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LOCAL LAD TRIUMPHS IN GO KART RALLY

A Weston-Super-Mare teenager 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 third place in the Adult category, Ross Montgomery proved victorious at the Gloucestershire heat of the Screwfix Go-Kart Rally, which was held at the Bugsboarding track in Maisemore.

Ross, who is from Uphill, built his kart over three days and was inspired by his love for motorsports.

The 18-year-old took to the grass hill track on Sunday 7 August, battling against other racers to record one of the fastest times, and now has made it to the Grand Final of the Go-Kart Rally competition, in association with Peugeot and power tool brand Evolution.

Ross said: “I’ve previously raced Minis on a track, so when I saw the Go-Kart Rally advertised in Screwfix it was something I knew I could turn my hand to. I help my dad with maintenance work, so I enjoyed using my skills to improvise on the plans that came with the entry pack.”

“I was pleased with my kart and knew it went well when I tested it, so it’s really exciting to have come third and be through to the final!”

The competition required entrants to design and build 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, Ross will also get

complimentary tickets to watch the IRC rally and £50 Screwfix vouchers as a reward for his third place in the heat.

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 Ross 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."

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 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 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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