



Speed Week 2008

60th Annual Bonneville Salt Flats - Land Speed Time Trials

It was an amazing event. The salt condition was something many of us have not seen in years. I send my heartfelt condolences for those who had to miss it. And the weather! Mother Nature only interrupted us for a short time this year on Thursday afternoon with some high crosswinds. Otherwise, we couldn't have asked for better weather or a better course! Greg Waters also took a beating with over 125 rookie drivers! Our staff and crews worked with approximately 12,000 spectators and participants. To say the least, our exhaustion was beginning to show by the last day. All in all, (as usual) our volunteers did an awesome job as you will see by the statistics below. Take a minute or two to really absorb those numbers. It makes me tired again (you're breaking my heart) just reading it! We had 6 incidents (2 with moderate injuries). Again, I repeat, it was an amazing event.

Special Announcements:

- ❖ Mike Waters received the "Bob Higbee Award".
- ❖ (25) New 200 MPH Club members and (1) new 300 MPH Chapter 3 member.
- ❖ Special thanks to all those entrants filling out their paper work correctly. We had few problems.

Event Numbers:

- ❖ There were 530 entries (368 cars and 162 bikes), which included 62 class changes.
- ❖ This year we had over 485 pre-entries before we even left for the salt.
- ❖ Number of vehicles participating in the event – 468
- ❖ Number of timed runs - 2,488 over 3 courses, 908 Long, 718 Short and 862 Special Short
- ❖ Number of Performance Plaques (3%) – 70 (14 bikes and 56 cars)
- ❖ Total number of Daily Records set during the event – 220
- ❖ Number of Certified Event Records – 175 (65 bikes and 110 cars)
- ❖ The fastest Car – 377.102 mph exit, by Nish Motorsports #998 AA/FS, Mike Nish driving
- ❖ The fastest Bike – 255.451 mph mile 4, by Scott Guthrie Racing #6412B 1350CC/MPS-BG, Jason McVicar riding
- ❖ Fastest BNI Record – 360.077 mph, by Fred Dannenfelzer #44 B/BFL, "Fast Freddie" driving
- ❖ Slowest BNI record – 34.451 mph, by Jere Brown #1296B 50CC/SC-PG, Jere riding
- ❖ Fastest woman in a door slammer – 251.786 exit, AA/CBFALT, Tonya Turk (ECTA)

New Records:

- Number of records > 300 mph – 0 bikes, 4 cars
- Number of records > 200 mph – 13 bikes, 47 cars
- Number of records > 100 mph – 27 bikes, 56 cars
- Number of records < 100 mph – 25 bikes, 2 cars

The SCTA and BNI board of directors would like to thank all the competitors and workers and sponsors for being a part of this great event. Whether you are a returning salt addict, or just beginning your career as a salt junkie, we appreciate your participation in helping us preserve this wonderful sport.

For more detailed results and runs and photos from Speed Week, visit us on the web site at <http://www.scta-bni.org> then select "SW 2008 Results". I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to those data processing individuals who helped with this year's event. They donated their time and energy to the task, which was no small effort. Thanks to Pam Manghelli and Keith Pedersen for their technical expertise. To Paula Burns who entered 485 Pre-Entries over a period of time. To Debbie Dannenfelzer who spent her time during the peak hours entering vehicles. To Dan Warner who can take 220 daily records and funnel them down to 174 event records. But his reward is to place that 2/3 club hat on 26 individuals.

Thanks again for making the 60th Annual Bonneville Speed Week an event to remember. Hope to see you all at the World Finals or the 61st Annual Speed Week next year.

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