

# RACE REPORT

This, the 9th Annual Reedy International Race of Champions, again brought the top 30 drivers from around the World to compete in a real 'heads up' combined 2wd and 4wd event. On the Saturday, these 30 drivers each raced in six Mains against each other (there are no qualifying heats as such, each 'Main' or race is basically a Final). The driver line-up and the starting positions are switched for each Main to make it fair for everyone, ensuring that every driver gets to race against different competition. Points are awarded for finishing positions, with only five of the six races counting. On the Sunday, the same race programme is run but for 4wd cars. There is also an Open Class for up and coming drivers racing 2 and 4wd modified class.

R/C Off Road Raceway in Fountain Valley, California, hosted the event which was sponsored by Novak Electronics and R/C Car Action magazine. The track's area was enlarged for this



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# INTERNATIONAL REEDY RACE OF CHAMPIONS

event, and all the drivers said it was much better. The top teams from Japan and Europe were here to compete, with the entry being a real 'who's who' from the International racing scene.

The talk going around the pits concerned Brian Kinwald, Associated's current 2wd Off Road World Champion, and his move to the Trinity camp. It seems Trinity persuaded Brian to leave the Associated Team a little over a week before the race, and is the fourth time a World Champion that's won with Associated's cars has 'defected' to the opposition.....

Part of Trinity's buyout stipulation was that Brian (surprisingly!) could no longer race Associated

**Jon Anderson (left) won the 2wd Open Class with his Trinity powered Losi car, with Brian Barre (centre) and Barry Baker close behind with their Reedy powered RC10's.**



cars but must race Losi cars. Brian only lives two blocks away from this track so, for a week and a half before the race, he was here practising day and night with the personal help of the Losi Team to get dialled in with the car. The track he knew better than anyone. He had won the ROAR 2wd and 4wd classes here, racing Reedy powered RC10's and Yokomo's, so everyone was anxious to see how he would do with the new equipment.

## 2wd Reedy Invitational Class

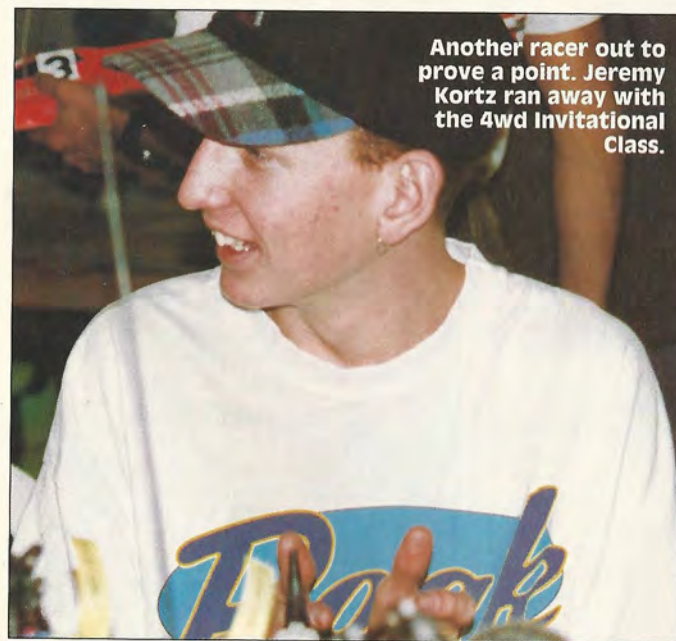
There would be six rounds altogether, with all the drivers split into three races in each round. So, there would be three winners in each round. Matt Ledger led things off with a win in the first race, followed by Mark Pavidis taking the second, with Brian Kinwald also winning his race.

### Round 2

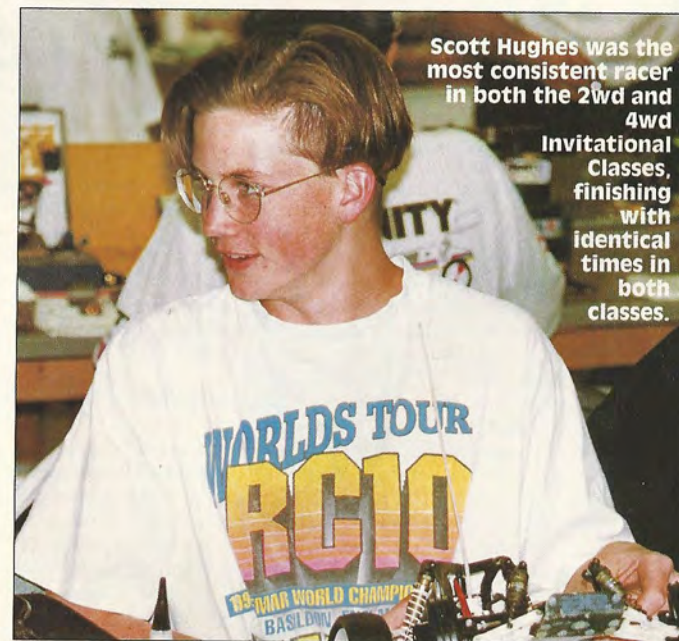
Atsushi Hara, from Japan, took the win in the first race, with Craig Drescher, from England, also winning his race, and Jeremy Kortz taking the third. Meanwhile, Mark Pavidis had taken a second place, while Brian finished in seventh, his obvious throwout score.

### Round 3

It was still anybody's race. Mark Pavidis led off with his second win, whilst Carlos Gonzales took his first, with Matt Francis also taking his first win. Mark Pavidis was now leading overall going into the fourth round, but it definitely wasn't over yet. Scott Hughes took his second win, followed by Mark Pavidis with his third with Brian then taking his second win.

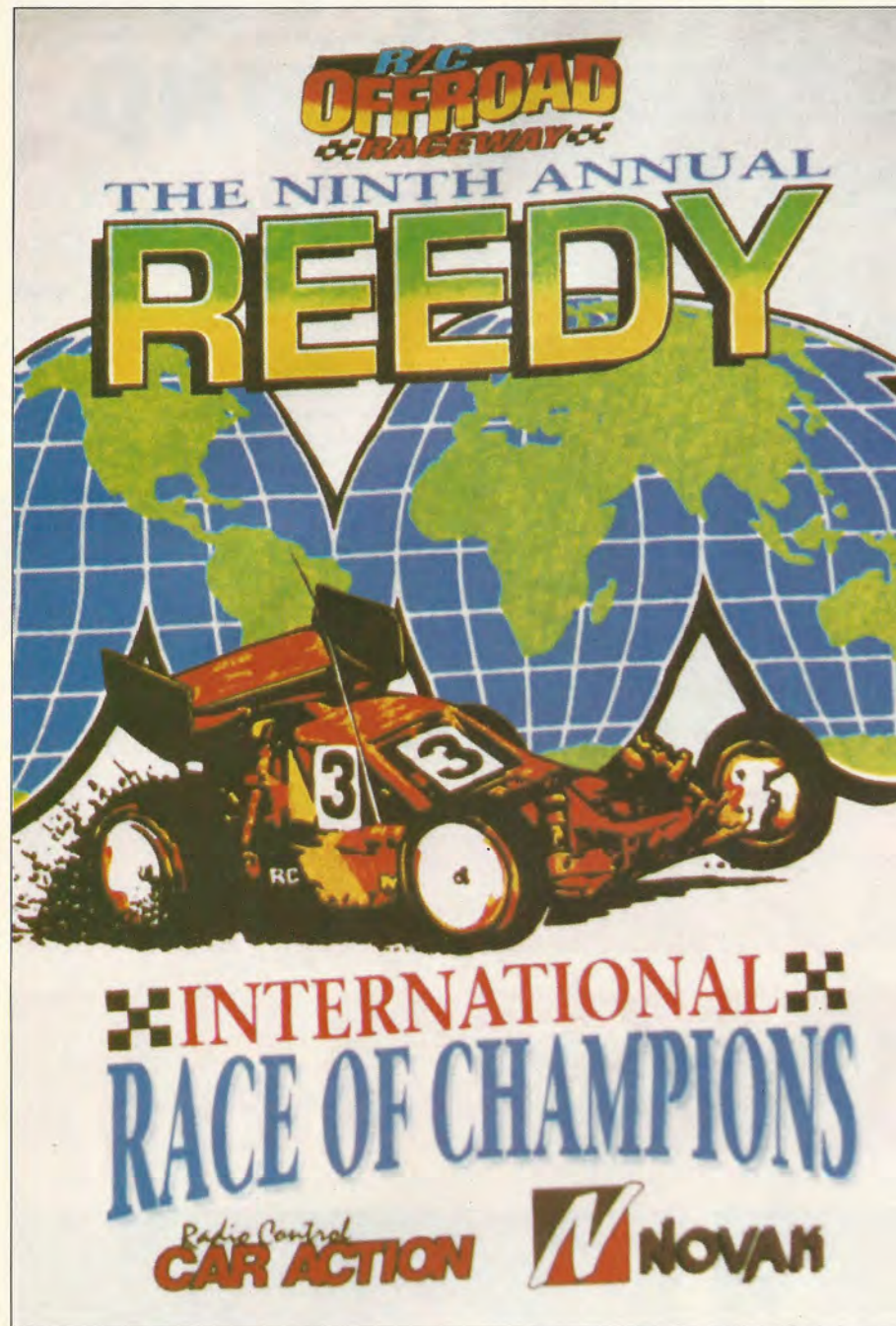


Another racer out to prove a point. Jeremy Kortz ran away with the 4wd Invitational Class.



Scott Hughes was the most consistent racer in both the 2wd and 4wd Invitational Classes, finishing with identical times in both classes.

# FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



### Round 5

If Mark Pavidis could take another win here, he would win the 2wd class, as he already had three wins and a second place finish. Remember, the drivers' starting positions are evenly rotated, so they have two front row starts, two from the middle row and two from the back. To win this race starting from the rear would not be easy, but Mark was a man on a mission, wanting to prove that his Team was the best.

Mark's mission actually started a week earlier when he heard that Brian had left the Team. Mark seemed to change his driving attitude. He has won a lot of major races, National Championships included, but he had always been a very cautious driver. Now, he adopted a more aggressive style, going for the smaller, tighter openings whilst passing, the kind that he wouldn't try before. This resulted in him winning the two warm up races here. He was ready.

So, going into the last two rounds, although Mark was leading, it was far from over. But, Mark wasn't over yet either. He wanted to win so much, that when he got in the lead he just kept pulling

away instead of easing up, to win by five seconds. This gave Mark four wins and a second place, and the overall win in the 2wd Invitational Class, and this without even having to run in the final round! Jeremy Kortz added his second win to his score, and Matt Francis also took his second win. Carlos Gonzales took his second win in the sixth round, while Jeremy and Brian each took their third wins.

### 2WD INVITATIONAL CLASS RESULTS

Pl	Driver	Pts	Car	Motor
1	Mark Pavidis	6	RC10	Reedy
2	Brian Kinwald	8	Losi	Trinity
3	Matt Francis	9	RC10	Reedy
4	Jeremy Kortz	11	Losi	Peak
5	Scott Hughes	11	RC10	Reedy
6	Craig Drescher	12	RC10	Reedy
7	Carlos Gonzales	13	RC10	Reedy
8	Matt Ledger	14	RC10	Reedy
9	Mark Francis	15	RC10	Reedy
10	J D Beckwith	15	RC10	Reedy

### 2WD OPEN B MAIN RESULTS

- 1 Mike Weed
- 2 Greg Hodap
- 3 Jason Rudee
- 4 Jimmy Jacobson
- 5 Aaron Biner
- 6 Chris Raceles
- 7 Scott Roberts
- 8 John Scott
- 9 Billy Easton
- 10 Gary Brickman

### 2WD OPEN A MAIN RESULTS

Pos	Driver	Car	Motor
1	Jon Anderson	Losi	Trinity
2	Brian Jarre	RC10	Reedy
3	Barry Baker	RC10	Reedy
4	Robert Gillespie	RC10	Warlock
5	Ethan Erchinger	Losi	Peak
6	Paul Gurgle	RC10	Fitch
7	Vince Stolo	Losi	Peak
8	Jason Ruona	RC10	Reedy
9	Todd Cariseo	RC10	Reedy
10	Taco Man	RC10	Matrix

### 4wd Reedy Invitational Class

The man with a mission in the 4wd class was Jeremy Kortz, aiming to show everyone that he too could beat Brian. He certainly managed that, with four wins, one second and one third place finish, plus an identical points total to that Mark had in the 2wd class. Brian only had one win. They were both running Yokomo cars, but it was quite easy to see that Jeremy had a lot of power in his car, and knew how to use it.

Shimosuke Adachi, from Japan, had the second best times, with three wins, a second, and a third place finish. Scott Brown was close with three wins, a second and a fifth. Scott Hughes was the most consistent driver overall in both the 2wd and 4wd classes, with identical points totals. Scott had one win, three seconds, and one fourth. Following Scott was England's Craig Drescher with one win, two seconds and three thirds.

Overall, in the 2wd and 4wd combined points table, Jeremy Kortz's strong finish in 2wd,



A man with a mission. Mark Pavidis had something to prove, and he proved it in a big way, running away with the 2wd Invitational Class.



Greg Hodap (left) won the tough 4wd Open Class with his Reedy powered Yokomo. Jason Ruona (centre) was close behind in second, with his Schumacher-Reedy combo, while Aaron Biner took third with his Reedy powered Dukeomo.



Jeremy Kortz (centre) won the combined Reedy Invitational Class, with his Peak powered Losi/Yokomo cars. Brian Kinwald (left) took the second spot with his Losi/Yokomo cars using Trinity power, while Scott Hughes was only one point behind Brian, with his Reedy powered RC10/Yokomo cars.

combined with his outstanding finish in 4wd, gave him the overall win. Brian Kinwald finished in second place, with Scott Hughes one point behind in third.

### INVITATIONAL COMBINED RESULTS 2/4WD

Pl	Driver	Pts	Car	Motor
1	Jeremy Kortz	17	Losi-Yokomo	Peak
2	Brian Kinwald	21	Losi-Yokomo	Trinity
3	Scott Hughes	22	RC10-Yokomo	Reedy
4	Craig Drescher	23	RC10-Schum.	Reedy
5	Mark Pavidis	24	RC10-Yokomo	Reedy
6	Masami Hrosaka	24	RC10-Yokomo	Reedy
7	Matt Francis	26	RC10-Yokomo	Reedy
8	Scott Brown	28	Losi-Kyosho	Rev.
9	Mark Francis	32	RC10-Yokomo	Reedy
10	Matt Ledger	33	RC10-Yokomo	Reedy

### 2wd Open A Main

Barry Baker is more well known as an accomplished On Road racer than an Off Road man, taking the TQ honours at the ROAR 1/10 On Road Nationals last summer. However, he's adapted quite fast to Off Road racing, taking the TQ honours here too. Young Brian Barre was second, with Vince Stolo third.

In the A Main, experience paid off, as Jon Anderson drove an error free race to take the win with Brian Barre just two seconds back in second place, and Barry Baker another second back in third, in an exciting race.

### 4wd Open A Main

Jason Ruona took the TQ honours here, with Aaron Biner qualifying second and Greg Hodap third.

Jason Ruona and Greg Hodap had a close race all the way, but a small bobble by Jason let Hodap take over the lead and then the win, by just one second over Ruona, with Aaron Biner in third.

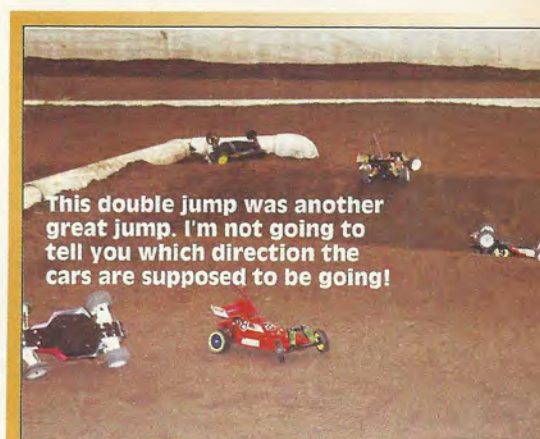
### 4WD OPEN CLASS

#### 4WD OPEN B MAIN RESULTS

1	Robert Gillespie		
2	John Valentia	6	Paul Gurgle
3	John Scott	7	B. J. Christensen
4	Jimmy Jacobson	8	Jeff Retej
5	Greg Dennett	9	Jason Rudee
		10	Scott Roberts

### 4WD OPEN A MAIN RESULTS

Pos	Driver	Car	Motor
1	Greg Hodap	Yokomo	Reedy
2	Jason Ruona	Schumacher	Reedy
3	Aaron Biner	Dukemo	Reedy
4	James Brown	Yokomo	Peak
5	Patrick McCarron	Schumacher	Precision
6	Jeff Wittman	Schumacher	Matrix
7	Hirai Tomohiro	Yokomo	Atlas
8	Sohrab Tavakoli	Dukemo	Reedy
9	Chris Walrod	Kyosho	Peak
10	Bret Reelfs	Kyosho	Reedy



This double jump was another great jump. I'm not going to tell you which direction the cars are supposed to be going!



This is the triple jump on the R.H. side of the track. Taken at the correct speed and power, the jump looks relatively easy. But, if you're off just a little bit, you're way off!



R/C Off-Road Raceway, in Fountain Valley, California, enlarged their track for this event, and all the drivers agreed that it was much better.

Barry Baker has picked up the art of off road racing remarkably fast, with Top Qualifier honours in the 2wd Open Class.

