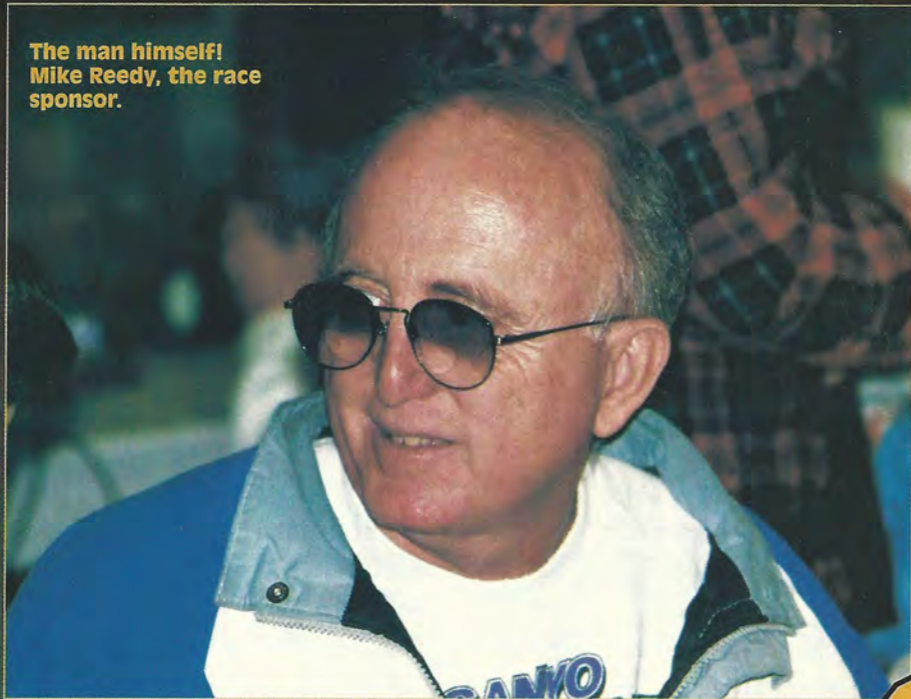


What A Venue!

As luck would have it, a business trip to the States coincided with this years 'Reedy Race Of Champions', so I was able to be there and bring you this report. This years event was held in Corona, about 40 miles South of Los Angeles. The meeting was held at M'n'M R/C Raceway & Hobbies, which just has to be one of the biggest and best purpose built indoor race venues in the USA, if not the World! All of the facilities are aimed at helping the racer, the excellent pitting tables were all fitted with multi - user power supplies, and the hobby shop stocked just about everything that a racer is ever likely to need. Great care had been taken when designing the facility, particularly with the wheelchair bound racer in mind. Access to the rostrum was via a well thought out ramp, whilst the bathrooms were designed with the wheelchair racer again much in mind. Excellent!

From the time we arrived at the 'Raceway', it was obvious that Mike Reedy & Associated Electrics were going all out to make the 1995 Reedy Race Of Champions a great success. Forty drivers from all over the World had been invited to compete in the Invitational event, whilst to compliment the Reedy Invitational, an Open

The man himself!
Mike Reedy, the race sponsor.



The 1995 REEDY RACE of Champions

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Craig Drescher did really well to finish no lower than 3rd in each of his 4wd Invitational races.

There were all of 20 drivers on the rostrum (and the track) during open practice!



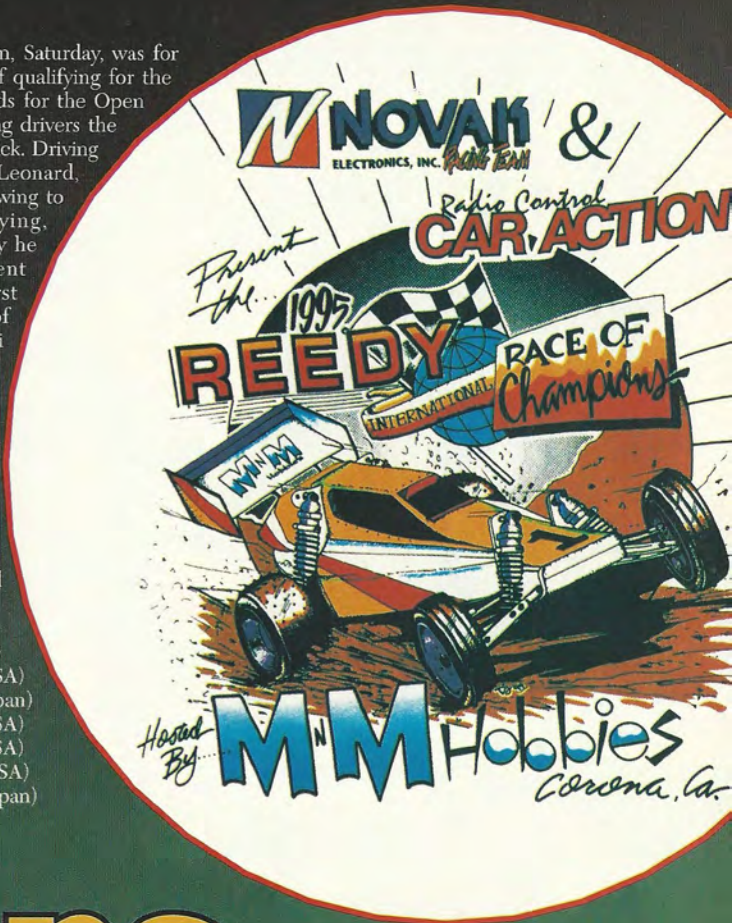
Jon Tucker, 'Bruce' and Rob Gammon enjoyed their trip across the pond.

Saturday - 2wd

The first day of competition, Saturday, was for the 2wd Class, six Rounds of qualifying for the Invitational and three Rounds for the Open class, and with 210 competing drivers the organisation had to be very slick. Driving in the Open class was Jon Leonard, who put up a very good showing to keep the UK flag flying, impressing many by the way he drove against some excellent American drivers on his first outing in the US. Heat 1 of the Invitational saw Masami Hirosaka on the track, whilst Jon Tucker was also in this Heat. The racing was a pleasure to watch, throughout the race the lead kept changing between Greg Dennett, Masami and Matt Ledger, the winner of Heat 1, Round 1 was Greg Dennett, with Masami 2nd and Matt Ledger 3rd.

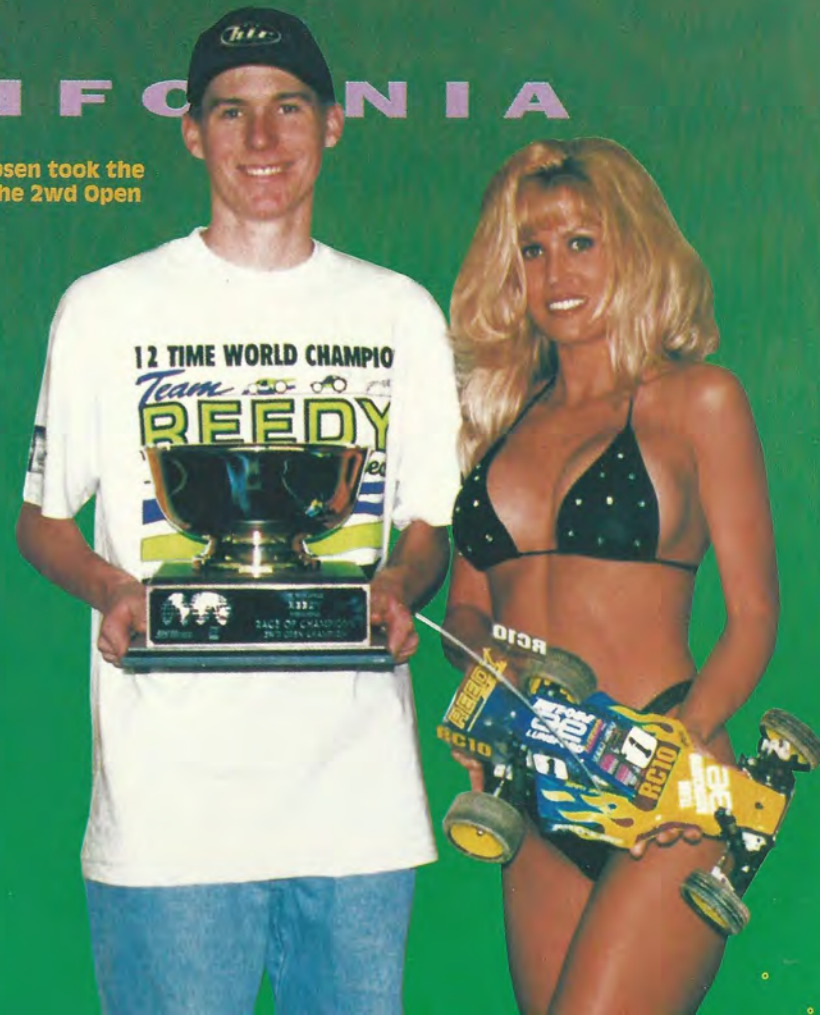
Heat 1 Results. (Round 1)

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| 1st | Greg Dennett | (USA) |
| 2nd | Masami Hirosaka | (Japan) |
| 3rd | Matt Ledger | (USA) |
| 4th | Jon Anderson | (USA) |
| 5th | Jason Ruona | (USA) |
| 6th | Kazutaka Sumida | (Japan) |

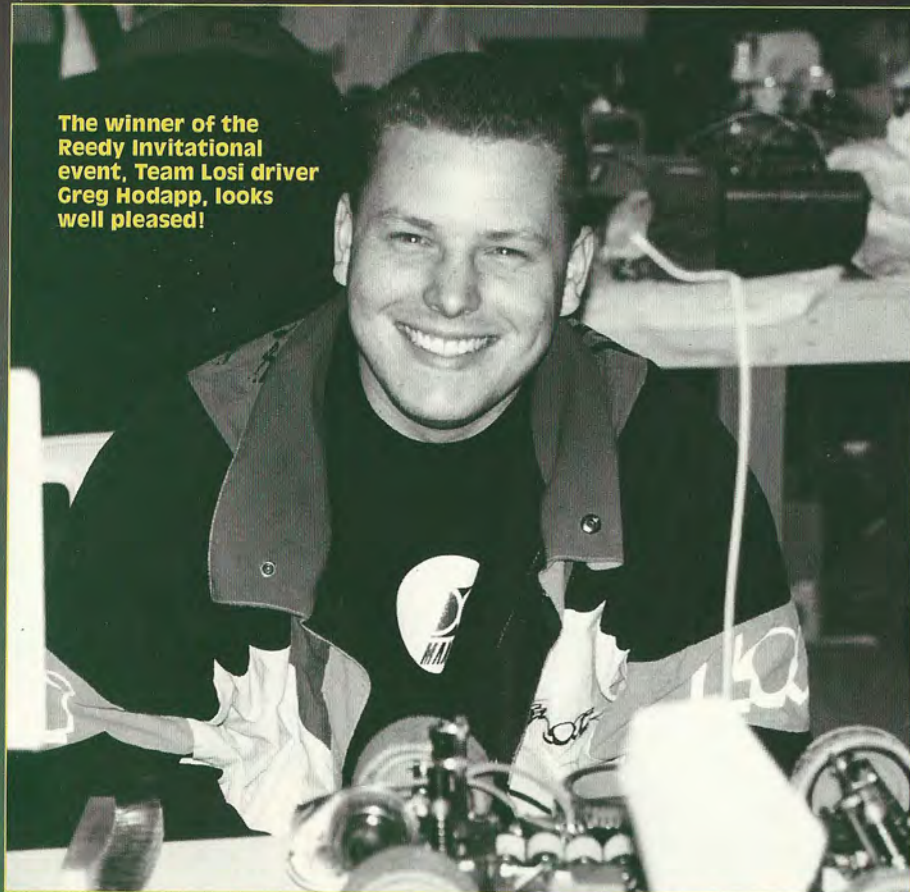


had to drag Jason Green (J.S Racing) screaming from the Ranch Pit Stop shop while he mumbled something like "If only, if only!" time after time, all the way back to the Hotel. I think he's fully recovered by now, even if Mike Drescher's credit card hasn't! Enough about that though, what about the racing?

Jimmy Jacobsen took the honours in the 2wd Open event.



The winner of the Reedy Invitational event, Team Losi driver Greg Hodapp, looks well pleased!



Heat 4 followed the pattern of the previous Heats. The racing was absolutely spectacular, with nothing between the leading drivers. Craig Drescher, Jay Halsey, Frosty St.Clair and J.D. Beckwith were all in contention, the win going to Jay Halsey with J.D., Frosty and Craig finishing in that order

Heat 4 Results (Round 1)

- 1st Jay Halsey (USA)
- 5th Matt Francis (USA)
- 2nd Frosty St.Clair (USA)
- 6th Jack Johnson (USA)
- 3rd J.D. Beckwith (USA)
- 7th Patrick Feschtschenko (GER)
- 4th Craig Drescher (England)
- 8th Satoshi Maezumi (Japan)

To go through each Round would take up most of this issue, so I'll summarise the rest of the first day's racing in the 2wd Invitational Class. As you have seen from the first Round's results, the cream of the racing World were competing at the 1995 Reedy Race Of Champions, so anyone could win at the end of the two days of racing.

- 7th Brian Dumbar (USA)
- 8th Jon Tucker (Wales)

Invitational Heat 2 again saw very close and exciting racing, with the lead constantly changing. Brian Kinwald won this heat with Jeremy Kortz and Derek Furutani in close pursuit.

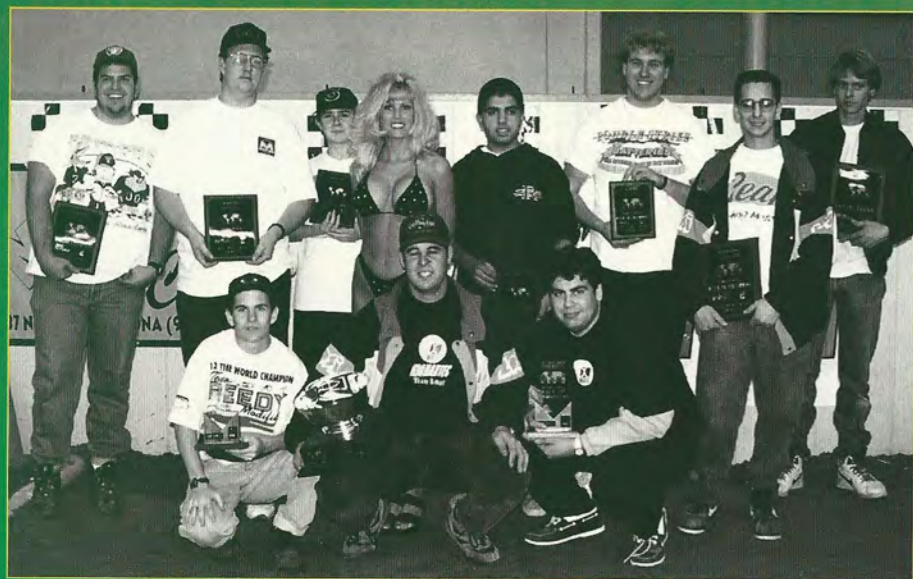
Heat 2 Results, (Round 1)

- 1st Brian Kinwald (USA)
- 5th Rick Howart (USA)
- 2nd Jeremy Kortz (USA)
- 6th Akio Kawamata (Japan)
- 3rd Derek Furutani (USA)
- 7th Michael Selner (Austria)
- 4th Hiroshi Suzuki (Japan)

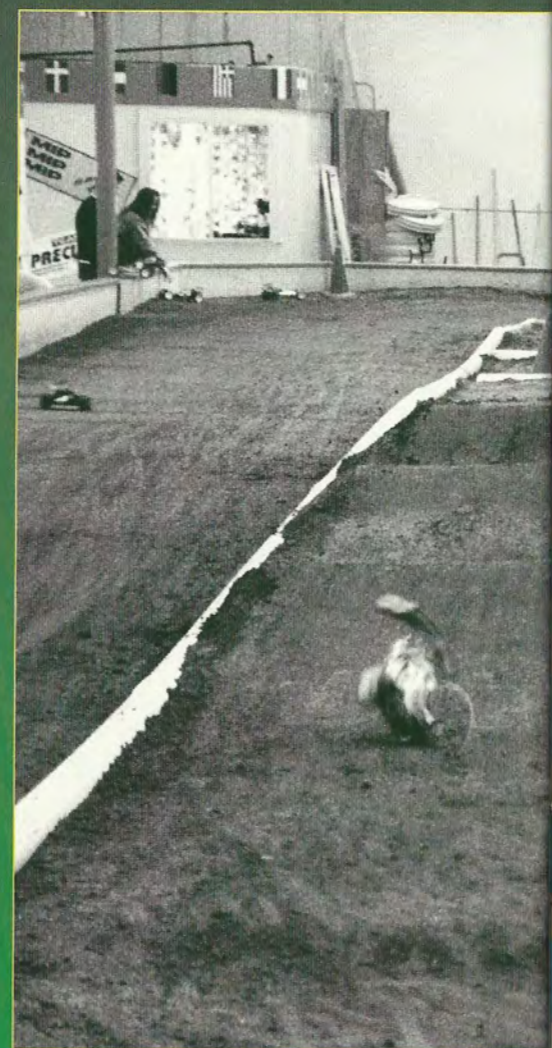
Heat 3 Results, (Round 1)

- 1st Greg Hodapp (USA)
- 5th Shinnosuke Adachi (Japan)
- 2nd Scott Brown (USA)
- 6th Rob Gammon (England)
- 3rd Mark Pavidis (USA)
- 7th Akihito Yoshimura (Japan)
- 4th Mark Francis (USA)

Heat 3 saw England's Rob Gammon on the track and up against some very good drivers such as Mark Pavidis (Associated), Greg Hodapp (Losi), Scott Brown and Mark Francis. After a close fought race, Greg Hodapp took the win, with Scott Brown & Mark Pavidis following him home in that order.



The top ten in the 4wd Open Class were more than happy to pose with Miss M'n'M Raceway!



After the 2wd section (Saturday), the top ten positions were as follows:

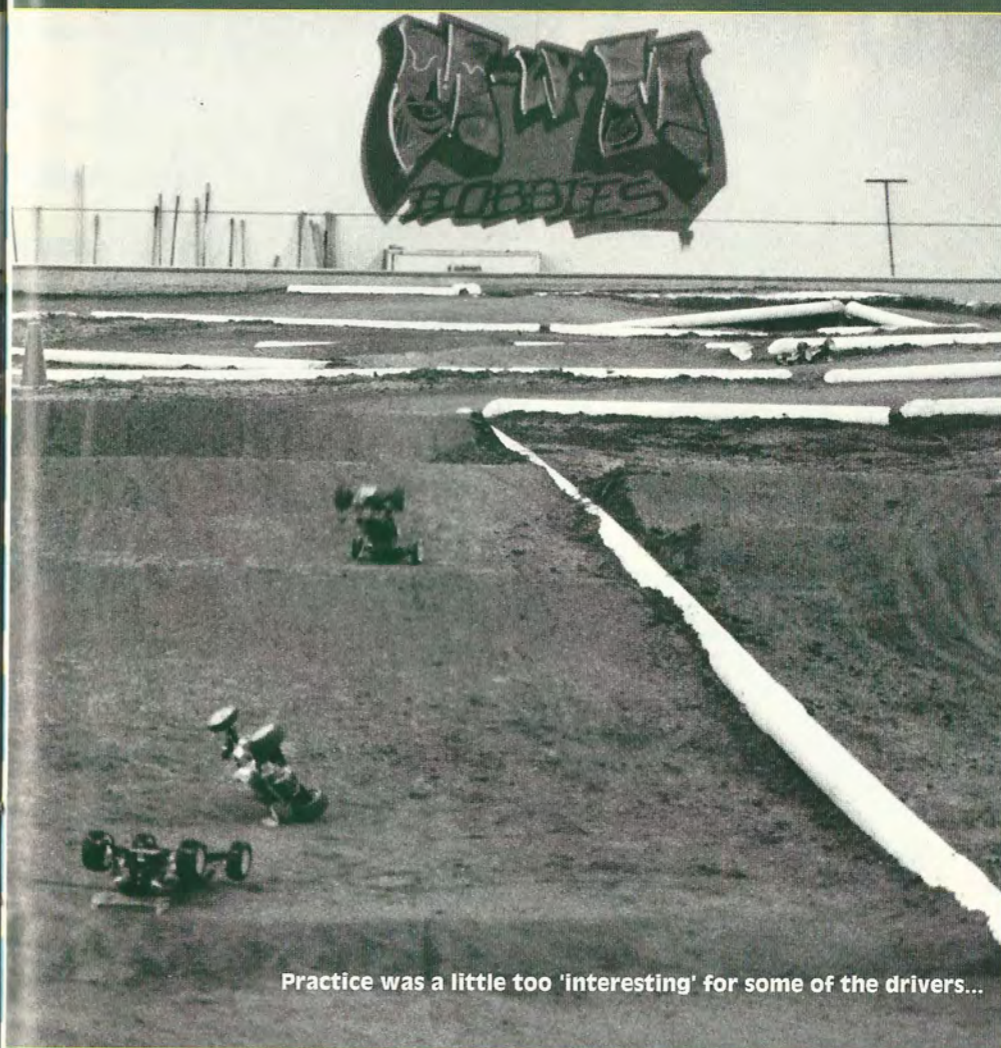
- 1st Greg Hodapp (USA)
- 2nd Derek Furutani (USA)
- 3rd Brian Kinwald (USA)
- 4th Mark Pavidis (USA)
- 5th= Masami Hirotsuka (Japan)
- 5th= Rick Howart (USA)
- 7th Matt Francis (USA)

- 8th Craig Drescher (England)
- 9th Jeremy Kortz (USA)
- 10th Jon Anderson (USA)

In the Open 2wd Class, Jon Leonard was in 26th position, and this from a field of 170 of America's top drivers! Needless to say, his sponsors, Team Associated, were very pleased with his performance so far at this event (more was to follow).

Sunday - 4wd

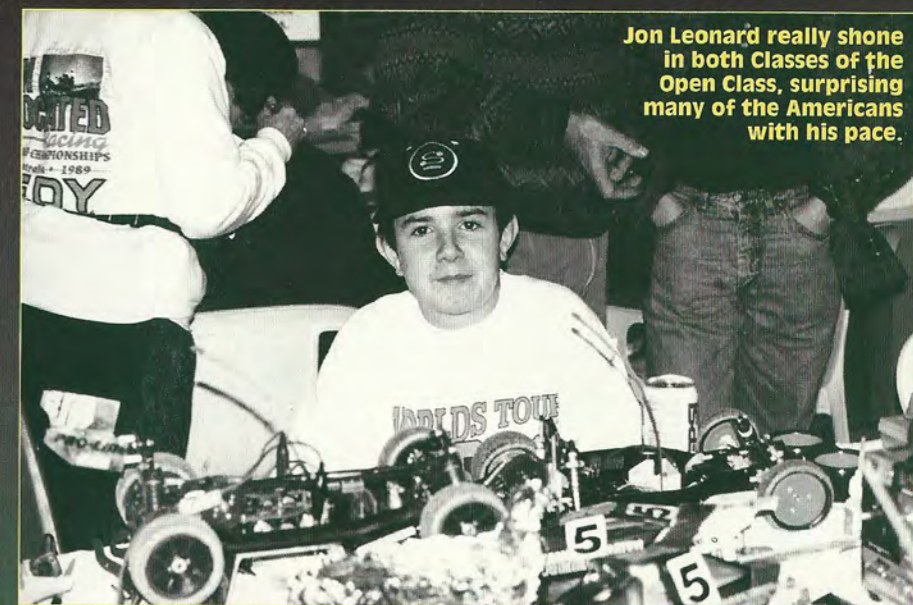
Day 2 of the 1995 Reedy Race Of Champions saw the 4wd cars out on the race track. The competition in this Class proved to be just as exciting as the previous day's 2wd racing. A lot of interest was created when Rob Gammon brought out his Tenth Technology 'Predator'. All of the people from Associated showed great interest in the car, including Cliff Lett and Gene Husting, and whilst Masami also showed an interest in Rob's car, the two were to clash on the track (Masami coming off best), but gentleman that he is, he later apologised to Rob. We were pitting



Practice was a little too 'interesting' for some of the drivers...

opposite the Japanese Team, and all got on very well together. Rob and his pit man 'Bruce', a.k.a. Paul Curtis, showed a keen interest in the food that Masami and Co were eating. Whether or not they actually ate any I don't know, but 'Bruce' is well known for his strange habits and tastes...

Back to the racing! Would the same names appear at the top of the leader board at the end of the 4wd Class? Who would be the Champion? Invitational Heat 1 (Round 1) set the scene for



Jon Leonard really shone in both Classes of the Open Class, surprising many of the Americans with his pace.

Kortz and Derek Furutani. Heat 3 saw, as we had now come to expect, a close fought thing with the result not in the bag until the end. Scott Brown took the win with Greg Hodapp in hot pursuit, Mark Pavidis and Shinnosuke Adachi following them across the line in that order, whilst Rob Gammon finished in 7th place.

Heat 4. Craig Drescher led this race for a long time, but one small mistake dropped him down to third place. He recovered to put the leaders under a lot of pressure, but just failed to catch them at the line. Matt Francis took the win from Jay Halsey, Craig Drescher and 'Jumpin' Jack Johnson.

To go 'Round by Round and race by race' would take far too long, but the same names appeared time after time in 1st and 2nd places. The British Team held their heads up well, with some good performances from all of the drivers; Craig Drescher being the top British driver in the 4wd Class after finishing no lower than 3rd in all of his races. Well done Craig!

After two days of top quality racing, the eventual positions were as follows:

The 1995 Reedy Race Of Champions.

- Winner - Greg Hodapp (USA)
- 2nd Brian Kinwald (USA)
- 3rd Mark Pavidis (USA)
- 4th Masami Hirotsuka (Japan)
- 5th Derek Furutani (USA)
- 6th Mark Francis (USA)
- 7th Scott Brown (USA)
- 8th Craig Drescher (UK)
- 9th Rick Howart (USA)
- 10th Matt Francis (USA)

I mentioned Jon Leonard in the 2wd Open class, but in the 4wd Open Class he qualified no less than 4th in the A Main and finished 9th, and this with a time that some of the drivers in the Invitational event would have found hard to better. Well done Jon!

The whole event was handled very well by the Team from M'n'M Raceway, and the track was a real credit to them. Mike Reedy and Team Associated can be very pleased with themselves, and deserve a big pat on the back for again providing a first class venue and race meeting, and most important of all, wonderful hospitality. Thank you Midge, Gene, Mike, and the rest of the Team, I'm looking forward to the next Reedy Race Of Champions!

the rest of the day. "Fast and furious" is the only way to describe it! The track was in excellent condition, and stayed so all day. Jon Anderson took the win from Masami Hirotsuka, Greg Dennett and Matt Ledger, with Jon Tucker finishing 7th in this very fast race.

Heat 2 was some race! Brian Kinwald was pushed hard all the way to the line, the lead changing several times, but Brian Kinwald held on to take the win from Hiroshi Suzuki, Jeremy