

Impound Insights May 2017

The first meet of the 2017 El Mirage season was not our best opening meet. Heavy rains during the winter has left the lakebed in less than perfect condition. The temperatures, if just for the weekend, were pleasant enough. The first day was a tough one and the course was not the best, but the volunteers all worked hard to make Sunday a better day. Some good news is Chuck has found a promising course for June.

There were no new El Mirage 200 MPH Club members. The car side of the impound certified only two records, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. The first was the Rice Vigeant Racing J/BGL driven by **Mark Vigeant** to a 186 record. On Sunday the Notabusa Comp Coupe was hearded to a new record of 129 by **Larry Foley Jr.** in the I/GCC class. That's it, two records in lower displacement classes.

The motorcycle impound team was a bit more busy. **John Noonan** took two tries at the 1650-MPS-PG class on the Wossner Pistons Noonan Hayabusa. Saturday John rode a record of 219 on a less than perfect course. Following a course move John was able to increase his record to 225 MPH. Young **Cayla Rivas** was on her 650-MPS-PG entry and set a new record at 133 and change. **Cathy Butler** is back in her record setting ways. On husband Van Butler Racing 650-MPS-F entry Cathy was able to best the new minimum for M frame bikes to a record 177. **Wes White** had his 500-M-VF Triumph entered under the Four Aces Cycle banner. Wes bumped the record to 113. **Erin Sills** was on the Hunter Sills Racing BMW in the 1000-MPS-G class. Erin took two tries at the record with a 195 on Sunday morning followed by a fine 200.2 record in the afternoon. **Derek McLeish** continues to terrorize the 50cc displacement classes. This meet Derek took a white knuckle ride on the Team McLeish HD in the 50-APS-VG class to a blazing 61 MPH.

There were several spins and aborted runs due to course conditions. We had two backdoor (the ultimate end of course limit) violations. Please become familiar with the course layout and where you are on the course. Severe penalties, such as a loss of all license levels, can be levied. We are adults so if you make a mistake keep your temper in check. This is covered in the rulebook and may result in the loss of a season.

We are looking forward to much better conditions for the June 11th event. Be safe and go fast.

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