



“Yours in racing” Ed Hill

ROAR Web Report from Region 6

Nitro Toys and Hobbies in Flowood Mississippi have had a winter project. When the weather would allow, whomever was around was drafted to help build a new R/C track. Lee Collins, owner of Nitro Toys and Hobbies, has felt that having the only indoor on road track in the state wasn't quite enough. Lee thought that off road racers were being left out. So now Lee has two tracks.

There was more than one reason for yours truly to attend the inaugural off road race at Nitro Toys and Hobbies. The winter weather turned balmy, it was the first race ever on this track, and it had been hinted that this date was chosen because it was my birthday.

We had a very good turnout of both racers as well as spectators to see the new track. But there was a new racer this day that caught everyone's attention. Kenny Donald has been racing since his early teens, but today Kenny registered his 5 year old son in Short Course Truck. This little boy looks so much like his father that some of the racers started referring to him as “Mini Kenny”. However, to his face we used his real name, Hunter. The amazing thing about this youngster is that he would drive. Most kids his age will just mash the trigger, but not Hunter. When approaching a curve he would slow down, and when a faster vehicle would overtake him, he would move over. I think that his Dad's coaching had a lot to do with it. Everyone enjoyed watching Hunter Donald.

The results of the opening day at Nitro toys and Hobbies Off Road Track were as follows:

10.5 Buggy A Main; TQ – Terry Vaughn; 1st – Terry Vaughn; 2nd – William Ables; 3rd – Rocky Burney.

4WD Mod Buggy A Main; TQ – Terry Vaughn; 1st – William Ables; 2nd – Terry Vaughn; 3rd – Lee Collins.

Pro4 CORR Truck A Main; TQ Brett McAlpin; 1st – Nathan McAlpin; 2nd – Brett McAlpin; 3rd – Alan Wright.

Stock Short Course Truck A Main; TQ William Ables; 1st – William Ables; 2nd – Gabe Crutchfield; 3rd – Kevin McCoy.



Lee Collins announcing Nitro Toys and Hobbies 1st ever Off Road race



“It feels weird driving outside”



Kenny Donald coaches son Hunter age 5 aka Mini Kenny

Although our region is not as large as some regions it is very difficult to keep up with local racing without some assistance from our ROAR members and affiliates. I have always asked for reports to help keep me updated on local activity.

I have recently received a racing report from Keith Knowles, who is associated with T & T Speedway in Shreveport, LA. Although I have not received the promised pictures, I will add them when they arrive. Keith's report is as follows:

Well Saturday was a pretty good turnout. Tom and I would like to thank you for coming out. I had a good time and I hope you all did as well. We had a total of 43 vehicles for the heats. There were some pretty good battles during the day with everybody getting the racing fever and some good competition in the mix. I can tell some of our racers have been putting in the time and the laps on the track. The lap count is up from our Toys for Tots Race. As we continue into the season we will determine the classes everyone prefers and we will make the necessary adjustments as we go. Please feel free to make suggestions. Thanks to everyone who jumped in to help throughout the day, from track preparation to volunteer marshalling.

The results:

Stock Mini L/M; We saw Trey lay down 35 laps in his 1st heat to Kevin's 34 and Mark's 28 with Phillip and Tim just back, but in the mix none the less. The Main came down to the last lap with Trey taking the win with 33 laps and Kevin only inches back. It was a good race.

Modified Mini L/M; We saw Kevin TQ with 33 laps in both heats with Karen, Eric and David in heat 1 and Tim, Phillip and Mark bumping up to try to match Kevin in heat 2. Kevin took the win in the Main with 30 laps.

Modified Sprint 1/10; Eric loves to run the "wheelie monster" and several racers joined in to give him a run. If anyone had any questions about the traction on this track all you have to do is watch Eric pull the front wheels off of the ground at the pull of the trigger. Eric laid down a blistering 37 laps in the 2nd heat. John edged Eric out in the Main with 34 laps, but it was a fast paced battle all the way.

Unlimited Late Model (B44 & XXX4); John laid down a fast paced 35 laps and like always I was getting lapped. John went on to win the Main with 35 laps.

1/8E – Late Model; (AKA "BIG DOGS") Wow what a blast. John and Eric battled through the 1st heat with John taking the win with 31 laps. The Main was a close on all the way with John, Eric and Keith finishing in that order and all on the same 32 lap pace. This class is well worth the effort to make the conversion.

Stock Sedan; with the large class we saw some good action. The race printout showed just how close the racing was. David was TQ with Denver and Eric close behind. The Main saw Wade pull off the win with Eric 2nd and David 3rd. The one to watch is Denver. He drives a real smooth line and is not rattled by much. The next thing you see is his taillights.

Super Stock Sedan; John was TQ with back to back 13 lap runs. Eric and Wade swapped 2nd and 3rd in the heats. John won the Main with another 13 lap run with Eric 2nd and Wade 3rd.

Stock Slash; The Slash class always amazes me. It is the best thing to happen in electric R/C racing. Without a doubt, good cheap fun! With 7 in the heat and only 1 DNF everyone was within a lap of each other. David was TQ with Denver and Trey swapping 2nd and 3rd in the heats. David took the Main win but Denver was hot on his tail and if not for some lap traffic, might have gotten closer. Trey 3rd, Heath 4th and Eric just a few feet behind. This was exciting racing.

CORR Truck (Mod Slash, SC10 etc.); the heats were pretty rough on this class with Heath TQ. The Mains were much better. David took the win with Heath 2nd and Eric 3rd.

GOOD FUN GREAT RACING THANKS FOR COMING SEE YOU AT THE TRACK –
Keith Knowles

Again I would like to thank Keith Knowles for this report. I encourage everyone with a love for R/C racing to send me more reports like this one. Don't be bashful – let the R/C world know what you are doing!!!!

That's all for now.
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