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FATHER & SON TEAM TRIUMPH IN GO KART RALLY

A father and son from Kendal have rallied together to build their own homemade kart – and triumphed in a local Go-Kart competition.

Taking home third place in the Adult category and first place in the Junior section, Ian and Josh Atkinson dominated the Cumbria heat of the Screwfix Go-Kart Rally, which was held at the Surf the Turf outdoor activities centre in Sedgwick.

'Team Blue Cow' built their kart over the space of 24 hours entirely from parts found in the garage, as son Josh, 17, explains: "We've used tyres off a 20-year-old BMX that we found in our garage and also the braking system. I didn't know how well it would go today but it's really exciting to have come first!"

The pair took to the grass hill track on Saturday 3 September, battling against other racers to record the fastest time, and now Josh has made it to the Grand Final of the competition, to be held at the International Rally Championship in Scotland in October.

Ian, age 41, is a joiner so building the kart was all in a day's work. He said: "We usually come down to Surf the Turf for mountain biking, which is how we heard about the competition and I'm always in Screwfix picking up product for work. The course today is great because it is so wet! I think for Scotland I'll modify the kart and maybe change the tyres, but I'm really proud of Josh for doing so well."

Helped by eight-year-old brother Jake, the pair painted the kart especially for the Go Kart Rally, held in association with Screwfix, power tool brand Evolution, and Peugeot.

The competition required entrants to design and build their own gravity-powered go-karts, and in addition to racing in the Grand Final, the lucky pair will also get complimentary tickets to watch the IRC rally. Josh also received a petrol-powered remote control car.

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 Atkinsons 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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