

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR EL MIRAGE MAY MEET 2022

By noon on Friday Inspection & Registration were up and running, very smooth all afternoon. By the end of the day we were at 76 entries. We also had a special event Friday afternoon. WE HAD A WEDDING! At the Starting Line at 4:00PM sharp, Leslie Murray and Nick Arias III were married in a very nice ceremony surrounded by friends and family. Complete with champagne! It was officiated by our own Chief Starter, Jill Iversen! CONGRATULATIONS TO LESLIE AND NICK!!!! As the wedding party moved away from the starting line our Course Walk began promptly at 5pm.

Saturday morning started with Keith Pedersen's Patrol Meeting followed by the Driver's Meeting. As the meeting came to a close, Wayne Hardcastle gave the invocation and Wendell "Golden Throat" Burns led us in the National Anthem. With roll call of the Patrols done and Fire and Ambulance in place it was time to go racing! The first vehicle took off at 8:00AM sharp. UNDERWAY! The 2022 season had started!

A pretty smooth day with only one incident. Bike #1440 went down while making his turn out after setting a record. Thankfully he came away with only bumps and a few bruises, and a new record of course. All in all, we were able to make over 120 runs on Saturday which got us deep into Second Round. Saturday evening the "Dirty Two" club banquet was held for members of that prestigious club.

Sunday morning began with the usual meetings and racing started at 7:45AM. Day 2 started very smooth and continued that way except for a clean up when car #77, the Arley Langlo streamliner hit the End sign at the finish line. He was able to get a time, and what a time it was....303.832mph, the first 300mph run in quite awhile. Even with the clean up delay, we were able to complete 4 full rounds for the weekend. We finished just before noon. We beat the dust and the wind this time! For the meet, we were able to put 205 vehicles down the course and 17 records were set in all, 10 Bike and 7 Car records. We had one new "Dirty Two" club member, late on Sunday. Mark Conte, running out of The White Goose Bar stables, drove his shiny red Z car to a speed of 205.996mph! Congrats Mark!!

We had 25 runs over 200mph! Proof that the courses held up GREAT! Always a good meet when the dirt holds up. Fastest time of the meet goes to:

ARLEY LANGLO CAR #77.....303.832MPH

JOHN NOONAN BIKE [#68B](#).....215.635MPH

Congrats to Arley and John, Great runs! Congratulations to all the record setters for the entire weekend. Well done!

Thanks to all the racers for coming out and being part of event! And last but certainly not least, THANK YOU to all the volunteers who make these meets possible. Could not be done without you! Hope to see you all again in June!

"SEE YA ON THE DIRT"!.....Pat

Pat McDowell
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