

BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE

Speed week 2007 is a meet that almost didn't happen. The efforts by the early course preparation for three courses were washed away. The advance team returned to see if anything could be salvaged to make the meet happen under the conditions left by Mother Nature.

Extra days were needed to locate, drag, survey, paint the lines and in reality work a miracle. The conditions weren't perfect by a long shot. The whole program required changes. The courses were #1 near the pits and #2 to the east where the normal short course would have been. The return roads were a problem being wet and soft in some areas.

The new staging had some changes made once the meet started. Almost everyone was on a learning curve with the changes made in the operation. The worst thing about the meet was the lake at the end of the road, 2 miles of 8" deep water and about 3 miles of wet salt. Monte and his crew worked damn hard to keep it moving and relocating cones around the low spots, good job Monte.

Every one who put this event together deserves a great big thank you from all of the racers and spectators to get this meet through the week with only a few delays. There were over 2278 runs on the two courses.

During the event there were 38 spins, 124 rookie runs that included license upgrades, several chutes that came off cars, several that didn't open. A few turned into the center after changing courses and forgetting. There were three incidents, 2 cars and one bike.

The days were long and impound seemed to be open right up to dark and re-opened at 6:00 am the following morning for record return runs. Record runs went well each day as did qualifying.

Everyone of the volunteers that stayed and helped with the tear down on Friday so we were all off the lake bed thank you, also a thank you to the guys that worked so hard on the FM radios and the new towers and relay system on the hill side near Wendover.

The meet was a success even under the pressures all were under. See the results on the SCTA web site that Ed [and Pam] works so hard on each month.

See you at the World Finals

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