track was quite a surprise to those of us who had never run on it. It was an extremely fast track. Lap times for the top four finishers were in the low three second range.

Dave Smith had his handling problems cured and decisively led the way to first place. I got lucky and snuck in for second place. Bart Currie edged out Glen Heath by just four laps in twenty minutes of racing for third place. 4th-Glen Heath, 5th-Al Blanchard, 6th-Lee Freitag, 7th-Kerrie Skinner, 8th-Steve Cox, 9th-Dave Likins, 10th-Steve Robinson, 11th-Albert Watson.

I would like to compliment Dave Smith on a very well organized and efficiently run race. By the end of the day of racing all the racers were very impressed. The racing went professionally smooth. All the racers got plenty of racing and practice time. Fun was where it was at in Salem on Jan. 8. Thanks again Dave!

For car pooling info to out of town races contact Bill Dostie at 255-6761 in Portland.

NEW TRACKS!

Three new tracks are planned for use in the point series races.

Alan Blanchard's track in Portland will be the sight of race number four in February. Al's track was recently purchased and moved from its location in Lake Grove at the Starship. Slight modifications involving the removal of the banked curves and tunnel made the track race ready. The rest of the track was reconstructed with only minor changes. The track measures out at approximately seventy-five feet. Following the sixteen foot main straight there are two sweeping turns. After that it is tight and twisty. A set of fast esses are encountered just before the last turns to the main straight. This should prove to be a track where driving skill dominates.

Dick Beardsley has just completed his track in North Plains. Dick's track is the most well constructed H.O. track I have ever seen. Dick estimates the track length to be somewhere around 50 feet. The front straight is about 15 feet in length and ends into a very well constructed and functional banked curve. Outstanding! A functionally perfect banked curve- very nice Dick! The track also incorporates some nasty curves, a very slick over-pass bridge, and some extremely nice hand lettering on the track side boards. The detail and execution of this track must be seen to be believed! Congratulations on a job well done Dick.

The H.O.R.R.E.O. Club (HO Road Racing Enthusiasts of Oregon) are nearing completion of their club track located at Paul Fromm's in Portland. Word is the track has been redesigned and is almost ready for racing. If I know the H.O.R.R.E.O. guys, it will be a curve lovers delight. For more info on the H.O.R.R.E.O. Club contact any of the members, Bart Currie, Paul Fromm, Glen Heath, or Dave Nydigger.

If you are interested in a monthly NEWS LETTER of this type let me know at 255-6761. News Letter could include classified ads, technical features, how-to's, etc.... Articles can be submitted by anyone.