

Last year at Fox Valley several cars still had battery power left. If all cars run at the speed limit the entire race and the cars still have battery power the winner is determined by two factors.

1. Exceeding the speed limit will win a race (there was concern at Fox Valley concerning excess speed)
2. Starting position (As I remember Road America set up the starting line-up, Fox Valley didn't)

All other things being equal (ex. pit stop time) a car starting in the rear will never be able to catch a car starting at the front simply because of a slow start.

Therefore I propose two changes to consider:

1. Assigned starting posts
2. Extend the race by 15 minutes

After all, one of the major goals is to engineer a car to make as many laps as possible in a set amount of time, without exceeding the speed limit.

Will 75 min be enough? How far will the cars travel in 75 min?

Also, Driver change times can affect positions

At 25 mph I believe we would be able to maintain speed for 75 minutes. I'll let you know next week maybe after testing.

31.25 miles

We might need to look at a 90 min race. But the problem would be there is limited time to use the track between Supermileage runs.

Okay, okay, speeds were an issue at the FVTC event. I hear everyone!!!!

I appreciate everyone's concerns about this and we are trying to address it. For those that honored the speed limit, THANK YOU!

As far as starting positions go, they were randomly assigned in the first heat, I believe by car number. Did they finish in that order? The second heat was supposed to be started in the reverse order of finish from the first heat. I don't recall specifics there, but maybe it didn't quite work that way. The pit stop will shake up the running order for sure.

The more I hear, the more I want to look for a race track to run the Fox Valley event at. The setup is all there. The room is all there. The passing on the left policy would not be an issue. Let them run wherever they choose. The nearest track to FVTC is a half-mile dog-leg oval that is rougher than most highways around here! With the volume of volunteers that come out of the woodwork at FVTC, I feel moving the event could hinder that effort.

I hope you all trust that decisions that are made are not random and that as many of the decision outcomes are explored as possible. Please trust that we as an Electrathon board and all of the event staff at RA and FVTC make every effort to make these events meaningful and fun for participants as well as spectators.

Mike