

## Presidents Message for May 2018

WOW! What a way to start the 2018 season! On Friday Inspection & Registration were up & running by noon. Competitors were in line & being processed like clockwork! By the end of the day the lines were gone thanks to the Inspection & Registration team putting in some extra work. GREAT JOB!! With some new things being rolled out that was an amazing job by all!

Saturday morning we were greeted with a beautiful sunrise, followed by Rick Head's Patrol Meeting. Once that was complete, yours truly presented the Drivers Meeting. We went over the new course markings so everyone had an idea what to expect. Our invocation was done by Mr. Wayne Hardcastle, a great job as usual. The National Anthem was led by "Old Golden Throat" Mr. Wendell Burns. Who I might add is the newest winner of the "Man of Distinction" award. WELL DONE!!

Ok, almost time for racing, first though all competitors were allowed to drive next to the course to view the additions for 2018. Ron Main & Bill Lattin presented us with an amazing combination of lights & banners! To quote Lee Kennedy "Stevie Wonder could see that"!

Once roll call for the Patrols was finished, with Fire & Ambulance in place it's time to go racing!! 7:50AM! HERE WE GO! We were able to run all day pretty much uninterrupted. We made 142 runs on Saturday on dirt that held up GREAT! We shut down at 3:00PM to give Ron Kissinger & his course setting crew time to move the course before Course Walk. All Clubs were represented on the Course Walk to make sure it was clean!

Sunday morning we did it all over again & were ready to race at 7:40AM! We were once again greeted with amazing dirt for Sunday! Once again we were able to run almost uninterrupted all day! No problems other than one flat spin. GREAT DAY!!

All in all for the 2 days we made 272 runs! We had 118 entries. We were able to complete 4 full rounds & left NO competitors at the Starting Line. We set 40 records! 12 CAR & 28 M/C records!

We made 54 runs over 200mph! A GREAT start to 2018!

Top speed of the meet goes to Bob Dalton in the Flashpoint streamliner at 293.885 mph! More to come there I'm sure! CONGRATS BOB!

Top BIKE speed goes to John "Big Balls" Noonan at 232.060mph! CONGRATS JOHN! And welcome back!

It could not be done without all of our AMAZING volunteers! Thank you all!

We'll see ya all on the Dirt real soon!.....Pat

NEXT EL MIRAGE: JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>.....BE THERE!