

POWER TOOL Drag Racing

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DIY HAS NEVER BEEN SO MUCH FUN!



A record number of teams took to the runway at the Fleet Air Arm Museum for the Annual Silverline Power Tool Drag Racing Championship on Sunday, 25th September 2011.

Now in its sixth year, the extreme sport of power tool drag racing involves transforming power tools into drag-racing mean machines! Bringing together teams old and new, this action-packed day featured some incredible feats of engineering.

The winning entry from Robo Challenge was modelled on a real dragster. Using 6 Husqvarna chainsaws and a motorcycle gearbox, the dragster clocked an impressive total time of 5.705 seconds! The dragster went on to set a new world record, as seen on Channel 5's Gadget Show.

Hot from being placed second in the FIA European Dragster Championship, the Silverline Dragster Team invested all their skills and know-how into running the Silverline Trike. Driven by eight Silverline chainsaw engines, the Trike featured a four-speed gearbox and a rear axle from a Reliant Robin! Dave 'Grumpy' Wilson didn't disappoint behind the wheel of the Silverline Trike - not only did it wow spectators with its super-loud engines, it also took second place!

The Yeovilton-based Royal Navy Team was back with its innovative chainsaw-powered luge. A relatively simple design, the luge is based on a power-to-weight ratio advantage. Outdoor tool specialist Stihl sponsored the team with a professional 9hp chainsaw. Built with parts from go-karts and skateboards, the luge weighed an astonishing 20kg and took third place in the competition.

Another impressive entry was the Big Nipper. Powered by ten 9" angle grinders, this electric car even had a touch-screen LCD control panel! The Big Nipper won the Silverline Special Award for Most Impressive Engineering.

Spectators also had the opportunity to take part in the 'hands on' indoor workshops, giving them the opportunity to learn how to build their own power tool dragsters.

2010 British Touring Car Champion Jason Plato and team mate Alex MacDowall took a break from driving the Silverline Chevrolet Cruze to make a special appearance at the event. When they weren't busy signing autographs they were competing against each other on the indoor dragster competition!

Not only does Silverline's Drag Racing Competition make for a truly awesome day out, but the engineering involved in creating the drag racers provides hours of pre-race day fun too! If this event catches your imagination and you would like to get involved, then why not enter the 2012 championship? There's a total prize fund of £3,000 up for grabs, plus lots of chances to win top prizes.



RESULTS

Outdoor

First Place - Robo Challenge
Second Place - Silverline
Third Place - Royal Navy

Indoor Stock

First Place - WD40
Second Place - Terror Turtle
Third Place - Robo Challenge

Indoor Modified Class

First - Renzo's Rocket
Second - Robo Challenge
Third - John Reid

Most Impressive Engineering:

- Big Nipper

Best Machine on 2 Wheels:

- Abacus Renewable Energy

Most Fearless Driver:

- Noz

The Meanest Machine:

- Husky

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