

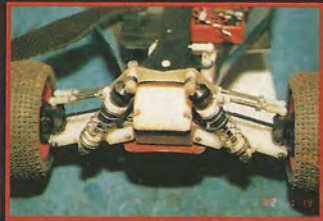
◻ Rick Hohwart — winner of the 1992 Reedy Race of Champions.



◻ Well equipped shop.



◻ Modified front geometry on one of the many Yokomos.



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◻ Hasami Hirotsuka — seventh overall.



◻ Top Brit and an excellent sixth overall, Craig Drescher.



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REEDY RACE OF CHAMPIONS

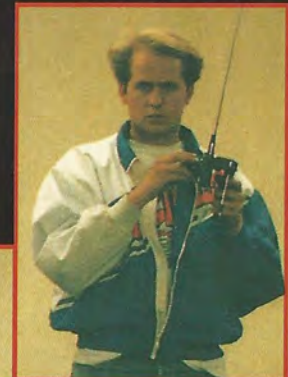
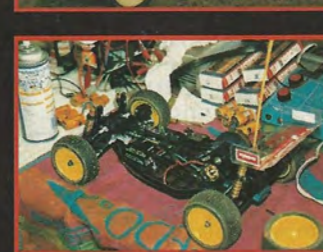
◻ J. D. Beckwith — second overall.



◻ Brian Kinwald — third overall.



◻ Cliff Lett's RC10.



RACE OF CHAMPIONS

The first Reedy Race of Champions was held six years ago. It started with a group of Mike Reedy's friends asking what he would like for his birthday present. His reply was to be able to watch the best drivers in the world go 'heads up' racing for two days. It was organised and has grown to the success it is now.

Selecting the drivers for the 'invitational' class is always done impartially with emphasis on world championship events, national championship events and sportsmanship with the drivers qualifying through:

1. Present and past IFMAR World Champions.
 2. Finalist at IFMAR World Championships.
 3. Finalist at European Championships.
 4. Finalist at ROAR National Championships.
 5. Finalist at Japan Nationals.
 6. Top five finishers at previous years' Reedy Race.
 7. Winner of previous years' Reedy 'Open' class event.
- Thus, the following drivers were invited to race:

Masami Hirotsuka	Japan	World Champion
Cliff Lett	USA	World Champion
Jay Halsey	USA	85/86 World Champion
Rick Vehlou	USA	World Finalist
Jack Johnson	USA	World Finalist
Satoshi Masumi	Japan	World Finalist
Scott Anfinson	USA	World Finalist
Kris Moore	USA	World Finalist
Kevin Moore	UK	World Finalist
Kyle Read	USA	World Finalist
Mark Pavadis	USA	World Finalist
Jurgen Lautenbach	Germany	World Finalist
Craig Drescher	UK	World Finalist
Derek Furtani	USA	World Finalist
Scott Montgomery	USA	World Finalist
Mark Francis	USA	World Finalist
Rick Howart	USA	National Finalist
Carlos Gonzales	USA	National Finalist
Brian Kinwald	USA	National Finalist
Jonathan Morgan	USA	National Finalist
J. D. Beckwith	USA	Top Five Finisher 1991
Brett Reelfs	USA	National Finalist
Craig Hodap	USA	National Finalist
Rory Cull	England	European Finalist
Hiromitsu Kimoto	Japan	Japan Finalist
Hiroyuki Matsumoto	Japan	Japan Finalist
Phil Davies	England	European Finalist
Jamie Booth	England	European Finalist
Satoshi Kayono	Japan	Japan Finalist
Marc Neal	England	European Finalist

Four other drivers were unable to attend and they were Joel Johnson, John Anderson, Gil Losi Jnr and Stephan Oberle.

Running alongside the invitational race was the open class event which attracted 60 entries for 4WD and 120 entries for 2WD. This attracted entries from all over the USA, Canada, Spain, England, Mexico and Japan, which made for an exciting and competitive race.

The race was held at Radio Controlled Hobbies Raceway. This venue combined both an extremely large model shop,

only stocking specialist R/C car parts. Around the back of the shop was a large industrial unit which was equipped with an indoor dirt track, pitting space and canteen. This track is a permanent venue which is open seven days a week for anyone to practise and several organised races each week. Well it was typically American, big and brilliant.

Format of Racing

The format of the invitational race was that the thirty drivers invited would be split into four heats with six rounds of 2WD and six rounds of 4WD. In each round the drivers alternate into different heats, therefore each heat is in effect, a final, racing for points. The winner scores one point and last place scores eight points. Each driver drops his worst score in 2WD and 4WD allowing for one bad run in each class. Thus the winner at the end of two days racing is the one with the least points accumulated.

I was told that in previous years the racing provided total excitement and superb action, and this year proved to be no different. The 'Open' class was run in a qualifying finals format with the overall winners in 2 and 4WD qualifying

being able to race in next years invitational.

The Cars

All the major manufacturers cars were represented. Associated, Losi, Traxxas, Schumacher, Yokomo and Kyosho. In 2WD the prominent cars were the RC10 and the Losi Pro SE. In four wheel drive the Yokomo and Kyosho cars were in a class of their own.

Motors

Obviously the motors most dominant were Reedy's, but Peak Performance

were showing strength in numbers of drivers and were very fast indeed.

Batteries and Chargers

Most Americans have switched totally to 1400 SCR's and are eagerly awaiting arrival of the Sanyo 1700 SCR. The most popular charger seen was the new Novak Linear/Pulse charger which looks very neat and professional.

Drivers

It is very difficult to write about thirty of the best drivers in the world but the ones who were worthy of a mention are: Masami Hirotsuka. He had a disastrous 2WD with his car breaking down in three rounds but in 4WD he showed his superior class with his Yokomo Works '91 scoring five wins out of six! Craig Drescher, whose driving and discipline on the track at times was brilliant, was unlucky, because through no fault of his own he could have taken the event winners' trophy back home. He is definitely a contender for the 93 worlds at Southend. Rick Howart proved the result two years ago at the Reedy race in France was no fluke and that on his day he is unbeatable. J. D. Beckwith is sure to be a big name of the future and seems to have nerves of steel under immense pressure. Finally, Marc Neale who is only 14 years of age, was racing against a great wealth of talent and held Masami in his first race and finally finished in the top twenty.

The Racing

The standard of racing was breathtaking, with cars overtaking in the air off the jumps and then losing the lead on the next turn only to get it back on the next turn. To write in detail about it is very difficult because there was so much good racing happening so fast you can't remember it all. It's a bit like watching a good comedian and trying afterwards to remember all the jokes, very difficult indeed. However Mike Reedy is trying to organise a similar event for the Reedy Race later this year in England at the Ayre Valley Club. If he pulls it off then my advice to you is go along and see it because it is unbelievable racing at the highest level.

Going into the last round three drivers were on the same points after 11 races, Howart, Beckwith and Kinwald. Howart and Beckwith both won their heat and Rick Howart was a very popular overall winner due to the fact that he had a smaller throw out points total by one point over J. D. Beckwith.

To sum up, the Reedy Race of Champions was brilliant racing to say the least. It was the most exciting spectator racing I have ever seen and I am only sorry you were not there to witness the atmosphere yourself. Let's hope it happens at Ayre Valley.

Overall Positions

			2WD	4WD	MOTOR	2WD PTS	4WD PTS	TOTAL PTS	THROW OUT
1	Hohwart	USA	RC10	Lazer	Peak Performance	7	8	15	8
2	Beckwith	USA	RC10	Yokomo	Reedy	6	9	15	9
3	Kinwald	USA	RC10	Yokomo	Reedy	7	11	18	10
4	Lett	USA	RC10	Yokomo	Reedy	11	11	22	9
5	Johnson	USA	Losi ProSE	Lazer	Losi	13	9	22	11
6	Drescher	England	RC10	Yokomo	Reedy	9	13	22	12
7	Hirotsuka	Japan	RC10	Yokomo	Reedy	19	5	24	9
8	Pavadis	USA	RC10	Yokomo	Reedy	6	18	24	9
9	Francis	USA	RC10	Yokomo	Reedy	13	14	27	13
10	Gonzales	USA	RC10	Yokomo	Reedy	7	21	28	16
11	Hodap	USA				17	12	29	11
12	Vehlou	USA				14	15	29	12
13	Moore, Kris	USA				21	14	35	12
14	Furtani	USA				23	14	37	12
15	Morgan	USA				22	17	39	13
16	Anfinson	USA				11	29	40	10
17	Reed	USA				15	25	40	13
18	Lautenbach	Germany				24	23	47	15
19	Kayono	Japan				30	18	48	14
20	Neal	England				20	29	49	14
21	Moore, Kevin	England				25	24	49	14
22	Booth	England				33	17	50	16
23	Montgomery	USA				28	25	53	14
24	Reelfs	USA				32	21	53	15
25	Maesumi	Japan				24	30	54	13
26	Matsumoto	Japan				35	19	54	15
27	Cull	England				24	30	54	15
28	Halsey	USA				26	29	55	15
29	Davies	England				24	33	57	16
30	Kimoto	Japan				34	29	63	15