

REEDY SPRING INTERNATIONAL



Radio Race Car reports from the Reedy Spring International at Romsey.

Mike "motor man" Reedy himself, the events sponsor.

Once again the most spectacular European international event of the year was hosted by the Romsey Off Road Buggy Club. The event in question, the Reedy Spring International.

Driving at Romsey really is a test of both driver and machine. First and major problem is the track surface, generally the surface is hard packed soil with a liberal coating of fine dust or grit, as you can imagine this makes traction a little difficult and is rather like trying to find grip on a mixture of ball bearings and ice. However, after heavy rainfall the track is liberally coated with sawdust to soak up the rain, this does give excellent traction and most drivers set their best times whilst the track was in this condition.

Masami Hirotsuka, the master.



Seven Days makes One Weak?

The event began with three complete days of open practice, Monday and Tuesday saw glorious weather and a dry track, most drivers took the chance to try several combinations of tyres on the slippery Romsey surface, it also gave all present a chance to find the right line around a very different Romsey circuit to that which the World Championship was run on.

Wednesday

Wednesday again was practice day, it also saw the arrival of rain, or at least drizzle. This produced an answer to most drivers questions concerning the amount of extra grip on a wet track, there wasn't any. In fact it was worse, there was, we later disco-

vered a very simple solution to all this, the soil surface was actually bound together with old engine oil and oil and water as everybody knows just doesn't mix. In fairness it must be said that as the rain fell then so did the sawdust, this dried the track out and gave the extra grip that some were searching for. By this stage Masami Hirotsuka had unveiled the new Yokomo 4WD car and given it an airing, both he and it looked very, very good!

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Thursday dawned and qualifying heats began with 2WD rounds, the track was giving a modicum of grip and lap times for the leaders were very high, Mark Mainey doing brilliantly to finish the day in sixth position, watch out for Mark in future Radio Race Car rounds, he's really going well at the moment. Round two saw little change and at midday the first round finished with one lap separating the top twenty drivers, thats close!

Positions After Two Rounds — 2WD

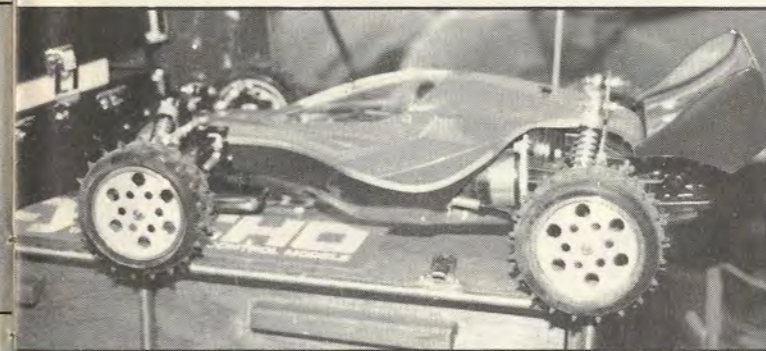
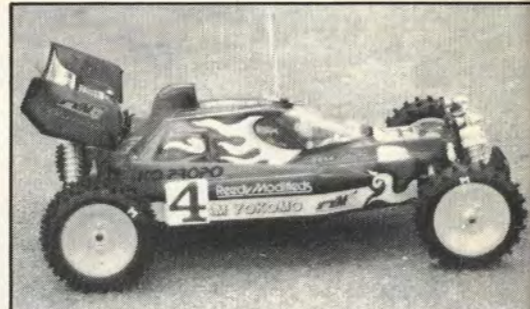
1	Masami Hirotsuka	16	308.95
2	Pete Stevens	16	317.58
3	Cliff Lett	16	318.60
4	Steve Haynes	15	304.06
5	Jamie Booth	15	305.03
6	Mark Mainey	15	306.10
7	Kris Moore	15	307.00
8	Craig Drescher	15	307.13
9	Klaus Wilhelm	15	307.55
10	Eustace Moore	15	309.08
11	Rory Cull	15	309.13
12	Glyn Pegler	15	311.30
13	Christian Keil	15	312.23

Jamie Booth, whats he thinking here?



Butch Klobner, always smiling.





Above, all the conquering Yokomo sporting a superb paint job. Left, 2WD A finalists left to right Pete Stevens, Masami Hirosaka and Cliff Lett. Below, 4WD A finalists left to right Jamie Booth, Masami Hirosaka and Butch Klobber.

Tamiyas latest car the Avante was put through its paces for the first time on a UK circuit.

14	Mike Burnette	15	312.81
15	Lawrence Harris	15	313.63
16	Andrew Langdon	15	314.03
17	Tony Wells	15	314.20
18	Richard Isherwood	15	315.45
19	Phil Davies	15	315.65
20	Butch Klobber	15	315.83

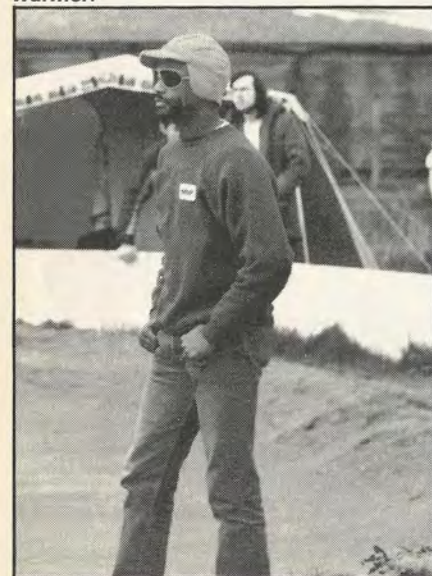
4WD rounds began at 1 pm and straight away times were fast with fifteen and sixteen laps from the word go, there were exceptions to this with four drivers turning the magic seventeen laps, those drivers were Jason Varley, Butch Klobber, Jamie Booth and Masami Hirosaka. Final positions after day one were;



Positions After Two Rounds — 4WD

1	Masami Hirosaka	17	306.26
2	Jamie Booth	17	316.40
3	Butch Klobber	17	321.53
4	Jason Varley	17	321.73
5	Cliff Lett	16	300.41
6	Jürgen Lautenbach	16	301.48
7	Jürgen Metz	16	303.38
8	Glyn Pegler	16	303.85
9	Kevin Moore	16	304.70
10	Klaus Wilhelm	16	306.73
11	Tony Wells	16	307.28
12	Pete Stevens	16	308.33
13	Richard Isherwood	16	308.81
14	Michael Bridges	16	309.25

Eustace Moore complete with head warmer.



15	Steve Haynes	16	309.30
16	Mark Mainey	16	309.86
17	Jason Green	16	310.96
18	Kris Moore	16	311.05
19	Lawrence Harris	16	311.13
20	Andrew Langdon	16	313.71

Friday continued much the same with most drivers improving their times if not their positions, still the seventeen lap club only had four members.

Positions After 4 Rounds — 2WD

1	Masami Hirosaka	16	308.95
2	Pete Stevens	16	317.58

Jason Varley a great achievement for this young driver.



3	Cliff Lett	16	318.6
4	Steve Haynes	15	304.06
5	Kris Moore	15	304.85
6	Jamie Booth	15	305.03
7	Mark Mainey	15	306.10
8	Craig Drescher	15	307.13
9	Klaus Wilhelm	15	307.55
10	Eustace Moore	15	309.08
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12	Glyn Pegler	15	311.30
13	Christian Kiel	15	312.23
14	Mike Burnette	15	312.81
15	Lawrence Harris	15	313.63
16	Andrew Langdon	15	314.03
17	Tony Wells	15	314.20

Jürgen Lautenbach in pensive mood.



18	Nino Athanasiou	15	314.83
19	Richard Isherwood	15	315.45
20	Phil Davies	15	315.65

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Kris Moore current 2WD World Champion.



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20	Tim Walden	16	313.80

Saturday and rain had set in to the point where the dreaded infield section was under water by about three inches, in fact someone began sailing an R/C boat! It must be mentioned here that most people believed the days racing would be abandoned, however not Bill Jones, he promptly hired a pump to move the worst of the water, swept off the rest of the track, applied liberal amounts of sawdust and away we all went now that cant be bad. The sawdust did improve the grip, strangely enough though times remained about the same and Sunday saw the top drivers qualify in following A Final positions.

Sunday, Finals Day

Once again dry weather brought a low grip circuit. 2WD finals were held first with a crowd of onlookers already starting to grow. As usual in this type of event the A Final was held over three legs with ten points to the winner running down to one point for tenth place.

Result Of Three Leg A Finals 2WD

1	Masami Hirosaka	16
2	Cliff Lett	15
3	Pete Stevens	15
4	Michael Bridges	15
5	Steve Haynes	14
6	Klaus Wilhelm	14
7	Darron Harris	14
8	Lawrence Harris	14
9	Kris Moore	14
10	Butch Klobber	13

Final Positions

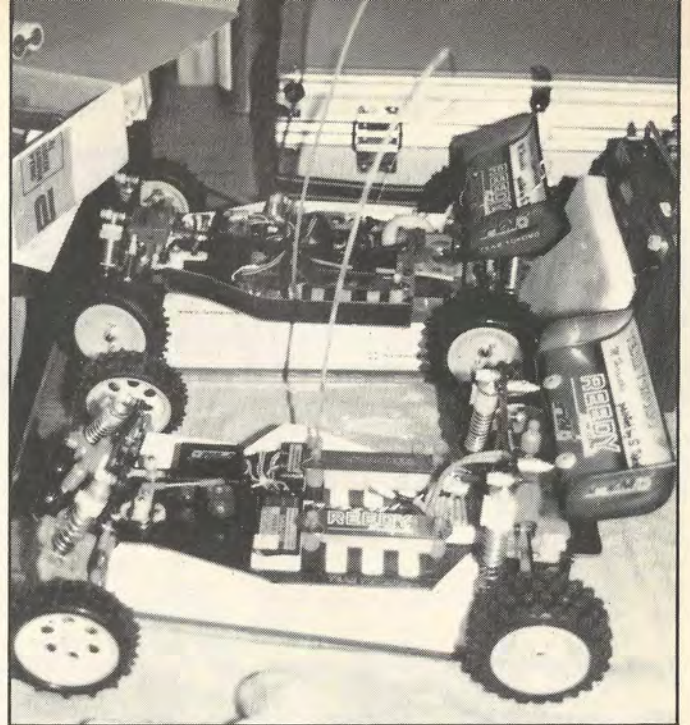
Masami Hirosaka	30 Points
Pete Stevens	21 Points
Cliff Lett	20 Points
Steve Haynes	18 Points
Kris Moore	18 Points
Butch Klobber	14 Points
Klaus Wilhelm	12 Points
Mike Bridges	10 Points
Darren Harris	10 Points
Lawrence Harris	10 Points

Result of Three Leg A Finals 4WD

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2	Butch Klobber	16
3	Masami Hirosaka	16
4	Cliff Lett	16
5	Jason Varley	16
6	Klaus Wilhelm	16
7	Jürgen Metz	16
8	Jürgen Lautenbach	15
9	Glyn Pegler	15
10	Kevin Moore	15

A clean start as seven cars make it around the first bend.





Hirosaka may well smile, after all he cleaned up taking 4WD, 2WD and overall winner trophies and these are the cars that did it for him the legendary RC10 and the new legend the 4WD Yokomo.

1	Masami Hirotsuka	17
2	Butch Klober	16
3	Klaus Wilhelm	16
4	Jamie Booth	16
5	Jürgen Lautenbac	16
6	Jason Varley	16
7	Glyn Pegler	15
8	Jürgen Metz	15
9	Kevin Moore	15
10	Cliff Lett	11
1	Cliff Lett	16
2	Masami Hirotsuka	16
3	Jamie Booth	16
4	Kevin Morre	08
5	Jürgen Metz	15
6	Jason Varley	15
7	Jürgen Lautenbac	15
8	Glyn Pegler	15
9	Klaus Wilhelm	15
10	Butch Klober	12

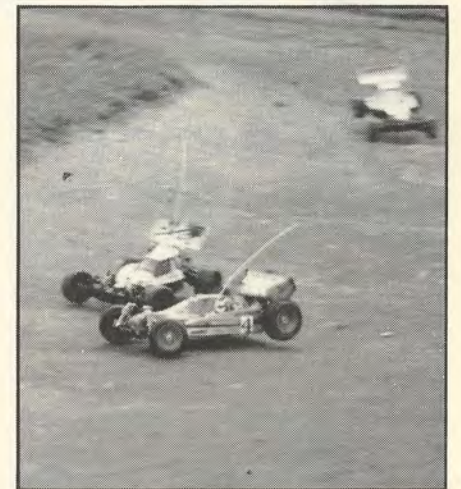
So ended a great weeks racing. There were several points worthy of note first the drivers, Hirotsuka was of course brilliant driving cleanly and with genius all week, the same must be said of Jason Varley, Jamie Booth and Butch Klober after all they all turned in seventeen laps at one stage, anyone who can do that on the Romsey surface has got talent.

The cars, well the giant killer at Romsey was without doubt the new Yokomo 4WD

wonder Dogfighter, Klober's, Varleys and Hirotsukas all looked so stable and controlled on the Romsey track. It is also worthy to note that several mid 4s were tried, tested and replaced with CAT's! Masami Hirotsuka will be with us all for some time yet, he is without doubt a worthy Champion, taking both 2 and 4 WD titles. Results also show other, younger names to watch out for, you have been warned!

Final Positions

Masami Hirotsuka	27 Points
Jamie Booth	25 Points
Butch Klober	19 Points
Cliff Lett	18 Points
Jason Varley	16 Points
Klaus Wilhelm	15 Points
Jürgen Metz	13 Points
Jürgen Lautenbac	13 Points
Kevin Moore	10 Points
Glyn Peglar	9 Points



Tech Chart — Reedy Spring International 4WD

Driver	Car	Cells	Motor	4WD Speedo	Servo	Tyres F	Tyres R
Masami Hirotsuka	Yokomo	SCE	Reedy	KO	KO & Doubler	Yokomo	Yokomo
Jamie Booth	CAT	Schumacher	Reedy	Demon	131 SH	CAT	CAT
Cliff Lett	CAT	SCE	Reedy	Novak	131 SH	CAT	CAT
Butch Klober	Yokomo	SC's	Reedy	Novak	Airtronics	Yokomo	Yokomo
Jason Varley	Yokomo	Prime Time	Reedy	Novak	131 SH	Yokomo	Yokomo
Jürgen Lautenback	CAT	CS SCR's	LRP Blue/s	CS Rocket	131	CAT	CAT
Jürgen Metz	Optima	Kiel Pushed	Reedy	CS	Futuba 700	Kyosho	Kyosho
Glyn Peglar	LWD Optima	Lazer	Twister	Lazer	131	Kyosho	Kyosho
Kevin Moore	CAT	SCE	Reedy	Demon	131 SH	CAT	CAT
Klaus Wilhelm	UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT						