



El Mirage June 14, 2009
By Jim Snyder #82 Salty 'cuda

Wow, did everyone get enough wind to last us for the month? We arrived Saturday, and it was blowing all day without a break. Sunday was also windy but mostly a tail wind which always helps, although it wasn't strong enough to get the Lakers' entries back up to speed after pedaling through that soft spot in the middle of the course. Not quite the 'perfect storm' for the 190+mph cars. But any day racing beats a day at work!

Al Eshenbaugh brought his clean Lucas sponsored #36 Fuel Roadster to El Mirage from Phoenix for another assault on the record book. This time his car is powered by an injected 392 Hemi, with the bores sleeved and de-stroked to yield a "D class" motor. The injection system uses a Gene Adams hot heads intake manifold, and a custom scoop and throttle plate that makes for a sweet and clean looking setup. I was in his pits when they were warming up the hemi on 70% to the delight of all pitted near him! If you were lucky enough to hear that hemi on Al's second run, you got an earful; what you heard was 100% NITRO! If only the course was there to hold it! He turned a respectable 194 against a 212 record.

If you recall, Carl Cook purchased Don Labine's Big Block powered Firebird, #363, back in 2005/6, and campaigned it on a regular basis at El Mirage and at Bonneville. He had the most success with it at Bonneville with runs over 230 mph! Well if you took a look at the classifieds in the back of the May newsletter, you saw that Carl has #363 up for sale! That's right; he wasn't ready to quit racing, but things don't always work out the way you plan them, as we all know. Best of luck Carl, and here's hoping #363 will be seen on the LSR tracks in the near future.

Well the Salty 'cuda is doing great, #82's new setup with the Mooneyham 14.71 blower and a MSD ProMag20, is still being dialed in for Bonneville. We went richer and it didn't like it. In fact it was shooting ducks in 4th, so Phil shut it down and coasted through at 154. So we swapped out the pill for a larger one, and Phil ran a 192 against the 202.8 record, along with having to pedal and steer through the soft spot in the middle of the course! It's sounding better and better as we get the tune-up right.

Well the Lakers are off to a great start for the '09 season! We can't wait for July!

By the way, great picture on the cover of the May issue even if I do say so myself☺.

Jim