

NEW ZEALAND SLOT CAR
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1964 - 2024

2024 New Zealand 1/32nd Scale Nationals

10th – 12th May 2024 at Henderson Miniature Motor Racing Club, Auckland



The 2024 NZSCA 1/32nd scale Nationals were held on the six lane HMMRC track in Auckland. This year attracted seven entrants in Class 3 and ten in Class 1.

On Friday night the Graeme Mitchell Memorial Constructors Trophy was judged for Class 3, eventually won by Allan Tucker at the conclusion of racing on Saturday. Concours d'Elegance was won by Alex Johnson with his Eddie Van Halen's Frankenstein guitar inspired paint job. Many thanks to Chris Radford, a returning HMMRC racer, for judging these awards

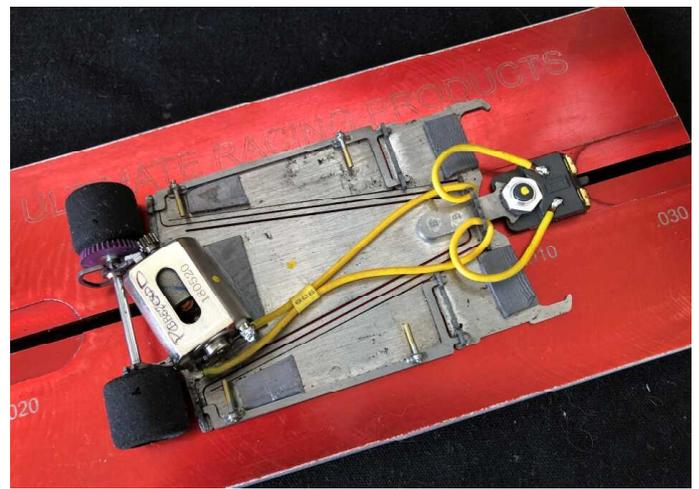
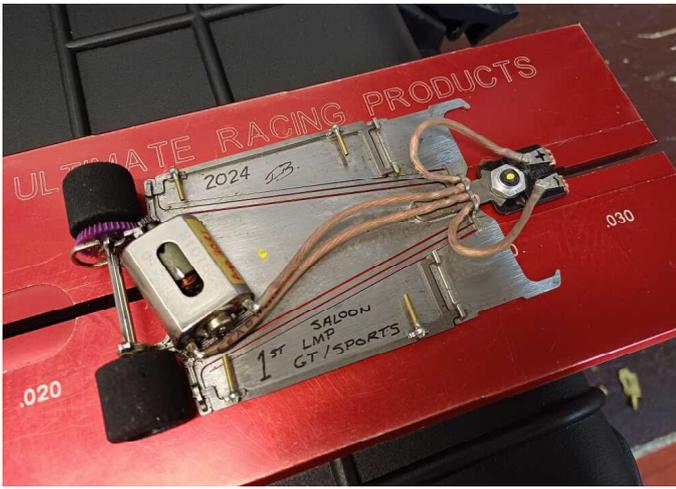
A brief NZSCA meeting was held where it was decided to canvas the member clubs on changing Class 3 to brushless motors. This was followed by two Class 3 Saloon races and the start of the Bailey Caplan show.

Class Three

Class 3 was dominated by Ivan Bailey and Paul Caplan. Ivan did the clean sweep, winning all six Class 3 races with Paul C completing a clean sweep of second places. A great effort considering neither Ivan nor Paul C had driven these cars before. Third place was shared variously by Wellington drivers Paul Belchambers, Allan Tucker, Eben Brand and Alex Johnson. The field was made up by Nigel Boyce who clearly loaned Ivan the wrong car!

Rookie of the year went to Ivan and most improved to Alex with his first NZSCA Nationals podium.





Ivan's all conquering Intro32, no lead, no guide spacers

Paul Caplan's 2nd place Intro32, lots of lead, no guide spacers



Class 3 Intro32 Championship

2nd Paul Caplan 1st Ivan Bailey 3rd Paul Belchambers

Got a little chilly down by the Waikumeke Stream

Class 3 Intro32 Overall Points and Placings

Driver	Intro32 Saloon				Intro32 LMP				Intro32 GTP				Overall Placing	
	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Placing	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Placing	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Placing	Total Points	Placing
Ivan Bailey	25.0	25.0	50.0	1	25.0	25.0	50.0	1	25.0	25.0	50.0	1	150.0	1
Paul Caplan	23.5	23.5	47.0	2	23.5	23.5	47.0	2	23.5	23.5	47.0	2	141.0	2
Paul Belchambers	22.5	22.5	45.0	3	21.0	22.5	43.5	4	22.0	21.5	43.5	6	132.0	3
Allan Tucker	22.0	22.0	44.0	4	22.0	21.0	43.0	5	21.0	22.5	43.5	4	130.5	4
Eben Brand	21.5	21.5	43.0	5	21.5	21.5	43.0	6	22.5	22.0	44.5	3	130.5	5
Alex Johnson	21.0	20.5	41.5	7	22.5	22.0	44.5	3	21.5	21.0	42.5	6	128.5	6
Nigel Boyce	20.5	21.0	41.5	6	20.5	20.5	41.0	7	20.5	20.5	41.0	7	123.5	7

Tiebreaker is the highest race placing. If placings are the same tiebreaker is a coin toss.

Class One

Group 12 Saloon

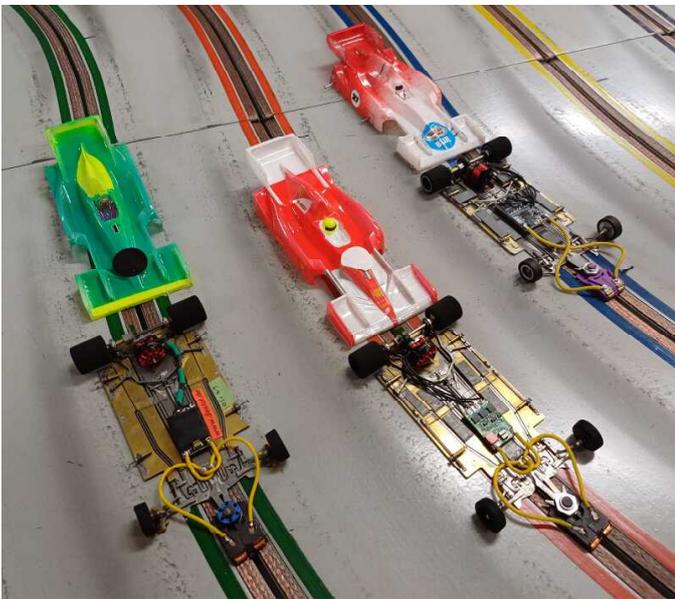
Steve Murch led the B heat from start to finish with both Nigel Boyce and Alex Johnson steadily improving to finish 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In the A heat Eben Brand had a dream run leading from start to finish. Top qualifier Robbie Harrowfield started well but had car trouble in the 4th stint and dropped away. Eben won the race comfortably by 3½ laps from Paul Belchambers and Ivan Bailey. Steve and Nigel came through from the B heat to take 4th and 5th places respectively.

Congratulations Eben on his first national championship title.



Open Grand Prix



Steve Murch top qualified, narrowly ahead of Alex Johnson, a great effort given that Alex had only driven the car for the first time that morning.

Paul Caplan won the B heat by 4 laps from Eben Brand, then Ivan Bailey and Nigel Boyce. All four drivers posted very respectable lap totals.

In the A heat Steve got off to a commanding lead with Paul Belchambers chasing hard. Unfortunately, Steve ran into problems which dropped him back in the 4th and 5th stints. Paul B inherited the lead and went on to win by 6 laps from Allan Tucker in second place. Paul C 3rd, Eben 4th and Ivan 5th all came through from the B heat to make up the top five.

All nine cars in the field were brushless motor powered.

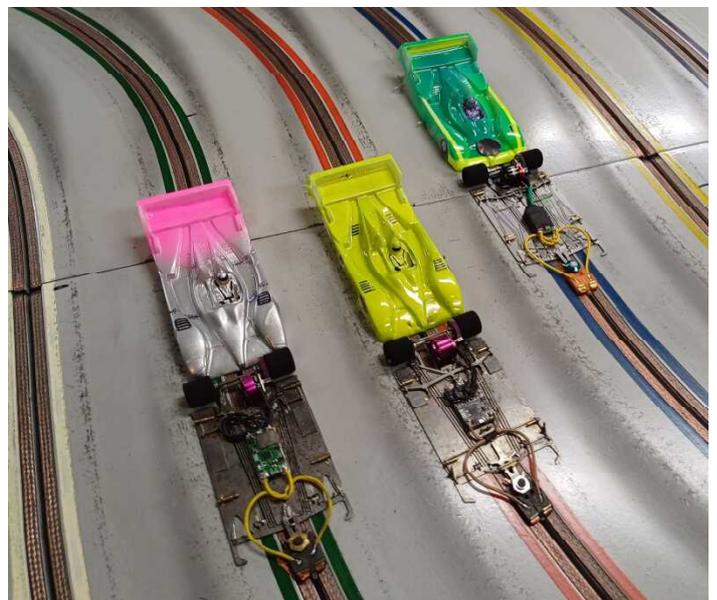
Open Sports GT

The fastest class of the weekend. Eben Brand blitzed the field in qualifying by almost 2/10ths of a second from Paul Caplan and another good qualifying performance from Alex Johnson in third.

The B Heat was totally dominated by Steve Murch, clearing out and winning by 11 laps from Robbie Harrowfield and Ivan Bailey.

In the A heat Paul Caplan with pretty much in a time trial with Steve, the lead fluctuating from stint to stint and Allan Tucker snapping at their heels the whole way. Paul C went on to win from Steve and Allan. Paul Belchambers and Robbie made up the top five. Great run too by Ray Smith in 7th, his best finish for the weekend.

All but one of the field were brushless motors. Ironically Paul B's strap motor was hampered by a hanging brush for most of the race.



Class 1 Overall Points and Placings

Driver	Saloon		Grand Prix		Sports GT		Overall Placing	
	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Total Points	Placing
Paul Belchambers	47	2	50	1	44	4	141	1
Eben Brand	50	1	44	4	40	8	134	2
Paul Caplan	38	10	45	3	50	1	133	3
Steve Murch	44	4	41	7	47	2	132	4
Allan Tucker	39	9	47	2	45	3	131	5
Ivan Bailey	45	3	43	5	42	6	130	6
Nigel Boyce	43	5	42	6	39	9	124	7
Robbie Harrowfield	41	7	39	9	43	5	123	8
Alex Johnson	42	6	40	8	38	10	120	9
Ray Smith	40	8	0	DNS	41	7	81	10

Tiebreaker is the highest race placing. If placings are the same tiebreaker is a coin toss.



Congratulations to all! A highly enjoyable race meeting. Thanks to HMMRC for organising and hosting the event.

Next Events

2024 NZSCA RTR Nationals

Marlborough Slot Car Club
 Blenheim A & P Park, Alabama Road, Blenheim
 Friday 5th to Sunday 7th July 2024



2024 NZSCA 1/24th Scale Nationals

Wellington Slot Car Club
 Lydney Place, Porirua
 Thursday 22nd to Sunday 25th August 2024



2024 NZSCA Annual General Meeting

Wellington Slot Car Club
 Lydney Place, Porirua
 Thursday 22nd August 2024