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LOCAL MAN TRIUMPHS WITH RACING VICTORY

A Stonehaven man has triumphed in a local Go-Kart competition with his own homemade kart – and will now battle it out at the Grand Final in Scotland to be crowned overall winner.

Taking home first place in the Adult category, Stephen Hall proved victorious at the Cumbria heat of the Screwfix Go-Kart Rally, which was held at the Surf the Turf outdoor activities centre in Sedgwick.

Stephen, who is from Catterline near Stonehaven, is an IT Manager and a real Karting enthusiast, even heading up the Scottish Carte Association as Chairman.

The 46-year-old took to the grass hill track on Saturday 3 September, battling against other racers to record the fastest time despite treacherous conditions, and now has made it to the Grand Final of the Go-Kart Rally competition, in association with Peugeot and power tool brand Evolution.

And even though pro Stephen races nearly every weekend, he said the Go Kart Rally had its own challenges: “I normally race on tarmac and today’s course is shorter, slower, and more technical. I’ve brought along my oldest kart which has more grip to cope with the wet conditions and I’m really glad I made that choice – it went really well!”

The competition required entrants to design and build, or modify, their own gravity-powered go-karts, with the aim of getting through to the Grand Final at the International Rally Championship in Scotland in October. In addition to racing in the Grand Final, Stephen will also get complimentary tickets to watch the IRC rally and an exclusive Race Day with Peugeot UK Rally Driver Guy Wilks.

Stephen said: "I was really happy with my time on the day – just under 30 seconds in my last two runs, so it definitely went well!"

Screwfix's John Mewett said: "It was great to see the karts turn out for the Go-Kart Rally in Cumbria given the rain and wind – and they certainly didn't disappoint!

"We have noticed a real trend for people wanting to get back to those 'lads and dads' days of old, which is why we created the Go-Kart Rally tournament to celebrate just that - families getting their kids out in the fresh air, and working together on projects - so it's great to see Stephen championing that with the Scottish Carte Association and having done so well in the competition."

"We're also looking for the Best Designed Go-Karts – so if you can build a great kart, just upload video footage of your go-kart to the Screwfix facebook page."

And for those that have missed out on the heats, it's not too late to enter the 'Best Designed Go-Kart' competition online by simply uploading footage of your go-kart to your You Tube page and sharing it with the Screwfix Facebook page or alternatively upload it straight to Screwfix's Facebook Page before 30 September . For further details on the Go-Kart Rally or information on entering the Best Designed Go-Kart please visit www.screwfix.com/rally

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About Go-Kart Rally:

In association with Screwfix Peugeot and Evolution, the Go-Kart Rally will pit amateur racers in home-built go-karts against each other at a series of regional heats.

The top three karts from each heat will go through to the Grand Final of the competition, to be held near the IRC stage in Scotland on 9th October.

The Best Designed Go-Kart competition is also running. To enter, simply upload video footage of your kart to www.facebook.com/screwfix by 30th September 2011.

The following factors will be taken into consideration:

- Aesthetics: the overall look of the kart build, chassis and body shell
- Usability: How fit for purpose the kart is overall for the event. Think Functionality, tyres, ride height, weight and so on.
- Livery: What decals and designs have been applied to the kart?
- Action: Video the go-kart in action to show just what it can achieve

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