

Impound Insights, El Mirage Oct. 2009
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Once again high winds plagued the competitors as they tried to set more records on the high desert. The winds started in the mid-morning on Sunday and placed the racing on hold on and off during the afternoon. The winds aside, 13 car and three motorcycle records(one pending certification) were set.

The good news is that Mark Vigeant was inducted as the first new member of the El Mirage 200 MPH Club for this year. Mark drove the Rice Vigeant Racing H/BFL to a new record of 202.561 to earn his Merlot colored hat. Mark also joined the Bonneville 200 MPH club at the recent World Finals, looks like a good year for the team.

Mark Lintner drove the Eyres Moreland Noonan H/BGMR to a record of 151.934 and Sam Buck drove the Creel, Buck & Nelson V4F/VFAIt to 118.328 class record. Another V4F entry, The So What Speed Shop driven by Irene Hanchard set the record in V4F/BStR at 116.198. The V4 classes are very popular as the guys want to see what can be done with this "old" stuff. Scott Goetz drove the Aardema Eyres Braun V4/VFCC '34 to a new record of 167.656.

The White Goose Bar team set a couple records, Rick Yacoucci in the Costella Yacoucci B/GS at 234 for a class record and top speed of the meet. Keith Pederson put down a 154 lap for the record in the White Goose Bar Racing G/BMMP VW truck of Mike Manghelli.

The Hondata crew set two records at this meet, Doug Macmillan(on his 45th birthday) in the F/BFCC class at 198 and wife Miriam in her G/GCC at 167.

Jim Dincau and his son Tony set their first El Mirage record in their F/StR at 146. Look for more from this crew. Richard Ross took a turn at the wheel of the Harris & Wester GMC powered Camero and set the XXO/FCC record up to 175. Peter Shotrosky drove the Steve's Machine F/PMP Ford Ranger to a record of 136.

On a personal note; I lost the last of my records, the other at Bonneville, this year to Bob Jucewic in the Cohn Jucewic Monza in the C/CGAlt class by a margin of .465 MPH. Bob's new record is 200.465. I guess 17 years is long enough to hold a record, good job guys.

A couple of bike records were both set in the 1000cc class. Jamie Wagner had Jeannie Pflum on the 1000-P-P bike at 186 and Ralph Hudson rode his 1000-APS-G bike to a record of 182.

The last meet of the year is fast approaching, Nov. 14/15. We wish everyone a fast and safe meet. Get 'er done and come back in 2010 faster than ever.