

Impound Insights for El Mirage November 2020

Again, the tribes gathered to celebrate speed on the hallowed grounds of the El Mirage lakebed. And what a gathering it was. With the daytime weather acting like early spring we were treated to some very fast vehicles and a few rides that were more than exciting. The top speed of the meet went to **Rick Yacoucci** with an unreal pass of 284.732 mph. This is not only the top speed of the meet but top speed of the year. Congrats Turbo Rick! **John Noonan** had the motorcycle top speed of the meet with a 211.815 mph pass down the dirt. This too was top speed of the meet and for the season as well. Well done John! There were 2 new members of the **El Mirage 200 MPH Club** welcomed. **Jim Harte** joined the club with a 203.124 mph pass in a XO/BGL. Congrats Jim! Joining Jim is **Dustin King** who ran 208.231 in the 1000/MPS-BG class. His first pass ever over 200 mph and he grabs a Merlot Hat. Well done and congrats Dustin!! Speaking of new members to exclusive clubs, **Tim McMaster** joined the El Mirage Spin Club and has the hardware to prove it. Next time you see him ask him to show it to you! There were also a bunch of records set over the two days of racing and here they are with the bikes first...

Robbie Cadwallader was the first one to roll in with a 96.667 mph pass in the 100/MPS-F class with Kawasaki power for his namesake entry. He was followed by **Mikey Hanrahan** on the Green Fiend entry in the 100/A-G class. Kawasaki power pushed him to a 109.190 mph record. The Woodys Aermacchi entry had **Mark Summitt** on the pegs and he pushed the 250/MPS-PG record to 105.735 mph. The 1000/MPS-BG record now stands at 208.231 mph after **Dustin King's** pass on a Kawasaki for the Veterans of America Racing entry. Team McLeish HD pushed the 100/M-VG record to 71.928 mph with **Derek McLeish** in the saddle of his Harley Davidson. **Branden Fullner** pushed the 1650/M-PG record to 145.543 mph while on board a Harley Davidson for his namesake team. The final rider on Saturday into Impound was the Speranza Brant Robinson entry. **Randy Speranza** ran the 2000/SC-PBF record to 187.505 mph with Harley Davidson power. Sunday morning saw **John Noonan** bump his previous days record for the RIP Glen Barrett entry in the 1000/MPS-BF to 211.185 mph while aboard a Hayabusa. The Sabatinelli-Livengood entry saw **Dean Sabatinelli** bump the record he had set on Saturday in the 1000/M-F class to 180.938 mph with Kawasaki power. The Black Art Racing entry had **Jim Higgins** twisting the grip to a new record of 174.285 mph in the 1650/M-F class with Suzuki power. The final motorcycle into Impound was the Alp Racing & Design entry in the 1000/A-VF class. **Alp Sungertiken** bumped his record from Saturday to 171.986 mph with vintage Vincent power. Congrats to all for a great show! Now it's on to the cars....

Neil McAlister got the morning started with a 174.641 mph drive for the BMR Ferguson Racing entry. The GMC powered Coupe ran in the XO/BGCC class. The Aardema Braun entry with Ford power had **Scott Goetz** at the controls for a 180.410 mph pass in the V4/GL class. Hondata CRX was entered in the F/BGALT class and **Aaron Hale** ran the record to 215.928 mph with Honda power in the CRX. **Eric Eyres** was behind the wheel of the Eyres & Son entry in the E/BFR class. The Chevy powered Roadster ran 216.937 mph. The C/STR record was pushed to 195.145 mph by **Ken Coe** who was doing the driving for the Gearhead Guru Racing entry. The '34 Roadster runs Dodge power. The Buick powered Roadster entered by Eight in a Row Racing now owns the XO/BGR record. **Randall Fohner** made it happen with a 169.795 mph pass.

Dave Davidson took a shot at the AA/BFR record and laid claim with a 254.507 mph run. The Cummings Beck Davidson Thornsberry Roadster is Hemi powered. The Youngbloods Rods team made the trip down from Utah and grabbed another record. The Suzuki powered Roadster in the H/BSTR class ran a 169.544 mph with **Ali Youngblood** doing the driving. The Electraliner entry in the E-2/E class had **Jim Hoogerhyde** at the controls. Jim drove the Tesla powered Lakester to a 182.754 mph record. The previous record had been in the books since 1994! The XO/BGL record now stands at 203.124 thanks to a run by **Jim Harte** who was doing the driving for the Saline Solution II entry. Jim used GMC power to get it done and it was good enough to allow him entry into the El Mirage 200 MPH Club after bumping the record he had set earlier in the day. **Rick Yacoucci's** record blast was good enough to bump the record he set Saturday. The E/BGS ran 284.732 mph for the Costella Yacoucci Streamliner entry. That is haulin' the mail folks!! The Chet Thomas Ricing entry in A/BGR saw **Rich Thomas** at wheel and he piloted the well sorted Deuce to a 233.650 mph record. Always nice to see a Ford powered Ford. The C/FL record now stands at 243.882 mph after **Alan Fogliadini** pedaled the DRM Racing entry Lakester to the new record with Chrysler power. **Eddie Marlen** made a pass that produced a speed of 245.085 mph. This was a bump from Saturday and good enough to set the record in the B/FR class for the BMR Racing team. If you ever have a chance to see this Roadster run, don't miss it! The Mariani Farms Roadster ran 188.001 mph in XF/BFMR with **Ted Carlton** behind the wheel. This run bumped the record that was set earlier in the day. Talk about hot lappin' a car...And we wrapped it up with **Chris Campbell** driving to a new record in the C/AIR class. The Cleveland powered Roadster ran 180.823 mph to set that bar for next season. Congrats to all of the record setters!

There has been a decision made by the clubs that make up the organization to not crown a point's champion this year. All of the records set at both El Mirage meets will be in the 2021 rule book except for the ones that were vacated in October to due to the cancelled meet and the starting line up positions for the first race next year will be determined by the November El Mirage point standings.

And that wraps up another shortened racing season for the SCTA. To not get a full season in due to things beyond the organizations control was disappointing to say the least. With that said, the SCTA/BNI volunteers were able to produce two epic meets on the Salt and two great meets at El Mirage even though one was cut short by Mother Nature. Without all of the volunteers, this doesn't happen. Thank you to the SCTA/BNI volunteers for your support! You all make our jobs so much easier. Please keep them in mind and remember that they do it for you and the love of the sport. Don't forget to put May 1 and 2 on your 2021 calendar as these are the days we expect to kick of another great year of racing. I wish you all the best this holiday season and look forward to seeing you next year. Cheers!

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