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Mock Survives to Win Atomic Cup with '84 Atlas Van Lines

FINLEY, Wash. — Radio Controlled Unlimiteds (R/CU) began its 30th season of racing with more of a destruction derby than a boat race Sunday (April 6) during the Atomic Cup at Two Rivers Park, but driving his model of the 1984 Atlas Van Lines, **Don Mock** (Seattle, Wash.) recorded his 27th career victory by avoiding the carnage of three boats.

The Atomic Cup was the first race in the R/C Unlimiteds 14-race Oberto Championship Series.

Mock also won the race's George Stratton Memorial Trophy for the most points scored during the course of the day's racing. Mock's win places him one behind **Roger Newton** (Renton, Wash.) for second place in the club's career race wins standings. **David Jensen** (Seattle, Wash.) is the all-time leader with 41 victories.

Jeff Stubbers (Issaquah, Wash.) was second with his 1983 KISW Miss Rock. **Harry Gatjens** (Seattle, Wash.) was third with his 1994 Miss Budweiser (T-4) after winning the first consolation and earning a spot in the final as the trailer boat. As the trailer, Gatjens was required to start well behind the rest of the fleet in the final. Fourth place went to **Gary Grembowski** (Issaquah, Wash.), while father and son **Bill** and **Dave Brandt** (Kennewick, Wash.) were fifth and sixth, respectively. **Lee Robertson** (Seattle, Wash.) was seventh.

The final heat carnage was created when Robertson's 1978 Squire Shop (U-65) lost its cowling (engine cover), which floated on the course throughout the race. Dave Brandt's 1995 Pico American Dream went dead in the water, followed by Bill Brandt's 1998 Close Call, which died in the backstretch. Grembowski's 1982 Budweiser Light finished the final heat, but lost its cowling during the battle.

On Saturday, Newton drove his 2002 Miss Budweiser (T-3) to the championship of the Budweiser Shootout, an exclusive trophy dash for the Budweiser boats in the pits. **Ron Hartley** (Moses Lake, Wash.) won the Oberto Shootout with his 1982 Oh Boy! Oberto.

The next stop in the R/CU Oberto Championship Series is the Gar Wood Memorial, April 12-13 at Lake Sacajawea in Longview, Wash.

Radio Controlled Unlimiteds is a racing club affiliated with the American Power Boat Association. The club races radio controlled model unlimited hydroplanes that duplicate the real hydroplanes as closely as possible. The boats are nearly four feet long and two feet wide, and travel at speeds between 50-65 miles per hour.

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