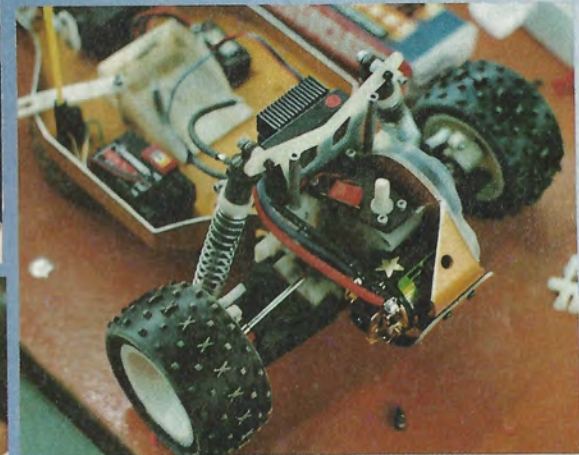
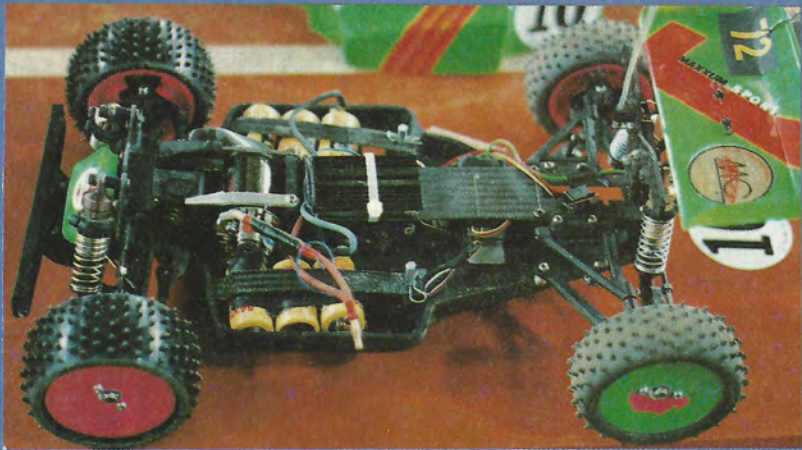


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FRANCE WAS THE VENUE
FOR THE 1990 FRENCH GP -
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RICK HOWARTH WHITEWASH

Top; Kevin Moore was the only British driver to make both 2 and 4WD 'A' finals. Right; front wheel drive entry in the 2WD event. Below; Wayne Davies works on his Cougar. Center; Wayne Darwell did well in his first European event. "Bracey" made an international 'A' final. Bottom; Rear end of the Howarth RC10.

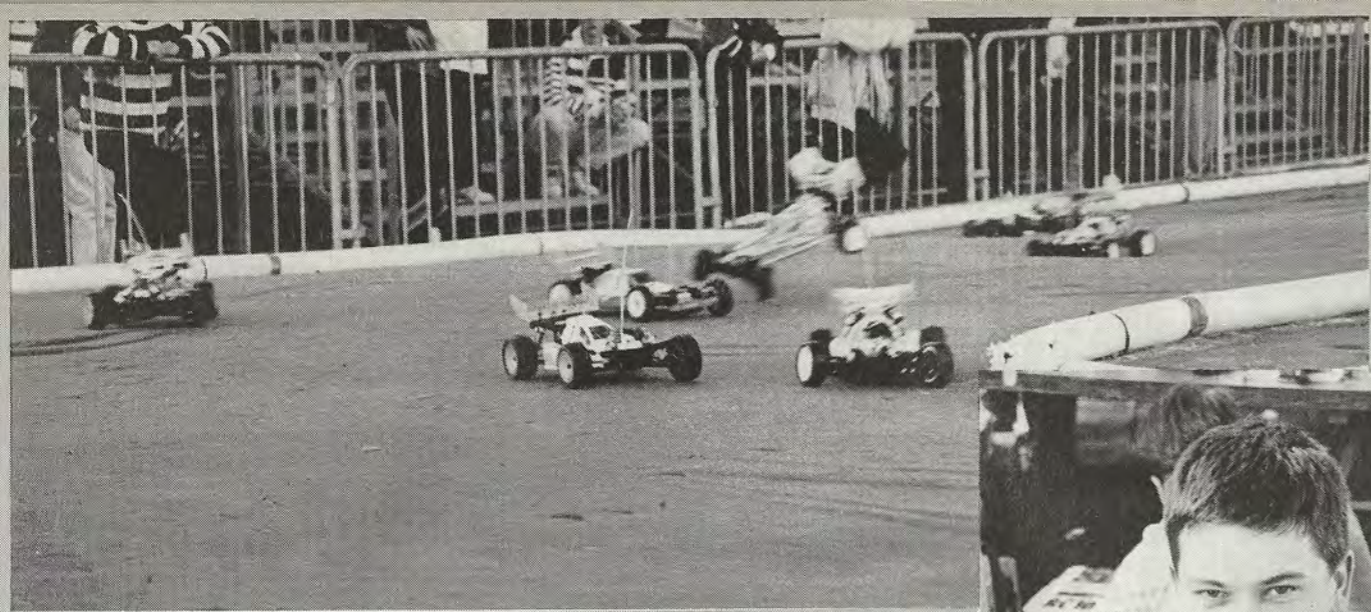


Center; Phil Davis checks out his 2WD cougar. Below; Rory Cull was reduced to Pitman for the 2WD final - although he proved his 4WD skills by storming the 4WD practice final. Below; Jay Halsey's RC10 complete with "Jammin" bodyshell.

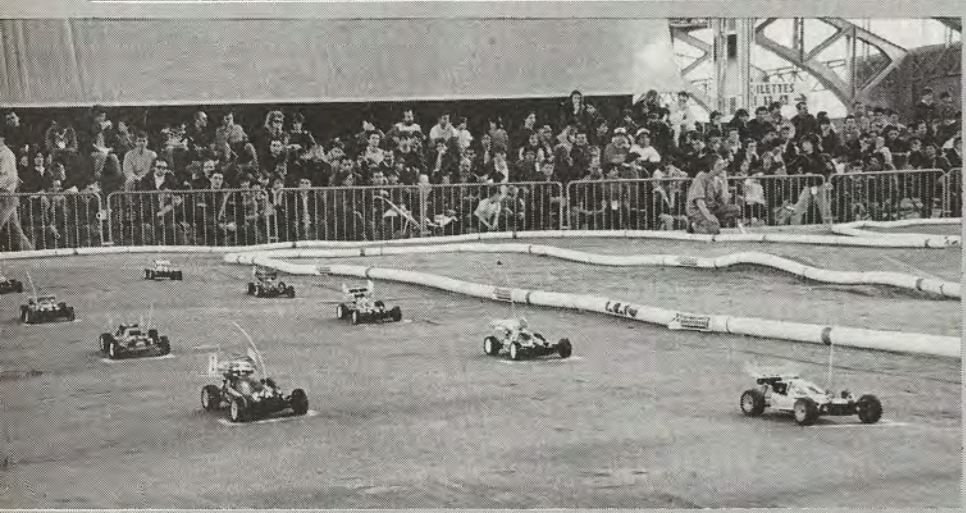


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Far left: Action from the first corner of the 4WD final, Rory Cull nips inside Rick Howarth's Lazer. Centre: Kevin Moore took Schumacher to two 'A' finals. Bottom left: Rory and Roger Cull. To right: Phil Davies, Pete and Joan Darwell from the Medway Club. Below: Wayne Davies places Brett's car on the line. Main picture: The Pits in the Hall.



Lyon in the sunny south of France was the venue for this year's Reedy International 1/10th off-road buggy Grand Prix, luckily the Halle Tony Garnier was to house the first European Reedy race indoors as the French weather decided not to be too kind! The race track itself was constructed in two days just prior to the meeting, a twisty 25 x 35m circuit was constructed with over 400 tons of clay, and numerous earth movers - the result was a super slippery undulating circuit to test the worlds best drivers to the limit. Mike Reedy himself was not in attendance due to ill health - although we understand that he is well on the road to recovery. The French organisers did him proud and the only drivers expected to appear that didn't turn up were Masami Hirotsuka and Cliff Lett.

Practice makes Perfect

When the two wheel drive practice started it was soon evident that grip was hard to find - to say the least. Losi Silver 'X' pattern tyres were the order of the day and choosing the front tyres for the perfect balance was the secret of success.

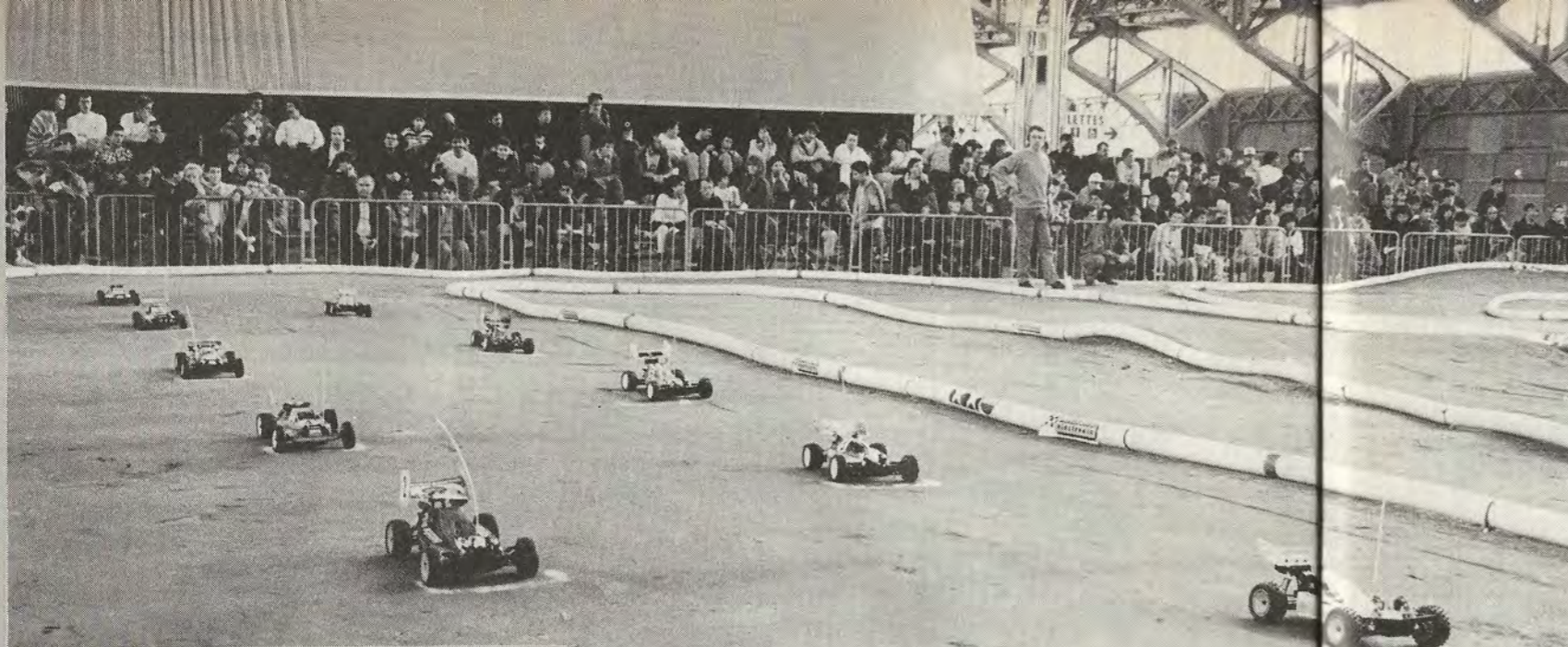
Luckily most of the top British drivers had the Losi tyres but some didn't - sadly not all the Brits stuck together and some with a supply of tyres were not too quick in helping others out! - sad really.

When practice was over the heats started for what was really two separate races - drivers were able to enter either A or B class. A for experts and B for those who were slightly newer to the International scene. This gave everyone a fair chance of being fairly well up the qualifying list.

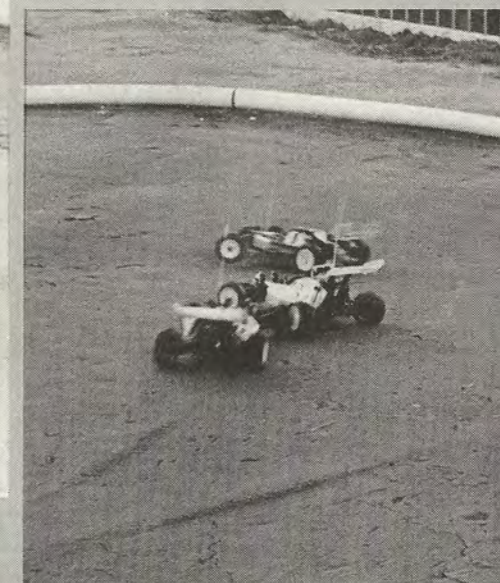
2WD - the results

In qualifying Rick Howarth of the USA stamped his authority on the meeting by taking TQ. Along with him 3 other drivers qualified straight into the final, 2nd was Craig Drescher, third was Butch Kloeber and the last place went to Kevin Moore, so 3 RC10's and one new Cougar into the 'A'. The rest of the places could be earned by working your way up through a Christmas tree set of trials.

After a lot of close racing the other six final places were full, fifth was



Left: The line up for the 4WD final. Centre left: The man of the moment Rick Howarth. Bottom left: The car of Jurgen Lautenbach. Bottom: The crowds flocked in to watch the racing. Below: Craig Drescher, Rory Cull and Roger Cull await the finals.



Chris McElroy (RC10), sixth Jamie Booth (Astute), seventh Jay Halsey (RC10), eighth Jurgen Lautenbach (Cougar), ninth Klaus Wilhelm (Ultima) and tenth Steve Brace (Cougar).

So we had four Brits in the final, Craig with his Reedy powered RC10, Kevin with a Cougar powered by Reedy, Jamie who did excellently without a slipper clutch with his Astute and LRP motors and finally once he got a set of Losi tyres from Kevin Moore, Steve Brace with his Parma powered Cougar.

A Finals

In the first 'A' final Rick Howarth didn't have it all his own way! Both Craig Drescher and Butch Kloeber pushing hard from the buzzer. In the end Rick took the first leg with a faster time than his FTD, second was Butch and third came Chris McElroy just beating Craig Drescher.

The next two 'A' finals followed the same pattern with Rick leading the way - Craig Drescher had a slightly better time, often challenging for the lead as did Kevin Moore. Steve Brace drove three good finals but the intense competition meant a tenth place finish.

Results:

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|--------------------|--------|
| 1 Rick Howarth | RC10 |
| 2 Craig Drescher | RC10 |
| 3 Butch Kloeber | RC10 |
| 4 Kevin Moore | Cougar |
| 5 Jay Halsey | RC10 |
| 6 Chris Mc Elroy | RC10 |
| 7 Jugen Lautenbach | Cougar |
| 8 Klaus Wilhelm | Ultima |
| 9 Jamie Booth | Astute |
| 10 Steve Brace | Cougar |

As far as the Brits were concerned it was excellent for Craig - with a fine 2nd place - as for Kevin Moore coming home 4th with the all new Cougar. Jamie had to contend with being the only car in the final with no slipper clutch - no mean feat. Rory Cull was disappointed to miss the 'A' as was Ben Sturham, Steve Haynes and Phil Davies.

All Wheel Drive

The four wheel drive class was certainly to be no less exciting, Euro Champ Jugen Lautenbach (ProCat) was looking very smooth as was Rick Howarth (Lazer), Jamie Booth (Egress) and Rory Cull (ProCat).

After qualifying the man of the moment Rick Howarth was sitting in the TQ position. Rick was driving a near standard Lazer ZX with Peak Performance motor and cells. Klaus Wilhelm kept Kyosho happy with second spot in qualifying, Rory Cull third for Schumacher and Jay Halsey fourth for Yokomo Associated.

During the Christmas tree finals some notable British performances were seen, Kevin Moore made the 'A' - the only Brit to make both also Pete Stevens stunned himself as well as the rest of the British team by also giving himself an 'A' final place.



Unlucky were both Craig Drescher who lost a tyre while in a qualifying position and Wayne Darrell who did well to make the semis. The finalist for 4WD were as follows Rick Howarth (Lazer, Klaus Wilhelm (Lazer), Rory Cull (ProCat), Jay Halsey (Yoke), Jurgen Lautenbach (Procat), Kevin Moore (ProCat), Stefan Danz (Lazer), Pete Stevens (Yoke), Guy Deweered (ProCat) and Werner Beerbmnes (Yoke).

The Finals

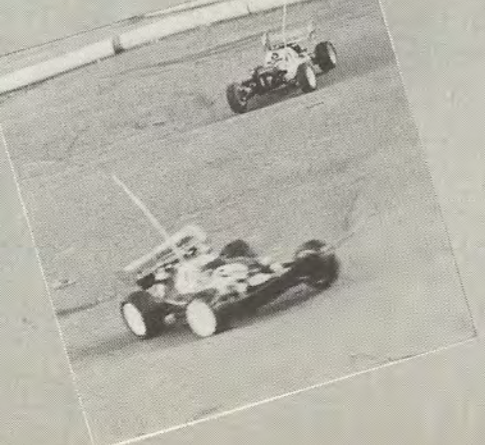
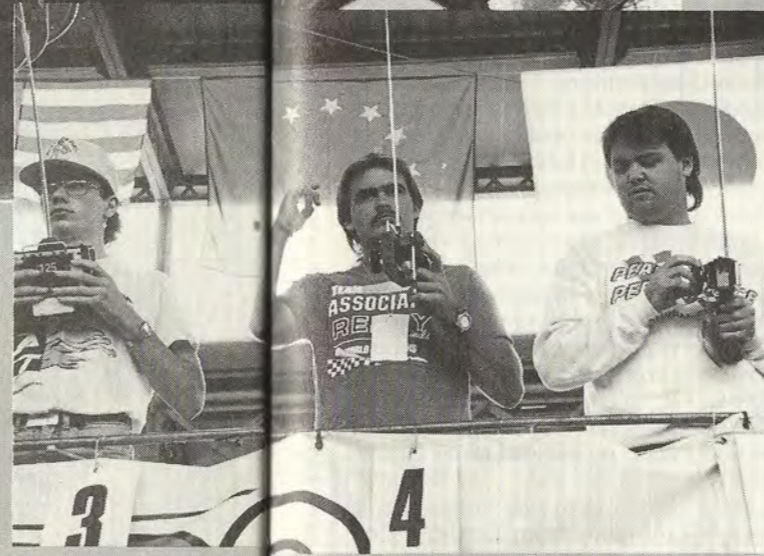
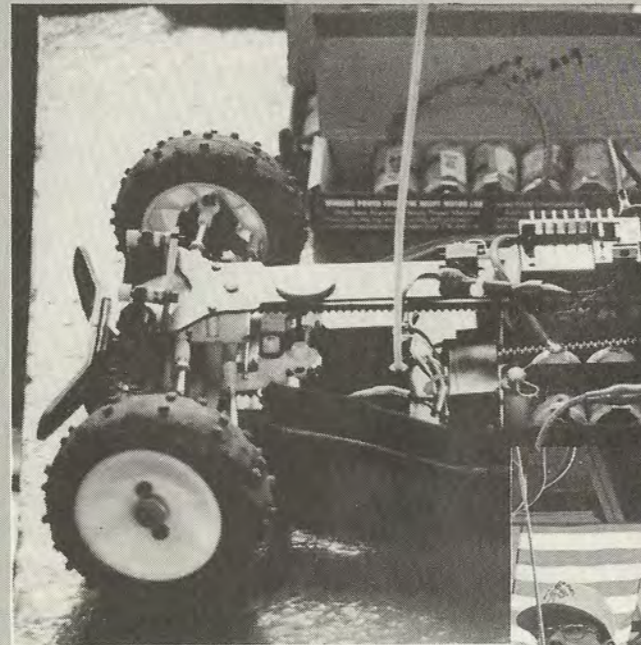
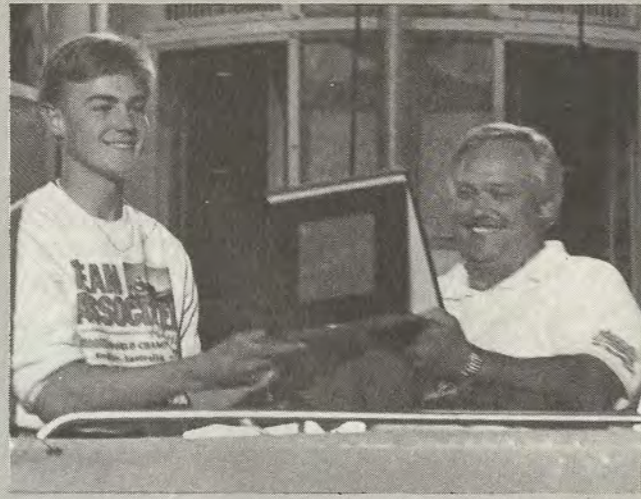
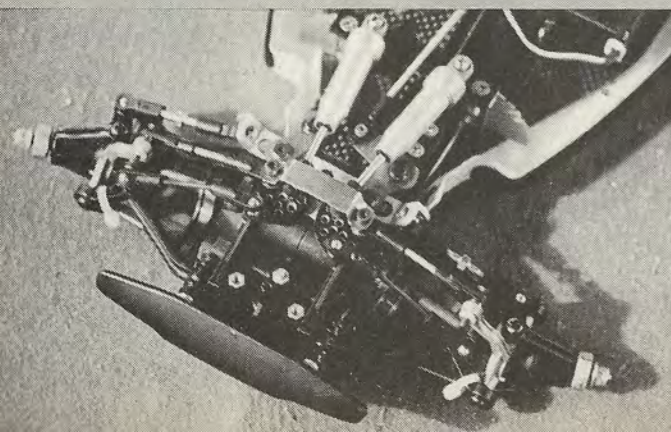
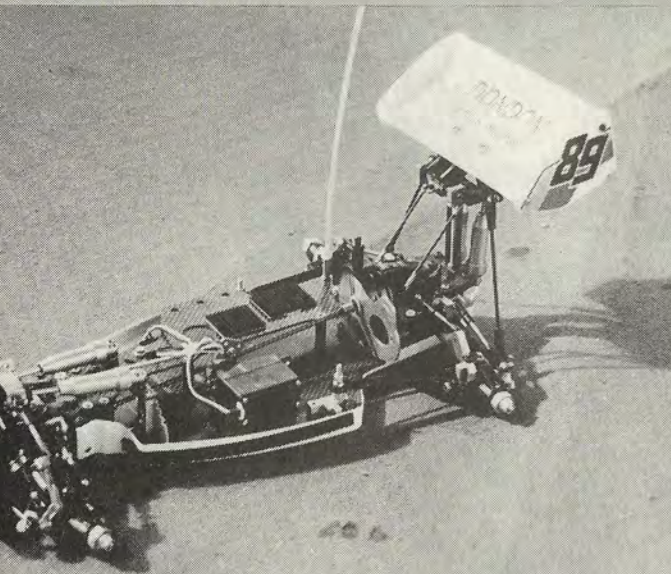
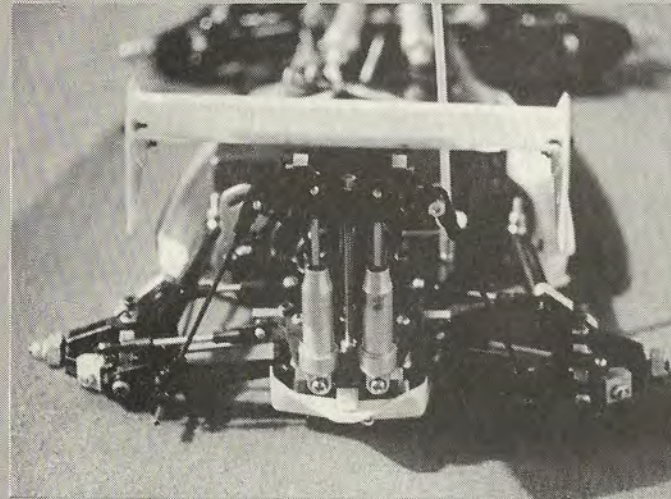
In the warm up final Rory Cull stormed to victory - giving Rick Howarth something to think about for the real thing. Could Rory stop the American whitewash? In the first leg Rory was knocked out of contention in the first turn - this left Rick to again take an easy win from Jay Halsey. The second final fell to Germany's Jurgen Lautenbach leaving the whole thing wide open to who ever would take the third and last leg.

There was I'm afraid no question as to who would win - Rick Howarth stormed away to take the win, the meeting and whitewash the best drivers Europe had to offer. Rick's time in the final leg was 5 seconds faster than this FTD on a deteriorating circuit!

Congratulations

Congratulations must go to Rick Howarth who on both days was magnificent and not just through superior equipment - he drove excellently. Also to Kevin Moore for making both A's to Craig Drescher for 2nd in 2WD, and to Steve Brace, Jamie Booth and Pete Stevens all for making the finals.

The organisation of the meeting was second to none as was the circuit - maybe this was why we saw over 15,000 spectators in 5 days?



Far left side: Amazing Egress on show featured in board suspension. Left: Craig Drescher receives his shield, as does Jamie Booth. Below: Butch Kloeber, Rick Howarth and Craig Drescher 3rd, 1st and 2nd respectively in 2WD. Centre: Jay Halsey. Bottom: Pete Stevens made the 'A'!

A Final 2WD

| Driver | Car | Team | Nicads | Motor | Speedo | Front Tyre | Rear Tyre | Servo | Qual. | Final |
|---------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Rick Howarth USA | RC10 | P.P. Tekin Futaba | P.P. | P.P. 14 dbl | Tekin 610 | Losi Staggered | Losi X Pattern | Futaba Bish | 1 | 1 |
| Craig Drescher GB | RC10 | Reedy Assoc. Keil Novak | Keil | Reedy Blue Dot | Novak T1 | Losi Staggered | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 2 | 2 |
| Butch Kloeber USA | RC10 | Assoc. Reedy Airtron, Jammin Prod | Reedy | Reedy Gold Star 14 x 2 | Tekin 700 | Losi Ribbed | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 3 | 3 |
| Kevin Moore GB | Cougar | Schumacher Reedy | Schumacher SLE | Reedy Green DST | Nosram Extremator Torque Limit | Schumacher Rib | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 4 | 4 |
| Jay Halsey USA | RC10 | Assoc. Reedy Airtron, Jammin Prod | Reedy | Reedy Green DST | Tekin 700 | Losi Rib | Losi X Pattern | Airtronics | 7 | 5 |
| Chris McElroy USA | RC10 | P.P. | P.P. | P.P. 15 x 4 | Tekin 700 | Losi Staggered | Losi X Pattern | Futaba 131SH | 5 | 6 |
| Jurgen Lautenbach D | Cougar | LRP Schumacher | LRP SCE | LRP Orange | LRP P.T. | Losi Staggered | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 8 | 7 |
| Klaus Wilhelm D | Ultima | Multi. Reedy Kyosho Keil Mim | Keil | Reedy Gold Star | Multiplex | Dynamite | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 9 | 8 |
| Jamie Booth GB | Astute | Tamiya Nosram LRP | Nosram ASP LRP SCE | LRP | Nosram Extremator Torque limit | Losi Staggered | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 6 | 9 |
| Steve Brace GB | Cougar | Parma Schumacher | Parma | Parma 13 x 2 | Tekin 610 | Bule 20 Row Stud | Losi Block Pattern | Futaba 131SH | 10 | 10 |

A Final 4WD

| Driver | Car | Team | Nicads | Motor | Speedo | Front Tyre | Rear Tyre | Servo | Qual. | Final |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Rick Howarth USA | Lazer ZX | Kyosho P.P. Tekin Futaba | P.P. SCE | P.P. Beast 12 x 2 | Tekin 700 | Losi 4 Row | Losi X Pattern | Futaba 9101 | 1 | 1 |
| Jurgen Lautenbach D | Pro Cat | LRP Sch. XPS | LRP Orange | LRP Orange | LRP | Cat 3 Row | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 5 | 2 |
| Jay Halsey USA | Yokomo | Assoc. Reedy Jam Air | Reedy | Reedy Green Dot | Tekin | Yokomo | Losi X Pattern | Airtronics | 4 | 3 |
| Rory Cull GB | Pro Cat | Reedy Schumacher Ass. Nos | Reedy | Reedy Green Dot | Nosram Inter. Torque Limit | Cat 3 Row | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 3 | 4 |
| Klaus Wilhelm D | Lazer ZX | Kyosho MIH Keil Mul. R'dy | Keil | Reedy Green Dot | Helbing | Yokomo TF310 | Yokomo | KO Fet | 2 | 5 |
| Guy Deweered D | Pro Cat | LRP PPB Keil Mim | PPB | LRP White | Nos Inter Torque Limit | Cat 3 Row | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 9 | 6 |
| Stefan Danz D | Lazer ZX | LRP Fut. Kyosho | LFP Oberle | LRP Orange | Futaba 116 | Losi Stud | Losi X Pattern | Futaba | 7 | 7 |
| Kevin Moore GB | Pro Cat | Schumacher | Schumacher | Reedy Blue Dot | Nosram Ex Torque Limit | Schumacher Blue | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 6 | 8 |
| Pete Stevens GB | Yokomo | Petes Awesome Products | Parma | Twister | Racer Spec | Yokomo | Losi X Pattern | KO Fet | 8 | 9 |
| Werner Beerbmnes D | Yokomo | P.P. Yokomo | Mega SCE | P.P. 13 x 2 | Helbing | Yokomo TF310 | Yokomo TR31 | KO Fet | 10 | 10 |