

Racing Blog 6-29-2006

Ok, let's kick off week #2 of the Summer Championship. I've changed the blog (as you'll notice shortly) in an attempt to make it a little more visually pleasing. The attendance this week was awesome. We had a bunch of members show up ready to race. In attendance were:

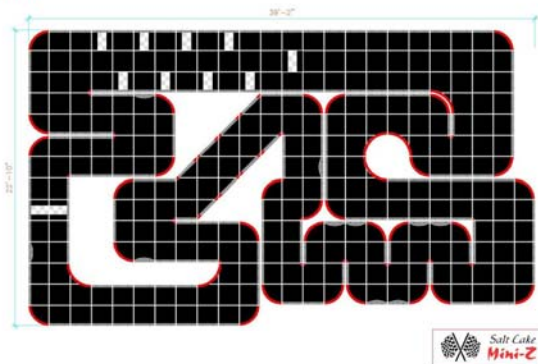
Brian (aka briankstan)
Lynn (aka Clanure)
Luke
Chad
Mike S (aka stepchild)
John
Shane
Josh
Jacob(aka LibertySyclone)
Craig
Mike S
Shalayne
Joseph
Robbie
Thomas

Those unable to make it were:

Chris
Brandon
Jay
Chance
Kelly

So, for our track setup this week, we went with another huge track using most all of Brian's 5 Wide L's, 45's, and Sweepers. Here's the layout of the track...

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Well, let's get into it. We ran our F1 race first, while we waited for Luke to run and get the OL jumps. The lineup for F1's included:

Brian (Ferrari)
Chad (McLaren)
Lynn (Toyota)

Our F1 series is just getting off the ground, with only 3 racers right now. We are hoping that this will increase in the weeks to come. Here are some shots of the cars on the track:



One of the nicest things about the F1's is that we are all new to them, so everyone is on somewhat of a level playing field. This week's race was great, with some good showings by all racers. The final results were:

Brian (28 laps, fastest lap 16.06)
Lynn (24 laps, fastest lap 17.30)
Chad (22 laps, fastest lap 15.56)

After the F1's, we ran the Overlands. Thankfully, Luke made it back just in time with the jumps.

Overlands have seen some increased popularity this year, with Mike S. joining the fold, and a few other racers showing interest. On the track this time we had:

Mike S (Red Ford F150) Sorry, No Pic.
Chad (Silver BMW X5)
Luke (Blue Dodge Ram)
Lynn (Sand Yellow H1), currently converted to Dodge Viper
Brian (Sand Red H1)



Not only have the OL's been getting more popular, they've also been getting more competitive. Look forward to good things to come this year in the OL arena. This

week was no exception, with the usual workout marshaling. The jumps and rougher driving really make this series fun. This week's OL race finished like this:

Brian (25 laps, fastest lap: 18.03)
Chad (21 laps, fastest lap: 18.56)
Lynn (21 laps, fastest lap: 19.05)
Luke (19 laps, fastest lap: 18.97)
Mike (13 laps, fastest lap: 23.88)

After the OL's finished up, we jumped right into the racers. With our exceptional turnout, we had to run A & B mains. We ran the B main 8-minute race. On the track for this one was:

Shane (Faded Murcielago, loaner)
Josh (Woodone Tom's Supra)
Jacob (Gulf McLaren)
Craig (Red Enzo, loaner)
Mike S (Red Mini Cooper) Sorry, No Pic



Our B main guys are getting good. I'd expect some competition to make it in to the A mains any time now. We had some great running and the results were:

Shane (22 laps, fastest lap: 18.44)
Josh (20 laps, fastest lap: 19.27)
Jacob (19 laps, fastest lap: 20.94)
Craig (11 laps, fastest lap: 28.39)
Mike S (3 laps, fastest lap: 47.33) DNF

Next we ran the 8-minute A-main. We had some really great running in the A-main and the competition is getting pretty intense. In the A-main we had:

Chad (Red Ferrari 430)
Brian (Motul Pitworks 350Z)
John (Yellow Ferrari 360GTC)
Lynn (Green Lamborghini Murcielago)
Luke (Red Enzo w/blue stripes)
Mike S (Red Enzo)



Racing was great, with some unexpected results. The results were:

Brian (29 laps, fastest lap: 14.95)
Lynn (28 laps, fastest lap: 15.69)
Luke (28 laps, fastest lap: 15.63)
John (26 laps, fastest lap: 16.67)
Chad (23 laps, fastest lap: 15.25)
Mike S (23 laps, fastest lap: 17.64)

Next up, we ran the B-main 12-minute race. Things were really heating up here, and the guys were really getting into it. The 12-minute B-main featured the same players as the 8-minute B-main, and they finished like this:

Shane (33 laps, fastest lap: 18.06)
Josh (32 laps, fastest lap: 17.86)
Jacob (31 laps, fastest lap: 19.23)
Craig (17 laps, fastest lap: 24.28)
Mike S (14 laps, fastest lap: 35.23)

And for the last race of the evening, we ran the A-main 12-minute race. Like I said before, the A-mains can certainly get pretty competitive, and this race was no different. We wrapped up like so:

Brian (43 laps, fastest lap: 14.94)
Chad (42 laps, fastest lap: 14.61)
Lynn (42 laps, fastest lap: 15.48)
John (39 laps, fastest lap: 15.59)
Mike (32 laps, fastest lap: 17.97)
Luke (18 laps, fastest lap: 15.92) DNF

We always wrap up the evening with some monster trucks, and tonight was no exception. Those of us running monsters are:

Luke (Blue 50's Panel VMG)
Chad (Red H2 VMG)
Brian (Chrome MZM)
Lynn (Nascar VMG)
Shalayne (Purple Wild Child VMG) Sorry, No Pic.



Our Monster truck running is always fun, but tonight we had some new jumps featuring die cast 18-wheelers, courtesy of Luke. The monster standing ended like this:

Luke (9 wins)
Chad (7 wins)
Lynn (6 wins)
Brian (4 wins)
Shalayne (4 wins)

Remember, you can see the current season standings by going to the website, www.saltlakemini-z.com, and clicking on Standings. Also, look forward to next time when I cover our 1-hour enduro race, which should be interesting to say the least.

Until then, keep racking!

Lynn (aka Clanure)

Footnote: For bigger better detailed pictures, please visit the photo gallery at www.saltlakemini-z.com.