Tournament X Results
July 28, 1995

Congratulations to all who entered the Tenth International RoboWar Tournament. There were 38 individual entries and 11 teams from a total of 24 participants. Entry fees were collected from all US entries and were optional on international entries (but required to be eligible for prizes). A total of $128 was collected, making each winner receive a $16 prize.

Category	Winner	Robot(s)
Individual 1st	Jean-Francis Lechat	Jade
Individual 2nd	Doug Harris	*CL79*
Individual 3rd	Jean-Francis Lechat	Carne
Youth	Greg Parker	HappyBot™ XXI nuke
Team	Colin Jaffe	Killer DogCow #1
		Killer DogCow #2
Icon Contest	Breg & Grian Parker	The PokeyMorph Team

For the third consecutive tournament, Jean-Francis Lechat has imposed continental domination on the RoboWar arena. Will some cold Russian winter finally thwart this Napoleon of RoboWar in the Eleventh Tournament, or will Lechat continue his world domination indefinitely? Jade is a souped-up version of Lechat's old standby, while Carne employs a hitherto unknown technique with tremendous success. For the record, drones and lasers still do exist in RoboWar, but are seldom useful (Lechat demonstrates the first successful use of drones) and can only be enabled in a robot through ResEdit, an exercise left to the hacker.

Doug "Wolfgang" Harris and Greg Parker exploited loopholes in the rules to build suicidal destroyers that accumulated tremendous scores in individual combat by nuking all other robots into oblivion. Unfortunately for these RoboWarriors, their individual routines were not as good as the other top bots and the suicidal destroyers weakened each other in the Winners' Circle, thus failing to take first place. Doug Harris had already pioneered the suicidal destroyer tactic in team competition years ago and mercilessly jumped on the loophole when it resurfaced. Needless to say, suicidal destroyers will not be viable in the Eleventh Tournament. Incidentally, Doug's robot was nearly disqualified on the basis of obscene comments in his source code!

Colin Jaffe won the team event with his Killer DogCow pair. Congratulate him with a loud "moof!"

After years of trying, the Parker Brothers achieved their coveted Icon Contest award with the ineffectual but cute PokeyMorph team animation. The team seldom lives to show off, however; in the future, robots should stay alive long enough to be seen if they hope to be viable contenders in the Icon Contest.

None of the title screen entries were sufficiently interesting to replace the current RoboWar title screen. If anyone has brilliant ideas for a new title screen and artistic talent to implement the ideas, drop me a copy and your work might be featured on the opening screen.

General Comments:

Overall, the quality of the entries to the Tenth Tournament was excellent. The top robots are all world-class and very few robots fall into the category of pathetic. Furthermore, a large fraction of the entries came from experienced RoboWar hackers, including RoboMasters Abbott, Foley, Harris, Lechat, and Lindsey who all hold past RoboWar titles. Congratulations to all the newcomers who valiantly struggled in the heated contest.

As a concession to the Religious Right, the Tenth International RoboWar Tournament was an official 1995 Sponsor of Family Values. Families entering the tournament include brothers Ed and Matt Schenk, the father-daughter-son combination of John, Laura, and John Abbott (with son annihilating father in the arena, and Laura contributing icons), and the infamous Parker Brothers of Lost Nachos, CA. Doug Harris may even count in the list of family members, despite his denial of any relation to this author.

This was the first tournament to use the new aggressive scoring rules and Eric Foley will be happy to conclude that the Pacifist Alliance is dead. Combat is generally swift and violent now and only the tough and clever survive.

The Tenth Tournament was run on a PowerMac 8100 using RoboWar 4.1.1 with a few minor fixes. Just over one million chronons were simulated in 41 minutes, for a throughput of 413 chronons / sec. RoboWar 4.2 will likely be available later this year with many more fixes. There is a known bug in RoboWar 4.1.1 involving projectile speeds changing for no apparent reason; however, this bug cannot be reproduced on my development machine and did not impact the tournament. There is also a known bug that robots early in the roster seem to outperform those later in the roster; the tournament was biased in this way, but the bug hopefully will be corrected in later RoboWar releases.

The complete results of the tournament appear below. Authors who declared themselves under the age of 18 are italicized to give special credit to the rising generation of RoboWarriors. The results will be posted to the net (AOL, the major FTP sites, and the RoboWar Home Page at http://www-leland.stanford.edu/~harrisd/robowar.html) The entries are also available on disk, though sounds have been mercilessly deleted from the larger robots so that the complete results will fit on an 800K disk.

Individual Competition (note: top six robots advance to the Winners' Circle)

Robot Name	Author	Solo Score	Group Score	Total	WC Solo	WC Group	Final
Jade	J.F. Lechat	594	447	1041	280	179	1500
CL79	Doug Harris	439	630	1069	156	207	1432
Carne	J.F. Lechat	576	419	995	220	172	1387
Arachnée	J.F. Lechat	568	381	949	216	169	1334
HappyBot™ XXI nuke	Greg Parker	429	577	1006	91	196	1293
..Fishbot	John Abbott Jr.	495	422	917	101	171	1189
Robocide	Colin Jaffe	501	413	914			
HappyBot XVII	Greg Parker	330	583	913			
.Superzot Jr. II	John Abbott Jr.	503	399	902			
Sweetie	Stephen Linhart	477	379	856			
Orion	Theo Howell	482	362	844			
Soul Deliverer 8.6.	Lucas Dixon	435	405	840			
More Spots	Theo Howell	467	369	836			
Death v6.25	Andrew Elliston	441	363	804			
Succubus	Eric Foley	444	357	801			
Death2 v6.14	Andrew Elliston	417	374	791			
Pagneezeeo	S. Trubetskoy	416	374	790			
T-bot	John Abbott Sr.	409	381	790			
Anéphode 2.6	Denys Seguret	376	362	738			
Radar X	S. Trubetskoy	393	337	730			
Ralph	Ed Schenk	376	325	701			
Billy	Matt Schenk	376	323	699			
Wraith	Eric Foley	392	293	685			
Cracheur M 4	Denys Seguret	320	345	665			
MAGIC BUNNY	Brian Parker	298	336	634			
Wubba Boy	Adrian Packel	318	288	606			
Arnie 2	Jeremy Douglas	298	284	582			
StalkerBoy	Adrian Packel	275	298	573			
Grape of Wrath!	Daniel Velleman	297	262	559			
Clint	Jeremy Douglas	203	315	518			
I Dunno II	Adrian Packel	214	297	511			
Aurelious1	David Dolliver	206	295	501			
striker	Brad Naas	149	285	434			
Funky Doggy	Peter Manhart	129	266	395			
Braker	Brad Naas	125	267	392			
Fartcloud	Peter Manhart	95	231	326			
Miss Lisa	Riemer Brouwer	55	205	260			
Handy	Peter Manhart	25	213	238			

Team Competition

Author	Robot 1	Robot 2	Score
Colin Jaffe	Killer DogCow#1	Killer DogCow#2	283
John Abbot Jr.	.Team fishbot	.Team Superzot Jr.	273
Stephen Linhart	Sweetie Team	Sweetie Team	264
Greg Parker	HappyBot XIII Team	HappyBot™ XXI Team	245
Ed Schenk	+Ralph+	+Wilbur+	237
Denys Seguret	Anéphode T1	Anéphode T2	215
Sergei Trubetskoy	Team Pagneezeeo	Team Pagneezeeo	203

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Matt Schenk          -Bill-              -Mortimer-        202
Brad Naas            J2                  M2                111
Brian Parker          Scrubby Bubble     chicken           28
Grian & Breg Parker PokeyMorph           PokeyMorph2       28
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