

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER EL MIRAGE 2017

Our year ending November 2-Day meet got rolling on Friday about noon with Registration, CAR & M/C Tech going strong! By the end of the day we had over 100 racers signed up & ready to race! As sunlight disappeared so did the temperature. IT GOT COLD!!

Saturday morning sunrise was a pleasant sight to see & feel. WARMTH! After the Patrol, & Drivers Meetings we had our prayer by Wayne Hardcastle & the National Anthem led by Wendell Burns. Happy Veteran's Day to All!!!

Now it's time to go racing! Unfortunately our very first run of the meet resulted in a crash. John Noonan took off on his bike & went down near the Starting Line. Quick response by our Emergency & Medical Teams treated John & transported him to the hospital. As we later found out John suffered multiple injuries & underwent surgery. I'm glad to say now that John is out of the hospital & recuperating at home. We miss you John! Hang in there & we'll see ya soon!

After a lengthy delay waiting for the ambulance to return we got under way again. We ran until 2:30PM on Saturday, giving time to move the course for Sunday & also to have enough daylight to get the Course Walk in. We were still able to finish Round 1 making over 100 runs. Thanks to all who made it possible to get through a tough day! After racing ended there was a Safety Seminar in the Registration Area. This month's seminar dealt with "Fire and Heat Stress Protection". Our guest speakers were from Stand 21. Very well done! Also thanks to Werner Schwarz for putting it together. Also that evening the 200 MPH Club hosted their annual BBQ in the SCTA building.

Sunday began with NO wind, so lengthy waits between runs were the order of the day in the morning. Eventually a slight breeze picked up allowing us to make it through Round 2 & Round 3!

Totals for the Meet were very good considering, we made 268 runs overall. We set 23 records overall, 12 CAR & 11 M/C with 3 pending. We made 38 runs over 200MPH! We ended up with 121 entrants.

Top Speeds are going to Rick Yacucci for CAR & Ralph Hudson for M/C. One new Dirty Two Hat went to Jay Allen. CONGRATS TO ALL!!!!

On a very serious note, we had numerous out of bounds violations over the weekend. Side Door & Back Door violations are a very serious infraction & threaten our very existence at El Mirage. We were extremely close to shutting down the event. We just cannot continue to have these problems or we will be shut down. We will be making some changes at the Finish Line & in the Shutdown area. While these changes will help, the true burden lies with the racers. If YOU want to keep YOUR race course YOU have to help! Penalties will be stiff so do YOUR job!

In closing I would like to thank all of our AMAZING volunteers who make these meets happen. THANK YOU ALL!!

SEE YOU ALL IN MAY!!.....Pat

Pat McDowell  
SCTA President / Race Director