



LAKERS CLUB REPORT
November, 2008

The end of the 2008 season was a bit windy, but cool in more ways than one! Tons of cars, on the track, in the pits, and out in the booney bushes too! The Lakers were represented by yours truly, the Salty 'cuda #82 running B/CBGC. This was the first time Salty was at El Mirage with the new motor. YEAH, Salty has a Blown 426 Hemi under a new fiberglass hood; yep, the Chevy is out! Jeanne my wife and biggest fan, planned a out-coming party for this historic event, inviting many family members and friends out to El Mirage to witness the first "dyno pull" for the blown hemi motor. My daughter Kristeen and my son-in-law Tim brought the grandkids, and several others made the trek to the lakebed to witness this historic event! ☺

The 426 is built on a new siamesed world cast iron block with a stock 4.25 inch bore and 3.75" stroke, Indy 426-1 Legend heads, Venolia 9:1 pistons (with some help from Performance Forge), Eagle rods and crank. Isky supplied the roller cam, lifters, and springs (PSI) and retainers. Maxton provided the push rods. Monty at Moonyham set up the 6:71 and provided the blower drive and manifold. The Hilborn 4 hole injector was setup by Gene Adams, and the Mallory Mag was serviced by Hunt. McLeod provided the dual disk clutch, their Street Twin. L&R engine supply did the machining. It was all screwed together in my garage by the #82 racing team, Phil Grisotti, Chuck Schiebeck, and myself.

So we made a nice easy pass with a conservative tuneup at just under 190 with myself behind the wheel this time; Phil Grisotti has been handling the driving recently, but he had to beat it back home on Sunday am in case they had to evacuate their home in Chino Hills due to the wild-fires. So I was stuck with the chore....WOW it was fun! The car ran on its new set of Yokohama Advan ST 17" tires like it was on rails! Tim Stolo, my son-in-law, my daughter Kristeen, and the grandkids, Gwyneth, and Timmy were all there, helping Grandpa in and out of the car, etc. Dave Parks, Chuck Schiebeck, Jerry Wicker, and John Iannocci covered the patrol duties, Warren Bullis worked the registration trailer, and Ed Farrell pitched in to cover the Lakers duties.

Bob at Gary's Radiator, Rick at Inland Transmission, Phil at Fullerton Muffler, Doug at Fullerton Diesel Electric, Jim at Performance Forge, all helped with the project, and my neighbor Tony did the handiwork on the new fiberglass hood. Monty at Mooneyham Blowers, Derrick at L&R, Rick at The Hemi Connection, and many others helped out with the new motor and its installation. Many thanks to all. My wife Jeanne has been very patient, adding items to the honey do list knowing I wouldn't get to many of them for weeks no for months! [Boy this winter will be tough!]

#82 will be back in May stronger than ever. My thanks to all the volunteers that makes this association a unique organization, a second family! See you all at the Banquet!

Jim Snyder