

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Once upon a time in a land called El Mirage, the SCTA faithful gathered for their annual year-end two day meet.....

By noon on Friday, Inspection & Registration were up & running. A well oiled machine for sure! By the end of the day we had over 80 entries signed up and more to come Saturday morning.

With the sun setting early it was time to bundle up! To say it was cold Friday night does not begin to describe how cold it actually was. IT WAS COLD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
LOW 20'S maybe high 'TEEN'S!

Finally! Sunrise Saturday morning was a welcome sight! The day started with Rick Head's Patrol Meeting, followed by the Drivers Meeting. After Wayne Hardcastle gave the prayer & Wendell "Old Golden Throat" led us in our National Anthem, it was time to go racing!!

We raced at a good pace thru mid-morning, run after run. Car #3082 had a mechanical failure which caused it to turn sharply, at that point the car rolled several times, coming to rest on it's wheels. Fortunately the driver, Mr. Jeff Stewart, was not seriously hurt. A few bumps & bruises but OK. A true testament to the construction of the car, everything did its job & kept him safe!

That was our only on track incident, although we did respond to an off course incident involving a crash landing of an ultra light type craft. Thankfully the pilot was conscious & alert when he was transported by ambulance, from the dry lake. That shut us down for approx. 45 minutes while we waited for our ambulance to return. After that we ran until 2:35pm. All in all for the day we made 123 runs. We shut the track down at that time to move the course for Sunday & also have the Course Walk.

Saturday evening we had a Safety Seminar set up by Werner Schwarz and Helmet Safety was the topic. Stand 21, along with a rep from SNELL was the host and it was a very informative meeting. Thanks to all for that!! Also that night was the 200mph Club Banquet. A great event & a good time had by all! Thank you Miler Mike!

Sunday morning, we did all the meetings all over again & started racing at 7:45AM. From the start we fought the wind. We fought it on & off until about 10am when it just became steadily stronger. We went on a wind hold at that point. Unfortunately at 10:45am we shut the event down for good. The wind would just not let up. Not something we ever want to do but sometimes it just can't be helped.

All in all for the entire event we had 117 entries, we made 156 runs. We set 12 CAR records & 11 M/C records. Fastest time of the meet went to Eddy's Chop Shop at 292.448mph! GREAT pass Eddie! Fastest bike went to Pat Womack at 224.338! CONGRATS TO BOTH! We had 1 new "Dirty Two Club" member, Mr. Jim Hahn. Congrats Jim!

That just about covers it all, except for thanking our AMAZING Volunteers, without them these events would never happen. THANK YOU ALL!

In closing I would just like to thank the entire membership for allowing me to be part of all this. This is my last event as President & I want you all to know I've enjoyed every minute of it!

THANK YOU ALL VERY, VERY MUCH!.....Pat

AND THEY ALL LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.....