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THE THRILL OF THE RACE AT LOCAL GO-KART RALLY

Thrill-seekers in Gloucester can have their fill this weekend when the regional heat of a Go-Kart Rally tournament comes to Maisemore.

Competitors will battle it out at the heat on Sunday 7 August at Bugsboarding as part of Go Kart Rally, in association with Screwfix, Peugeot and power tool brand Evolution, and people in Gloucestershire are invited to come on down and experience the race day which begins at 10.30.

Go-karters will have designed and built their own gravity-powered go-karts, with the fastest three karts going through to the Grand Final - which will be held near to October's IRC (International Rally Championship) in Scotland. In addition, the lucky finalists will also get complimentary tickets to watch this popular event.

Spectators will not only be treated to an exhilarating day of racing, but can also take advantage of the wealth of activities on offer at Bugsboarding, such as mountain-boarding, biking and grass sledging.

Screwfix's John Mewett said: "The Go-Kart Rally heat in Gloucester is set to be a thrilling one! We've got some of the area's most adventurous racers lined up to take to the course at Bugsboarding in their home-built go-karts with the hope of reaching the Grand Final in Scotland.

"What's more, we've got Guy Wilks, of the Peugeot UK rally team, backing the tournament with the chance to meet and race with him up for grabs for our winning racers."

“We have noticed a real trend for people wanting to get back to those ‘lads and dads’ days of old. So we have created the Go-Kart Rally tournament to celebrate just that - families wanting to get hands on and work together on projects.”

IRC racer for the Peugeot UK team, Guy Wilks, said: “I can vouch for the fact there is nothing like the thrill of racing and the competitors in the Screwfix Go-Kart Rally, in association with my own race team Peugeot and our sponsors Evolution, are really going to experience that rush! My top tips for the racers are to plan ahead – everything from the braking system to the clothing on your back can effect performance – and to get as many supporters along as possible.

“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 fastest three racers will win a rally day with Peugeot rally driver Guy Wilks, £100 of Screwfix vouchers or £50 of vouchers respectively and the Grand Final winner will drive away with a VIP trip to Monte Carlo. If the fastest racers are under 18 they will receive a petrol remote control car worth £200, whilst the runner up will win an electric remote control car. The driver in third place will also take home a Scalextric set.

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 lupload it straight to Screwfix’s Facebook Page before 31st August. 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 31st August 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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