

C.C. RIDER RACING

June 8, 2000

RAIN RAIN & MORE RAIN

Bad weather forced the cancellation of the **ALL HARLEY DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION**

“Race of Champions” at Maple Grove Raceway.

Even though the weather was raw & damp over 140 racers were there ready to race. And the fans were there too. But the decision was made early Sunday morning, with temperatures in the 40's, and a slate-Gary dark sky with rain, with no end in sight.

Tommy Hannum runs Hannum Harley-Davidson and Buell Sales - who, along with Eastern Harley-Davidson Association, will sponsor the event. And Tommy helped get this race back on the AHDRA calendar. So **“Race of Champions”** at Maple Grove Raceway in Pennsylvania has been **rescheduled** for Saturday, **Sept. 30** and Sunday, **Oct. 1**. Spectator tickets and technical inspection fees for the rained-out event will be honored at the fall event.

Should be very beautiful & colorful, with the fall colors in the Pennsylvania mountains. So start planning your fall ride to the Harley Drag Races.

For more information, contact Maple Grove Raceway at 610-856-7200 (office) or 610-856-7812 (track); the AHDRA office at 336-924-2095; or Hannum's Harley-Davidson at 610-566-5562.

AHDRA BUCKEYE NATIONALS NORWALK, OH

Looks like rain again. Here in Norwalk, OH - cool temperatures during early morning, I mean early morning, because AHDRA only has the track till 12:00 noon, The track has a car race coming in later that day. (AHDRA will have the race track next year for the whole day Sat).

So it made it hard for every one, to get going. The rain did stay away form us. So everyone (150 riders) had to get register & get there one qualifying pass in here at the Buckeye Nationals before noon.

Everyone was having troubles in the Pro Drag class with cold temps the bikes weren't starting right up. I even had troubles, after three tries, we gave up on the Pro Drag bike, and got out the Pro Stock bike, The Pro Stock bike started right up, likely it did, because they were all ready calling Pro Stock to the line so we did not have anytime to do anything to the bike. I think everyone was having the same problems.

Now everyone had all afternoon and night to get ready for Sunday, with 2 qualifying passes left and elimination's, it will be like a one day race, we're used to that.

We endured a blown engine in the pits with the Pro Drag bike. There was a big bang, Everyone heard that bang. and pieces of the engine flew out of the front cylinder, luckily no one got hurt bad. Marc and Weasel got a little shrapnel in them, but they are ok. Now why did this happen? most likely its ignition. Were sending it out to be sure. So now I think that's the end to the Pro Drag Bike, but no its not, Weasel of the Land Pirates of PA. Came over with a engine and said we got all night to make it fit.

So with the help of Bammer Racing & Kool Kompetition and Me & Marc & Weasel out came the blown engine & in went Weasel engine, and the bike was almost ready, Had to find a carb spacer, it was the only thing holding us up. But 3 in the morning not many were awake, or they were trying to sleep, because can you believe it, the cars were still racing! And it was cold out, and a lot of dew, so the track dryer was out after every other run. That went on into 4:30 AM. No blue laws in this state. (OHIO)

FINAL RESULTS:

TOP FUEL - Jamie Emery won the class with a 7.02 time at 185.6. He was a very happy man, winning over Mark Connor by a tenth of a second. It was the first-ever AHDRA win for Emery, from Coltons Pointe, MD. Emery's 7.119 time and 179.49 speed led the Top Fuelers in Qualifying. Just 26 years old, and a truck driver when he's not racing. Sound like John Force, well he did what John Force has done,

Jamie Emery drove his Top Fuel Bike back down the race track, to wave to everyone in the stands.

PRO FUEL - Steve Lundstrom of San Jose, CA. Dusted Mike Rice for the win. Lundstrom had the weekend's best passes. Top speed of 184.27 mph at 7.067 seconds, faster and quicker than the best Top Fuel qualifier. Lundstrom ran an AHRA -record 6.82 pass, but was unable to back it up.

PRO DRAGSTER - Scott Truett of Wichita, KS., got the win, when Larry "Drums" Branciaccio of Nutley, NJ., bike broke when he launch, in the finals.

PRO STOCK - Dirk Higgins dominated the class, qualifying No. 1 with a 8.037 time at 156.08 mph. Mike Acton place second and I was third.

PRO GAS - Ken Browne did no wrong this week end. Browne, a 53-year-old fabricator from Semora, NC.

Burn up the race track, first he set a new class record, of 7.641 at 166.66mph his first pass out on Sunday, he back up the pass on his next run, with a 7.819 second pass. By setting the record, Browne beat the old record of 7.776 set by Duke Dugan who pilot's Paul Matyka's bike of Riverside Cycle of Bristol, CT way back in October of 1998 at Rockingham. Browne already holds the speed record, of 173.38 pass set at Englishtown, NJ in August of 1999. Browne went on to win the race with a 7.736 seconds at 164.08 mph.

MODIFIED CLASS - Darren Mauldin of AZ, making his first appearance of the season, nudged out Scott Tepper for the win.

Bruce Lyons of Saginaw, Mich. Set a national ET record on his 99 Sportster to a time of 8.687 seconds down the Norwalk Raceway Park.

STREET PRO - Travis Lummus of NC, took the win. After posted low ET (10.327 seconds) and top speed (132.70).

SUPER GAS - Junior Pippin of GA, rode his '74 Super Glide to the class win.

STREET ELIMINATOR - Dale Miller of OH, took the win.

Also Bob O'Brien of Harrisburg, PA. is ok after taken a spill, when his bike did a wheelie during the launch on Sunday qualifying run.

SCREAMIN' EAGLE PERFORMANCE - Jeff Eboch of OH, won the class.

SUPER SPORT- Ray Matlock of TN, took the win.

ANDREW ET - Chri O'Connor of MD, took his second win of the season.

MORE RECORDS SET

Doug Vancil, Albuquerque, NM has received official confirmation of the new IHRA Screamin' Eagle Nitro Harley MPH National record. Vancil set the new record at the IHRA Mopar Parts Canadian Nationals, Grand Bend Motorplex, Grand Bend, Ontario, Canada. Vancil increased the mph record previously secured by Jay Tuner, Whistlett, NC The new IHRA Vance & Hines/Drag Specialties standard is 215.46 mph.

Also, on June 7 while match racing Bob Spina at the Englishtown, NJ's Night of Thrills Show, Vancil ran a 6.59 ET at 206 mph for the new Top Fuel Harley track record.

But Johnny Mancuso ran a 6.145 at 214.48 mph at Cordova Dragway at IHRA event. He is still the Quickest on a Harley.

Now if you want to have some fun come to MARCUS DAIRY in

**Danbury CT, July 16,
and see if I can do a better burn out then Weasel can do. And if we
can get it ok, we will see who can do the best burn out on a street
bike.**

SEE YOU THERE! LETS SMOKE' EM UP.