

Hobbies & Wheels 2005 Report

Executive Summary

In my biased opinion, I believe the weekend went very well. The weather was challenging for outdoor activities, but the kids persisted and accomplished most of their objectives.

The surprise of the day was an exhibit by the Ottawa Radio Control Club. They had a static display of some large aeroplanes, and some really cool rubber band planes that they flew in the community centre. The kids were mesmerised. A short clip of a number of their aircraft flying was shown on a large projector. They were delighted with the kids and would like to participate again next year. Pictures of the Cubs and their aeroplanes will be going up on their website (www.ottawarcclub.ca) shortly.

The Scouts built a 12' tall by 25' long Monkey Gym using pioneering skills and raced their Scout trucks.

The Cubs raced their Kars, build pioneering chariots and raced them, played Nigel's Navy outside (very well received), climbed the Scout built Monkey Gym, and finished off with all the fun events with their Kars.

The Beavers day ran on Sunday from 12:30pm to 4:00pm. They played a parachute game, ran through their six fun Beaver Buggy events, did an outside scavenger hunt, and played a sock throwing game.

Crests will be available for sale (\$2) at the next area meeting.

Rankings of Kars and Trucks within a pack/troop and overall are available on request.

Pictures will be going up on the Merrickville website (www.1stmerrickville.ca) in next week or so.

Many Thanks

Organising, setup, teardown, cleanup, etc. - 1st Merrickville
Pitstop - 2nd Almonte

And all the other leaders who ran or lead individual games, ran the track, ran the race computer, did the announcing, etc.

Youth Attendance

Group	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts
2nd Smiths Falls	12	15	3
3rd Carleton Place	5	20	7
2nd Carleton Place		5	
1st Merrickville	8	16	2
1st Drummond	4	5	
1st Beckwith	6	4	2
2nd Almonte		6	6
Total	35	71	20
Percent of area	26%	47%	30%
2004	48	80	22
Delta 2004/2005	-27%	-11%	-9%

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Hobby Show Entries

Group	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts
1st Merrickville	1	17	1
2nd Smiths Falls	28	2	
Total	29	19	1
2004	24	22	16

Vehicle Speed Results

Pack

- 1st - 1st Beckwith
- 2nd - 1st Merrickville
- 3rd - 2nd Almonte

Troop

- 1st - 1st Beckwith
- 2nd - 1st Merrickville
- 3rd - 3rd Carleton Place

Kub Kar

- 1st - Alex Kielli (1st Beckwith)
- 2nd - Austin Brant (3rd Carleton Place)
- 3rd - Grand Steward (1st Beckwith)

Scout Truck

- 1st - Dominic Code (2nd Smiths Falls)
- 2nd - Michael Walton (1st Beckwith)
- 3rd - Max Proulx (2nd Almonte)

Vehicle Design Results

Kub Kar

- 1st - Jason St-Germain (3rd Carleton Place)
- 2nd - Alex Korzeniowski (3rd Carleton Place)
- 3rd - Ryan Lee (3rd Carleton Place)
- HM - Liam Cooley (3rd Carleton Place)
- HM - Maggie Dupuis (1st Drummond)
- HM - Amis Van Alphen (3rd Carleton Place)
- HM - Isaac Pruner (3rd Carleton Place)
- HM - Bradley Skelhorne (1st Merrickville)

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Scout Truck

- 1st - Michael Walton (1st Beckwith)
- 2nd - Matt Courtland (3rd Carleton Place)
- 3rd - Max Proulx (2nd Almonte)
- HM - Benjamin Smith (3rd Carleton Place)
- HM - Khalil van Alphen (2nd Almonte)
- HM - Brady Campbell (1st Beckwith)

Hobby Show Results

Beaver

- 1st - Andrew Warin (2nd Smiths Falls)
- 2nd - Heather Yates (1st Merrickville)
- 3rd - Tamika Poiteous (2nd Smiths Falls)
- HM - Kyler Young (2nd Smiths Falls)
- HM - Teagan Wright (2nd Smiths Falls)
- HM - Daral Larkin (2nd Smiths Falls)

Cub

- 1st - Corinne Pilon (1st Merrickville)
- 2nd - Justin Stewart (1st Merrickville)
- 3rd - Andrew Campbell (2nd Smiths Falls)

Scout

- 1st - Ben Catton (1st Merrickville)

Changes under consideration for next year

- Participation ribbons for hobby show? The purple ones are currently being used as honourable mentions.
- Give out hobby honourable mentions at closing with the rest
- Remove "Judge's Favorite" as an award.
- Change proportion of cost of Beaver day in comparison to Cub/Scout day. The Cub/Scout day is much longer and more involved so they should bear more of the cost.
- Give judges pictures of pre-made kits so those cars can be eliminated from the design competition.
- Eliminate pre-registration. Have all Kars & Trucks arrive on Saturday morning. Day will start with a non-racing activity to allow time for data entry.
- Change Beaver hobby trophies to generic ribbons to reduce cost.
- Invite additional hobby clubs and demonstrations in addition to the Radio Control Aeroplanes.

Feedback

I am very interested in receiving feedback on the event, especially related to the Beaver portion. Specifically:

- What went right?
- What could be improved?
- How do we get more groups to participate?
- How can we get more entries in the Hobby show? Do leaders think this is not important? It has to be continually marketed to the kids.
- Why do so many kids leave part way through the day?