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LOCALS TRIUMPH AT GO KART RALLY

A local mountain boarding track has played host to the exciting regional heat of a Go-Kart competition, with a group of people from the Gloucestershire area taking home top prizes – and some making it to the national final in Scotland.

The Screwfix Go-Kart Rally competition saw Gloucestershire locals race their home-built Go-Karts at the Bugsboarding track in Maisemore.

'Team C12', made up of Patrick Thomas and his dad Steve, from Bromham near Chippenham took the top spots in the Adult category, whilst Weston-super-mare's Ross Montgomery took third place. Meanwhile, Evesham brothers Christopher, Oliver and Eliot Hartwell triumphed in the Junior section.

All these local competitors will now fight it out at the Grand Final, which will be held near the International Rally Championship in Scotland in October.

Screwfix's John Mewett said: "As the first of the heats, it was great to see the karts turn out for the Go-Kart Rally in Gloucester – 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 all the finalists 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 but can't get to a heat just upload video footage of your go-kart to the Screwfix facebook page."

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

In addition to racing in the Grand Final, the winners will also get complimentary tickets to watch the IRC rally. For their places in the heat, the entrants won prizes ranging from a Rally Day with IRC driver Guy Wilks of the Peugeot UK team to Screwfix vouchers.

AJ Watkins, owner of Bugsboarding said: "Go-karting is something that touches every grown-up's heart as well as exciting the kids, so having the Gloucestershire heat here was a real pleasure. There really is nothing like hurtling down a hill on a go-kart or soapbox.

"We offer mountainboarding, which is a cross between snowboarding and skateboarding, BMXing and grass sledging here at Bugsboarding, so the Go-Kart Rally was something similar, but different, for us!"

Further heats will run across the country throughout August and 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 30th 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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