

Impound Insights for the El Mirage May Meet 2022

The 2022 SCTA racing season got started with warm temperatures and clear skies greeting those who attended. The two-day meet produced a few records, a new member into the famed "Dirty Two" club and a pass over 300mph. A pass at that speed hasn't been seen in almost 20 years. The 89 entries made a combined 205 starts and completed 4 rounds of racing. The top speed of the meet was produced by Arley Langlo who piloted the J and S Racing entry to a speed of 303.882mph. Unfortunately, Arley missed the record by a mere .236mph. So close but what a pass!! The fastest motorcycle honor goes to John Noonan who ran his Ray Ray da Boss entry to a very fast 215.635mph. The newest member of the El Mirage 200 mph club is Mark Conte. His pass at 205.996 for the Real Street Performance entry was more than good enough to get him into the Club and earn him a coveted Merlot hat. Congratulations to Mark and his crew!! On to the records...

The first car into Impound was the Team McLeish Datsun entry in I/BFCC. Derek McLeish was behind the wheel of the Datsun B110 Coupe, and he set the record at 167.238 on a 140mph minimum. Mark Vigeant stopped by Impound with a timing slip showing 143.201mph. That pass was enough to set the record on a 140mph minimum for the Rice Vigeant entry in K/BFL. The record in B/BGMR now stands at 255.019 mph thanks to Joel Wirth and the Empire Special entry. This is the same Roadster that Joel drove to over 300 mph at Bonneville last season. Sunday got started with Roger Beckman and the BC Racing entry making a 207.054mph pass in the AA/CGC class. They were running their '79 Camaro on a 205mph minimum. The next entry to drop by was the Calloway and Warnock entry with Troy Glenn in the seat. Troy ran the record to 151.874 mph with Honda power in the G/GR class. The record in the C/FL class is now claimed by KC Polk who was doing the driving for the DRM Racing entry. His 248.314mph pass was made using Chrysler power. To finish off the meet, we saw Mark Conte make his pass in the F/BFMS class at 205.996 mph. The Real Street Performance entry uses Toyota 2JZ power in their Datsun 240Z. This is the run that earned Mark entry into the El Mirage 200mph Club!! Let's see how the bikes did...

The Team McLeish Bros entry in the 650/SCS-G class, with Ken Brandt doing the driving pushed the record to 164.815mph using Honda power in the Sidecar Streamliner. Riding a Yamaha R1 in the 1000/M-G class, the newly minted Mrs. Leslie Arias rode to a new record of 181.121mph for the Black Cat Racing entry. If you're not in the know, the former Leslie Murray was married to Nick Arias III on the lakebed the previous Friday by none other than our starter Jill Iversen who is not only authorized to send you done the race course, but she is also authorized to send you down the aisle! Congratulations to Nick and Leslie! Next in was the Team McLeish Honda entry with Ralph Leclerq twisting the throttle to a new record of 77.549mph in the 175/M-PG class. Next was Jim Higgins riding for the Black Art Racing entry to 181.198mph aboard a Hayabusa in the 1650/M-F class. 100 minutes later, John Noonan arrived aboard another Suzuki Hayabusa in the 1350/M-BF class. His speed of 215.6345mph was good enough for the record and top speed of the meet for motorcycles. Way to hammer it John. The record in the 175/M-G class now stands at 100.345mph thanks to Brian Rochlitzer riding a Honda CBR250R for the Dugan/Rochlitzer entry.

Mark Summitt was on the pegs for the Emmett Scout entry in the 500/M-PF class. The Aermacchi/Harley Sprint ran 123.320mph to claim the record. The Sabatinelli-Livengood entry saw Dean Sabatinelli climb on a Kawasaki ZX10 and run a 193.452mph pass for the record in the 1000/M-PSF class. David Damon was selected to ride the second pass for the Black Art Racing entry. David bumped the record set earlier in the day to 183.957mph in the 1650/M-F class aboard a Hayabusa. Sunday morning arrived and along with the sunshine, Randy Johnson rolled in for the Yellow Norton entry in the 750/M-PG class. His effort produced a record speed of 130.002mph. Riding her Kawasaki ZX14 in the 1650/M-PFS class, Leslie Arias ran the record to 199.515mph. I'm sure Leslie will find that half a mile an hour by season's end and it will make her only the 4th female in the Dirty Two club. Can you name the other 3? And to round out Sunday for the motorcycles, David Damon returned for the Black Art Racing entry in the 1650/M-F class. His run bumped the record set on Saturday to 184.223mph using Suzuki power. And that my friends is the way it was!

Please join us in June for round two. Technical inspections will be held on the 11th, and we go racing on the 12th!

Summer is right around the corner and if the May meet is any indication of the weather we may have coming at us, make sure you bring some shade, plenty of drinks to keep you hydrated and some SPF1000 sunscreen to block out the gamma rays!!

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