

## THE SWEET SWEEL OF NITRO FILLS THE AIR AS RECORDS FALL

8.2.08 ROCKY MOUNTAIN RACEWAYS SALT LAKE CITY UTAH: The running of Nitro cars at RMR is the go to event everyone waits for. The NITRO NATIONALS, as it is called, featured twenty seven nitro snorting entries. Eight of which were nostalgia Funny Cars, the likes of Dale Pulde, Bucky Austin and Ed Lenarth to name a few. Playing to a capacity crowd Dale Pulde made the maiden pass on the brand new WAR EAGLE and, of course, demonstrated why he is one of the best funny car drivers to ever strap on a helmet. Bucky Austin laid down the new track record in Nostalgia Funny Cars at a very impressive 6.21. Fuel Alters at night are always spectacularly exciting and the crowd was not disappointed. The Nanook of Dave Hugh and the Arizona Thunder of Mike Hulsebeck put on quite a show. On the second pass Vince Generoloa piloting the Nanook did a great driving job in the short wheel base altered keeping the shiny side up! Ten nitro Harleys thundered down the quarter mile in side by side pairings. At the end of the night Phil Schmidt aimed his fire breather to a track record of 6.60 at over 200mph. The local favorite front engine Top Fuelers of Scott Mason and Brett Harris tipped the crowd on their collective ears. With sub six second passes the crowd went nuts. In other action Top Dragster points leader Paul Snell flexed his muscle padding his lead with a win. In the semi final round Paul put a .008 light on former track champ Jaren Mott who left with a .053. In a double breakout affair that was decided by less .0001 Paul got the nod. Trent Stevens paired up with first year Top Dragster racer Kacey Wayman. Trent left the line with a respectable .015 light, yet that was no match for the perfect .000 of young Kacey. Both drivers broke out - Trent by .010, Kacey missed a perfect run by .001. Although she did pick track manager Ron Crafts pocket for fifty bucks for the perfect light. The final round was extremely close at the stripe, Paul got the reaction time advantage .011 to Kaceys .036. The win light came on in Paul' slane by .0005.

The Top Sportsman class put on a great show with Grand Junction Colorados Kurt Averill, in his almost stock appearing '70 Mach One Mustang, earning the victory. The final round featured Todd Young in his '88 Camaro against Kurt in the Mustang. Using a .025 light to Todds .043 and running 9.019 (8.85) to Todds 9.546 (9.35) Kurt picked up the win. Super Pro racer Carrieann Vincent, in her Vincent Racing rear engine dragster, made history at RMR by being the first female to win Super Pro in track history. She faced off with first time finalist Ron Hockin and his '68 Firebird. Unfortunately for Ron the race was over early when he turned on the red light. With Carrieann having been "wired" to the tree all night and drilling an 8.444 on the 8.44 she' d of been tough to beat anyway. Josh Simons defeated a red lighting Richard Fokkema in the Pro Eliminator bracket. In Sportsman it was Mike Wilsons '95 S-10 over the red lighting '73 Charger of Lyle Biddle and Don Nielsen over Dan Evans in an all Kawasaki motorcycle final. The huge crowd having their fill of great bracket racing topped off with a snoot full of nitro flooded the pits after the race and mingled with the drivers.

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