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FATHER & DAUGHTERS TEAM GET CREATIVE AT GO KART RALLY

A father and his two daughters from Kendal have rallied together to build their own homemade kart – and enjoyed a ‘wheely’ great day at a local Go-Kart competition.

‘Team Maurice’ worked on the kart over four days, with father Pete Dyson, 45, and eldest daughter Sammie, 17, racing in the adult and junior sections of the Cumbria heat of the Screwfix Go-Kart Rally, which was held at the Surf the Turf outdoor activities centre in Sedgwick.

Pete is a joiner, so building the kart was all in a day’s work, but it was a real team effort. He said: “We wanted to build our kart from parts and scrap, so the old mower and a golf buggy out the garage were perfect. I’m not sure how well the kart will run on the track today as we haven’t really tested it, but we’re here for a great day out regardless.”

Pete and Sammie took to the grass hill track on Saturday 3 September, battling against other racers to record the fastest time, with Pete recording a total time across three runs just 30 seconds short of the speedy winner and Sammie representing for the female racers as the only girl in the competition.

Sammie, who is a student, said: “I love the TV programme Scrapheap Challenge so when I saw the competition in dad’s Screwfix catalogue I really wanted to build a kart! My sister Katie has painted the kart and we both helped dad build it.

“The kart is quite hard to steer, but I have loved it! We’ve even got a drinks holder and eyes on our kart, so I’d say it’s the most unusual here today.”

The Go Kart Rally competition, held in association with Screwfix, power tool brand Evolution, and Peugeot, required entrants to design and build their own gravity-powered go-karts.

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 the Dysons 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."

Further heats will run across the country throughout September.

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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