

Hi All, Here's a BRIEF update on recent events.

El Mirage. Our July meet was HOT. Bad course and no El Mirage horse power (tail wind) netted me a 159 mph run Sunday morning and Steve a slightly slower 158 second run with the truck moving around quite a bit on the marbles. Good news is we didn't break anything. We loaded the truck on the trailer and headed for the SCTA compound. Six of us are headed to the salt for course preparations for Speed Week in August.

Bonneville. Our group consisted of myself, Mike Waters with Chance, Jim Jensen, Bill Lattin, Russ Eyres and Fred Dannenfelzer driving his awesome new Dodge truck with the timing trailer in tow. We left the SCTA compound at 5PM making the traditional stop at Peggy Sue's for dinner. Twelve and a half hours later we arrive in Wendover, grabbed three hours of sleep then started our first day of work at 9AM. We filled the trucks with some good ole #2 (I got 21 + mpg) and picked up 2 rental trucks for dragging and headed for the salt flats. We were joined by three people from USFRA to help with the course layout. The salt was as good as I've seen in years and by the end of the first day we had two 8 mile courses laid out with the first one drug. The second day the third course was laid out with better positioning from last year which will be a short course at 4 1/2 miles in length. We drug the last two courses, picked up our lay out cones and turned the rental trucks in. A long two days but it was finished. We left for So. Cal. early Wednesday morning and picked up the race truck at the SCTA compound and arrived home late that afternoon.

Barstow. On Saturday 7/18 Dennis (youngest son) raced his #557 class 5-1600 baja bug in the MORE race at the outlet center in Barstow. This was a night race starting at 6PM. There were 5 entered in his class and he finished a respectable third. Saturday evening it actually cooled down to HOT with a reported daytime high of 114 degrees. Dennis drove the entire 5 laps of 36 miles each with Brian the first 3 laps and Patty the last 2 as co drivers. We crashed (slept) in the pick-up beds and Sunday morning loaded up and headed home.

Truck. This is in reference to our Toyota MDT preparations for the trip to Bonneville. It's cleaned and waxed and legal for the salt. Last year during inspection the lack of roof rails was noted and we were limited to 200 mph. We now have roof rails and looking forward to improving on our 180 mph top speed. Hope to see you all on the salt during Speed Week.

Jim Dunn