

Impound Insights - November 12/13, 2016

Beautiful Southern California weather greeted the racers on Friday for tech inspection. Temps held during the weekend. Unfortunately, the track did not follow suit as first the center wore out then the sides gave up. This happened to both courses, a second track prepared Saturday night for Sunday runs. The conditions did provide super performances for some competitors.

There were 25 records set, 16 for cars and 9 motorcycles. Only one new El Mirage 200 MPH Club member was honored. **Mark Leonard** driving the red B C Racing Camaro from Arizona reset the AA/CBGALT record to 236.4 MPH. Speaking of the club the annual BBQ and party was held at the SCTA building at the edge of the lakebed. The party was well attended and most everyone came away with a door prize. Thanks to our sponsors for their generous donations.

Other records set include; **Mark Vigeant** driving the Rice Vigeant Racing J/BFL updated their record from earlier this season to 191.1 MPH. In the Vintage Category there were several roadster records set. V4F/BFMR class saw the Fast Four Special from Montana come to the dirt and set a record of 147.6 MPH, **Chris King** driving. Wild **Willie Boelcke** of the Kraut Bros. set the D/BGRMR record to 199.6 at this meet. **Pete '300 MPH' Prentice** drove his A/BGR entered by Crisp-Callaway-Warnock to a new record of 228.7 MPH. Erik Hansson had the low, low #123 roadster out. This month **Ruth Lundring** had the driving chores in the V4/BGR. Ruth was able to set a 170.1 record with the Model A engine topped by a Volvo twin cam cylinder head. JD and Patrick Tone made the once a year trip to El Mirage with the Tone Motorsports GMC powered roadster. **J D Tone** driving this time set a 159.2 record using a stock 7 port head with a single 4 barrel carb. Next year may see a 12 port head with fuel injection, then we will see some numbers. **Richard Reed** has not been around for awhile. This time he took the R2 Racin' V4F/GR to a new record of 117.7. Blown Street Roadster class, AA had **Chet Thomas** driving the Thomas & Augusta Racing '32 high boy to a fine 232.4 record. This record is just .2 MPH slower than the same class at Bonneville. **Bobby Green** set his V4F/VOT record, first record at El Mirage, in the scratch built open wheel racer at 124.3. The car is entered by Old Crow-H & H-Wild Turkey. **Brandon Leggitt** blazed a great 275.1 record in the Arnold Hoddinott Leggitt Salkins Studebaker. A little fire in the pipes proved no problem and the team made another pass. The Hondata CRX again ran very strong. This little F/BFCC driving by **Aaron Hale** set the class record to 227.8 and in so doing cinched the 2016 Season Championship for the team. The H & H Motorsports team of Steve Hope had the G/BGC Dodge at the meet with **Jere Teepen** driving. The blue coupe set the class record at 187.03 MPH. Warnock racing loaned the J/GC Honda to **Valerie Fenn** so she could maintain her lineup number for next season. Val responded by setting record to 112.6. The Batsthornkisikal entered Ford pickup was entered in XO P/P. The inline six was able to punch out a 105.2 record against the 105 minimum with **Theresa Bates** driving. **Big Tim Boyle** came to California from his Colorado home. His Salty Box Racing full size Dodge truck ran in the B/DT class and upped his own record to 192.1 MPH.

The motorcycle impound was not as busy as the car side. The Team McLeish HD team brought the 50-A-VF bike for **Ralph LeClercq** to ride. Ralph did a fine job by setting the record to 64.9 MPH. The **Alp Sungurtekin** ridden 650-A-VF to a 170.1 record for Alp Racing and Design. Young **Cayla Rivas** continues to set records in her first year of riding. This time out Cayla rode in the 650-APS-PG class and set the

record at 140.6. Top Time of the Meet and Year was set by **Ralph Hudson** on his 1000-APS-BF entry at 266.3 - ON THE DIRT!! **Tim Cunha** rode the Costella/Cunha/Bassano 1000-SCS-F Silver Rocket to another record in excess of 200, this month it is 202.4. **Jim Hoogerhyde** has shown great form from his terrible accident. Jim rode his 1350-APS-G bike to a 208.2 record. **John Noonan** was sitting pretty proud with his 251.5 record in the 1650-APS-BG Wossner 'Big Balls" Noonan entry. That is until Ralph Hudson made his historic pass. **Chris Rivas** rode his Chris Rivas VTwin 2000-APS-PBG entry to a record of 207.1. The final record we saw was **Randy Speranza** on the Speranza Brant Robinson Harley in the 2000-APS-PG class at 179.4.

That is a wrap on the 2016 season. We hope to see everyone in May 2017 for the two day opener. I for one am looking forward to another full season of six events and even greater speeds.

Joanie and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Remember to Be Safe, Go Fast and Have Fun.

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