

Mached Out!

By Tony Sorrentino

A perfect weather day and everyone was anticipating going to the dragstrip in Jackson, SC. As usual, the track personnel were accommodating and the event was a blast. We had some special help at this event, Beverly Sorrells, Burke Dawson, and Robbie Helton. All three did an outstanding job at the registration gate. A big thank you goes out to all of them. As we stood at the gate, we watched the spectators, and participants roll in car by car. With over 100 spectators, the event proved to be a great success for the SCMC.



(Burke Dawson changing out his rims with drag radials on his 1997 Rio Red Cobra.)

For some participants, it was their first time at the track and for others it was another opportunity to see what the modifications to their cars did for them. The 65-degree, sunny day couldn't have been better. It was as if we placed an order for the weather, and the weather gods served it right up.

George Ciamillio of MGW brought some of his new T-56 MGW shifters for several SCMC members and gave them free shifter installations. He also provided two lucky winners of the bracket race a free shifter. Since our first drag day at Carolina Dragway, MGW has been there right by our side supporting us 100%.



(MGW provides trophies to the winner of the bracket competition)

We did have a few special cars at the event this year and we all watched them race down the track!



(There was a special Corvette in attendance.)



(There was also this Firebird that came out on to the track, too!)



(Several ladies got in on the action.)

The money pot was at \$250.00 for this event with \$150.00 and a new MGW shifter going to the bracket winner and \$100.00 and a new shifter going to the runner-up.

The Fall bracket competition didn't have many people participating in it so I thought I'd go and recruit a few more racers. As I saw Robbie and Burke over there conversing, I asked if they were competing and they replied "no". I informed them we needed a few more participants and they agreed to go out and have some more fun with their Cobras.



(Burke Dawson and Robbie Helton giving the thumbs up!)

The competition was fierce as many of the racers had extremely close times with their "dial-ins". Slowly, I watched the numbers of participants get eliminated and it was soon down to three cars, two SVT Cobras, and one Mach 1. James Cook and Tony Roberts owned the Cobras, while Darryl Buckner owned the Mach 1. It wasn't easy for James to get

eliminated but he got beat and then it was down to two, Tony and Darryl. I knew that this was Tony Roberts' first event with the SCMC and I was wishing him good luck. Tony came all the way from Tennessee to come and run with us. As I watched the cars line up at the tree, the suspense began to build. Would it be the Red Mach 1 or the Sonic Blue Cobra?

As faith would have it, the automatic equipped Mach 1 took the finish line first and Darryl would Mach out the Sonic Blue Snake.



(Darryl Buckner proudly displays his "Terminator King" award.)

Of course we are happy that a pony car took the honors! Darryl has one of the nicest Mach 1's out there and he was extremely consistent at the track. Congratulations to Darryl for an award well deserved!

Follow along as we give you the winner's list:



Terminator King -

Darryl Buckner - 2003 Mach 1



Terminator King Runner-up

Tony Roberts - 2003 SVT Cobra



Best Reaction Time -

Bill Johnson - 1993 Mustang LX



Best Burnout:

Ken Greene - 2003 SVT Cobra



14.5 and up -

Robbie Helton - 1996 SVT Cobra



Best 60 Foot

Danny Niceley - 2000 Corvette



14.0 - 14.49 -

Burke Dawson - 1997 SVT Cobra



13.5 - 13.99 -

Greg Baranek - 1995 SVT Cobra



12.0 and under -

Ken Jett - 1966 Chevelle



13.0 - 13.49 -

John Kuznicki 1998 Mustang GT

12.5 - 12.99 -

Matt Horst - 1998 SVT Cobra



(Group photo of winners)

I must apologize if some of the photos are with the wrong names, however, the winner's list is correct. A big thank you to all that participated and a big thank you to MGW for sponsoring the bi-annual event.



12.0 - 12.49 -

James Cook - 2003 SVT Cobra



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