

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 EL MIRAGE MEET

In a word, WARM, on Saturday when Inspection opened for both Cars & Bikes. Both lines ran smoothly as the turnout was light. By mid-afternoon the entry count was only 30, considerably less than normal. By the end of Saturday, we were up to 44, still less than expected. About that same time the wind picked up pretty good (from the west) and stayed with us 'til about sundown. Total entries ended up at 50.

As the sun rose Sunday morning, we started with Keith Pedersen's Patrol Meeting. Following soon after the Drivers Meeting began with a moment of silence for Jim Lattin, who sailed away peacefully on Monday Sept. 6th. A Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather and a damned good friend. He was a racer, builder, innovator & past SCTA President. He will be missed. Our hearts go out to the Lattin family.

Once the Drivers Meeting ended, rollcall for the Patrols, a final check with Fire & Ambulance, we're ready to go! Unfortunately, the wind (a tailwind by the way) had left us so after each run, we waited for the dust to clear. Frustrating to say the least but not much we can do about that.

As the day progressed, a slight breeze had joined us, which quicken our pace of running vehicles. All in all, we were able to run 3 full rounds. 91 runs in total. By the end of the day we set 11 records, 4 Car & 7 Bike. The fastest car of the meet goes to Brandon Leggitt in car #500, The Beast, at 242.172mph. The fastest Bike was Lesley Murray #5411B with a speed of 196.462mph. Congrats to both!!!

In closing, it was a light turnout, we didn't set a lot of records, but everyone had fun & we kept everyone safe & that's all that really matters.

We're off to Bonneville next week for World Finals so hopefully we'll.....SEE YA ON THE SALT! or we'll see ya back here on the dirt for the October meet. (October 24th).....Pat

Pat McDowell
SCTA President