

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MAY 2021

It's a new year! Here we are at El Mirage on a Friday, with our first event of 2021 starting tomorrow! Inspection is set up for both Cars and Bikes. They are flowing through nicely. Nobody wants to talk about it, but a gentle breeze starts to blow. The forecast of impending doom (WIND) is with us. As the day ends, the breeze is picking up, we end the day with 72 entries.

As the sun came up Saturday morning, Sgt. At Arms Keith Pedersen started the day with the Patrol Meeting. Being the first meet of the year Keith did a fine job making sure everyone was ready! Next was the Drivers Meeting! We started by waving goodbye to 2020. A clean slate! Before we started going over the do's and don'ts, we presented our Perpetual Trophies that normally are presented at our Awards Banquet. Since we didn't have one, this was our best time to acknowledge the winners. They were as follows:

- VERA ALDRIDGE AWARD: KAREN DAVIS, Rod Riders
- PETE DEAN AWARD: JUDY SIGHTS, Gear Grinders
- MEB HEALY AWARD: STEVE FAVELO & CURT GIOVANINE
- WHEELS OF FAME AWARD: ALAN FOGLIADINI, Milers

CONGRATS TO ALL!!! WELL DESERVED!!

Once the Drivers Meeting was finished, time to start racing!

7:53 a.m. Saturday.... We're racing!! The course was firm, and records begin to fall. We were able to finish Round 1 before the wind started flexing its muscles. Race Officials met at the starting line at the end of Round 1 and decided to call it a day at 1:13pm, because of wind speeds picking up. We were able to make 80 runs and keep everyone safe! All in all, we had 4 CAR and 14 BIKE records for the day. Zero incidents, GREAT DAY!!

Sunday morning, DAY 2!.....After the Patrol and Drivers Meetings, a quick roll calls of the Patrols, Fire and Ambulance in place we were able to get started at 7:45am. Dust and wind were with us all day but we made the best of it. We were able to complete Round 2 and Round 3! Making 71 runs in all! It's always a good feeling to have zero vehicles left at the line at the end of the day. We ran without incident while dealing with hanging dust and wind.

All in all, for the weekend we made 151 passes, completed 3 Rounds and set 32 records! We put 5 new members in the "Dirty Two Club": Blaine Beith, Wally Bethune, Don Conley, David Freiburger and Dean Sabatinelli. Congrats and Well Done!! Fastest run of the meet was a thing of beauty! 286.97mph by Arley Langlo's amazing #77 streamliner. Fastest bike of the meet went to John Noonan riding his #17 bike to a speed of 217.420mph. CONGRATS TO BOTH!!

The bottom line here is the fact that we kept everyone safe and gave all racers a chance to make 3 runs! That all makes for a great weekend. Of course, we could not do any of it without our AMAZING volunteers that really make it all a success. THANK YOU TO ALL! See ya all on the dirt in June!

We went fast, had fun and stayed safe! Pat

Pat McDowell
SCTA President / Race Director