

NO SIGNS OF BAD LUCK FOR CRAGUN, SORENSEN, HALL AND SANTAROSA ON FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RACEWAYS 6.13.08: There was no lack of superstition at RMR except for the winners. Race 6 of 15 of the Summit ET Series proved that luck doesn't always play a big part in getting the win. For example, one of the toughest motorcycle riders on the planet gets the win. One of the best "Foot Brake" racers anywhere gets the win and two drivers from the same camp, that are always going rounds, get wins. Let's start with MC/SNOW. Last years Div. 7 race of champions winner Mike Cragun won the class with a commanding performance. The Semi final round for Mike was a double breakout affair. His opponent, Craig Jensen aboard his XCR Polaris Sled, went .141 under the 9.85 dial giving the win to a small infraction under .040 Mike. In the other Semi, Lonnie Woodruff road his Kawasaki to take the win over a breaking out Dennis Laughlin aboard his Harley Davidson V-Rod. The final was all Kawasaki. Cragun dialed 10.48 Woodruff in at 9.73. Mike took full advantage of the head start with a .030 light to Lonnie's .082 and held on for the win running a 10.52 to Woodruff's 9.80. So far it's been a good season for Mike with two wins and two runner ups.

Sportsman racer Stephen Sorensen has been in the late rounds several times this season and proved that consistency pays off. Stephen was lucky enough to draw a bye in the Semis but with the steady reactions and running close to the number it may not have mattered. The other Semi featured the toughest of the tough Sportsman competitors in Dan Pratt with his trusty Vega up against Linda Panunzio in her Camaro. Dan, knowing Linda's not to be taken lightly, dialed in the Vega with an honest 12.12 to Linda's 14.59. Having the first chance to go red, Linda did just that with a -.053. Dan ran it out to a 12.13. With Stephen running 12.77 on his 12.77 dial and Dan running 12.13 on his 12.12 the final was going to be close indeed. Dan kept the 12.12 dial, Stephen dialed down one to 12.76 and with a huge starting line advantage took the stripe ahead of the breakout run of Dan Pratt.

Pro Eliminator is one of the most competitive classes at RMR. With the likes of Chris Hall, Jesse Sanderson, Thor Modtland, Shanze Panunzio, Clint Severe, the Sanchez', and the rest of the racers, make the taste of victory that much sweeter. Forty six racers entered the fray and were narrowed down to three for the Semis. The '71 Vega of Shanze Panunzio faced the '68 Chevelle of Clint Severe for the chance to race Chris Hall who singled. Severe dialed 12.01 to Shanze's 10.72. Severe left first with a far better reaction than did Shanze (.058 to .119) and forced Shanze to breakout trying to catch him. In the final Chris Hall dialed his '70 Camaro at 10.53 Clint Severe in the Chevelle stayed with the 12.01. Chris turns the reaction tables on Clint .018 to Clint's .071 and ran closer to the dial in 10.556 to 12.042 to take the win. No one earned the extra point for knocking of last years champ this go round!

Super Pro is unquestionably the most competitive class at RMR! With several racers running dead on their dials and tons of double 0 lights, winning a round is a reason to celebrate. When the Semis rolled around Rick Hall, Trent Stevens, and Eddie Santarosa were left standing. By virtue of running closest to his dial in the previous round Eddie got the single. That left the dragsters of Rick Hall and Trent Stevens to race. Trent dialed in at 8.59 while Rick (on the throttle stop) dialed in the Super Comp index of 9.30. Rick coupled a .007 with a 9.305 to take out the closer but losing 8.591 of Trent. Like I said, tough racing in every round! Eddie dialed in at 10.30, Rick at 9.30 and at the trip of the tree, Eddie was away first .023 to .057. In a double breakout Eddie Santarosa and his '86 Mustang earned the Super Pro title by running .006 closer to his dial.