

## Impound Insights for El Mirage October 2020

While still a bit hungover from World Finals, a trip to the El Mirage lakebed seemed like a great cure. It was. In theory anyway. As technical inspection got under way on Saturday everyone was asked to follow the guidelines that were drawn up by the SCTA to keep in compliance with the standards set by the State's governing bodies to battle the pandemic that has the world in its grips. As far as I could tell everyone kept it between the lines and were grateful that the SCTA had put together a plan that was sound enough to race by. A big "thank you" goes out to the members of the elected board and all the others who put the plan together.

The weather on Saturday was epic but by the time we got to racing on Sunday it turned, and the meet was blown out by the high winds. There was a total of 60 entries but there were only 45 starts that were made and the first round wasn't completed. This means that amongst other things, there were no points awarded for this meet. That leaves us one race to determine the champions for the 2020 season. Hopefully November treats us better. Let's talk about some speed's, shall we?

The top speed of the meet went to **Rick Yacoucci** in the Costella Yacoucci streamliner with a wicked 268.484 mph pass. While this speed qualified for a record, Rick declined to keep it and give it another shot in November. Why would he do that you ask? It's a points thing. There are 6 records officially in the books. Here they are....

The first car into Impound was driven by **Derek McLeish**. He was behind the wheel of the Team McLeish Datsun entry and he opened it up with a 141.936 mph blast in the H/GCC class. Surprised to see Derek keep that one. Why you ask? It's a points thing. The Hondata CRX entry had **Aaron Hale** piloting the entry in F/BFALT to a stout 213.146 mph record. Aaron put over 25 mph on a record that had stood since 1988! The final car to make an appearance was the Eight in a Row Racing entry in XO/BSTR with **Randall Foehner** at the controls. The once open record now stands at 169.384 mph.

And here's some motorcycle action for you...

The Green Fiend entry had **Mikey Hanrahan** in saddle and he pushed the 100/A-G record to 107.112 mph with Kawasaki power. Another 100cc entry had **Robbie Cadwallader** aboard a Kawasaki KX100 for his namesake entry in the 100/MPS-F class. Robbie ran 95.704 mph on an open record with a 92.000 mph minimum. And to wrap it up we have **Randy Speranza** setting a record in the 2000/SC-PBG class for the Speranza Brant Robinson Racing entry. Randy put down a 181.835 mph run to bump the record set in 2018.

The November meet is a scant three weeks away with technical inspections on Friday ( 11/13 ) and two days of racing the following Saturday and Sunday ( 11/14 & 11/15 ). We will have to go through the gyrations of social distancing and or wearing a face covering so be prepared. There are downloadable forms on the SCTA website that will be required. Your patience and understanding is appreciated. Also, the November meet can be a chilly one so come prepared with something or someone to keep you warm Or better yet, both! See you in November. Cheers!

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