

NHRA DIVISION 3/NSDRA ASPHALT RACING ACTION

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October 21st – 24th
Maple Grove Raceway, Mohnton, Pa.

Hamel of A2Z to be Race number one Track Champion for this great event.

Pro Stock 1000, June 14, 2011; - The Competition for Pro Stock Asphalt Racing in NHRA has begun and was off to a tough start with the cool and wet weather that has plagued the Midwest and East Coast. NHRA has established schedules and rules for both Division 1 and for Division 3.

The rules for 2011 set by NHRA are set to maintain the stock appearance originally established for the Pro Stock classes and also promotes Brand dedication by requiring the same motor and bodywork. The majority of the race schedule includes Divisional Races for NHRA that bring top competitors from around the region and other divisions to compete including Top Fuel Dragsters and Funny Cars.

A SCHEDULE FOR DIVISION 1 WAS ESTABLISHED WITH SIX RACES.

Division 1 Schedule:

April 8th – 9th

Atco Raceway, Atco, N.J.

June 25th – 26th

Napierville Dragway, Napierville, Que.

July 1st – 3rd

Lebanon Valley Dragway, West Lebanon, N.Y.

July 22nd – 24th

New England Dragway, Epping, N.H.

August 19th – 21st

Cecil County Dragway, Rising Sun, Md.

Top Qualifiers included in the Eleven Sleds for completion included Tina Duncanson from That Girl Racing of Canada, Joe Riccardi of Michigan, and James Cooper of New York. Brian Hamel of the A2Z sled set the low ET of the Weekend running an 8.379 in the Semi Final.

The Pro Stock Snowmobiles are planned to compete the weekend of June 25th at Napierville Dragway in Quebec, Canada for some more great competition on the Pro Stock 1000

Division 1 NHRA competition began with the April 9th competition at Atco Raceway. Rich Daly of Dynoport prevailed in the Final over Brian

WINNERS CIRCLE WITH JAY HULLINGER, DIVISION 3 DIRECTOR FOR NHRA, BRAY RACING CREW & FAMILY, ALONG WITH RANDY SIMPSON, RACE MANAGEMENT AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR FOR ROUTE 66 RACEWAY



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RON BRAY AND MIKE IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

Asphalt Sleds. See the step by step results as posted:

FINAL:

- 116 Rich Daly**, Union Springs NY,'02 Skidoo,, .150, 8.437,159.48
- 1783 Brian Hamel**, S Hadley MA,'03 Skidoo, .132., 8.524,153.37

The Schedule for Division 3 includes four Qualifiers and a National Event in Brainerd, Minnesota for NHRA's Race number 15.

Division 3 Schedule:

- April 29th - May 1st**
Indianapolis, Indiana @ Lucas Oil Raceway
- May 13th - 16th**
Norwalk, Ohio @ Summit Motorsports Park
- June 10th - 12th**
Joliet, Illinois @ Route 66
- July 16th**
Columbus, Ohio @ National Trail Raceway
- August 18th - 21st**
Brainerd, Mn @ Brainerd International Raceway

The Division 3 competition has competed at three of the Divisional Race Competitions and included Norwalk, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana, and Joliet, Illinois.

A kick off of the Division 3 competition started Friday April 29th at the Spectacle of Speed with 4 Qualifiers through Friday Afternoon and Saturday amongst various rain delays. Eight teams showed for the competition ranging from Minnesota

to New York and Canada. Ron Bray of Bray Racing out of Minnesota set the number 1 Qualifying position with his new XP Ski Doo at 8.384 and 153.13 mph with Tina Duncanson a close second at 8.416 and 154.02 mph on the TGR RT Ski doo. Rich Daly of Dynoport set the Top Speed at 157.98 mph on his CK3 Ski Doo Pro Stocker.

NHRA LUCAS OIL SPRING SPECTACLE OF SPEED

The ladder is set for the Indianapolis competition which due to rain out on Sunday and delays will be completed at the National Trail Raceway Qualifier number 4 in Columbus on Saturday July 16th. Stay tuned for the final in this race.

Qualifier number 2 was held at Norwalk, Ohio with the B'laster Calvacade of Stars Event at the Summit Motorsports Park. Nine Competitors showed for the Competition with racers from Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, New York, and Canada. One qualifier was held on Friday in this competition.

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EDWIN WIRBEL AND FIANCE/CREW IN STAGING

Rain delays on Saturday along with continuous rain on Sunday forced this event to be rescheduled to Qualifier number 3 in Joliet at Route 66.

BLASTER CAVALCADE OF STARS

All were off to the Qualifier number 3 and the Norwalk make up race at Route 66 on June 10th to the 12th. Racers were fortunate that the weather held for the majority of the time, but still with rain delays scattered throughout Saturday and Sunday in the AM. The race at Joliet and Route 66 is always a great time at a fantastic facility! The theme for this divisional was the "Burndown at Sundown" and included a series of Jet Cars and wheel standers on Saturday evening. The Pro Stock Snowmobiles led the charge down the track for the first round of eliminations following the National Anthem! Many of the Pro Stock Competitors were a little nervous with this title for the race, as Burndown is not popular, but fun at Joliet!

ROUTE 66 BURNDOWN AT SUNDOWN

There were nine competitors that showed for the Joliet Race. Again racers assembled from Minnesota to New York and Canada. These included Ed Illgen of Rockford, Illinois and James Cooper of Waterport, New York. Edwin Wirbel of Michigan set the stage with his 2003 CK3 Ski Doo in Qualifying with an 8.455 at 152.57 mph. Following close behind was Tina Duncanson of Canada at 8.467, Ron Bray of Minnesota at 8.475, Lowie Wirbel of Michigan at 8.515, and Ed Illgen of Illinois at 8.596. The top six qualifiers out of nine were all within two tenths of a second of each other. It is amazing on how competitive the field has become, along with the consistency of running these low numbers.

The Final was completed on Sunday in the AM between Ron Bray of Minnesota and



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Rich Daly of New York. Ron Bray ran an 8.426 ET to defeat Rich Daly with an 8.999 ET. Congratulations to Ron Bray of Bray Racing on his win at this event.

The remainder of the time at Joliet on Sunday was set to complete the rained out Norwalk Event. Seven Pro Stockers were set to compete now for this race with three rounds of competition. Edwin Wirbel of Michigan was again set as low qualifier at 8.369 and 153.72 mph. Following closely was Tina Duncanson of Acton, Ontario set the pace at 8.373, Mike Larson of Michigan at 8.377, Ron Bray at 8.426, and Louie Wirbel at 8.440. Again, we are seeing the competition setting a tight qualifying field with less than eight hundredths of a second between the top five competitors!

There was some tight racing action as Edwin Wirbel was set to meet Ron Bray in the Final to conclude the Norwalk Race makeup event. Edwin would go to the line with lane choice and chose the left lane which had worked well for him throughout the day. Top Alcohol completed their final completion pass and it was now time for the Pro Stock Snowmobile final event!

The snowmobiles were staged and with very similar reaction times Ron Bray and Edwin Wirbel were off and down the track. Ron Bray defeated Edwin Wirbel in tight competition running an 8.366 ET versus Edwin's 8.443 ET. This led to a double event win and a two Wally Day for the Bray Racing Team! Congratulations to all who competed.

The Pro Stock Snowmobile Competitors for Division 1 and 3, along with NSDRA want to express the appreciation for all who support the sport of this high level of competition. A big Thank You to NHRA, along with our sponsors that include Pro Stock Inc, VP Racing Fuels, The CrankShop, Wahl Bros Racing, Bellman Oil, Supreme Tool, Dunigan Racing, ProLine Performance, along with many others.



TINA AND PETER DUNCANSON OF THAT GIRL RACING (TGR) IN STAGING



RON BRAY AND LOUIE WIRBEL IN STAGING AT JOLIET



RON BRAY AND MIKE GOLASKI IN WARM UP/BURN OUT