

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR EL MIRAGE JUNE 2022

Saturday started HOT! Also, we had a steady breeze as Registration & Inspection was up & running by noon. Entries trickled in throughout the day. All in all at the end of the day we ended up with 45 entries. 23 cars & 22 bikes. Toward the end of the day our breeze turned into WIND & blew long into the night, relocating many of our cones & tipping blue rooms on their side.

Sunday morning we were greeted with sunny skies & a steady breeze creating a tailwind (or El Mirage horsepower). Keith Pedersen's Patrol Meeting got things started, followed by the Driver's Meeting. A quick thank you to all who helped replace cones before we started running. As the Driver's Meeting came to a close, Wayne Hardcastle gave the invocation & Wendell "Golden Throat" Burns led us in the National Anthem. Time to go racing!!!!

With the tailwind blowing things started off with the first 5 vehicles qualifying for records! Great start! All in all at the end we had 6 Car records & 5 Bike records. We had a somewhat modest 5 runs over 200mph. There were no incidents other than 1 spin. We totaled 42 runs by the end of Round 1. At that time Race Officials surveyed the course & went to the Timing Tower to check wind speed & direction. By now the wind was 20+mph with gusts over 30+mph. Also it had changed from a tailwind to between quartering & a cross wind. The trend was showing increasing wind with a cross wind. At this time, in the interest of safety, Race Officials made the decision to end the event. We were able to complete Round 1 keeping everyone safe, which is always our main concern. Thank you all for your understanding.

Our top speed of the meet went to Car #5005, driven by Joel Wirth with a good pass at 255.180mph! On the Bike side top speed went to Bike #68B with John Noonan aboard with a speed of 216.104mph. CONGRATS to both!!

As always a huge THANK YOU to all of the amazing volunteers that make these events possible. THANK YOU ALL!!

The SCTA Board voted to CANCEL the July El Mirage Meet so our next stop isBONNEVILLE!!

Hope to see you all there!

“SEE YA ON THE SALT”!

Hopefully we'll be back on the dirt in September.....Pat

Pat McDowell

SCTA President / Race Director