

SCMC Drag Day - Spring 2004

By Tony Sorrentino

What a day! It was the end of the week and Mother Nature dropped 22 inches of frozen precipitation on us in the Queen City of Charlotte, NC. We never get that much snow in two years, let alone one day. I had to walk a half a mile to get to my car, which was buried in the snow. Others could not make the event due to the weather, too.

With the weather not cooperating, we were not going to have a good turnout or so we thought. We were wrong! We had a 60-degree day with sunshine all day long and our turnout was about our average with over 40 participants. So everything looked great for this event.



(Our turnout was average but we were not short on fun!)

We had several different situations at this event. For one, the spectators were increased tremendously with almost 100 coming to watch and see the Cobras go up against their GM counter parts. The GA F-body club was short on support, but hey, someone had to go, right? It may as well have been the Cobras and the Mustangs. Another aspect of this event was a special "cash" award to the fastest Cobra with a power adder and the fastest Cobra that was naturally aspirated. These two special awards were sponsored by George Ciamillio of MGW Ltd.

Who would have the fastest Cobra of the day? Well, it turned out to be Bobby Admire with his black 1999 Cobra Convertible. Bobs' supercharged car ran an 11.37 @ 120 mph. That was awesome!



(Bobby Admire accepts his award and \$100.00 cash from George Ciamillio of MGW.)

On the lighter side, Jonathon Sanders black 99 Cobra Coupe ran a 14.06 @ 90 mph and he took it for the naturally aspirated fastest Cobra.



(Jonathon Sanders accepts his award and \$100.00 cash from George Ciamillio of MGW.)

It was a traditional SCMC "test and tune" with a bracket race during the afternoon. Everyone seemed to be running their best times due to the cool weather. Check out the winners on the next page and their results. A Special **"Thank You"** to George Ciamillio of MGW for faithfully supporting our event every year! You can see more about George's products for Mustangs and Cobras at www.mgwLtd.com.



The following are the winners for the Spring 2004 SCMC Drag Day at Carolina Dragway:

11.99 and under - **Floyd Sanders -- 1980 Mustang**

12.00 to 12.49 - **Steve Hyatt - 1996 Mystic Cobra**

12.50 to 12.99 - **Jeff Schmell - 2003 Zinc Yellow Cobra**

13.00 to 13.49 - **Jonathon Greenwell - 1987 Mustang**

13.50 to 13.99 - **Michael Corrigan - 2003 Lightning**

14.00 to 14.49 - **Dave Sanders - 1999 Black Cobra**

14.5 and Up - **Greg Baranek - 1995 Rio Red Cobra**

Best Reaction Time - **Jerome Ravenel - 1994 Mustang GT**

King Eliminator (runner-up) - **Brett McLain - 2003 Torch Red Cobra**

King Eliminator - **John Anderson - 2003 Sonic Blue Cobra**

Lisa Milstead presents the awards to the winners. A special "Thanks" to Janis Lewis, Tom Lewis, and Paul Locklair who helped out at registration!



(Steve Hyatt ran a 12.19 @ 99.22 mph)



(Jeff Schmell ran a 12.635 @ 96.07 mph)



(Jonathon Greenwell ran a 13.00 @ 105.46)



(Floyd Sanders ran a 10.36 @ 107.36 mph)



(Michael Corrigan ran a 13.52 @ 101.67 mph)



(Jerome Ravenel had the best reaction time with a .068 time)



(David Sanders ran a 14.41 @ 98.12 mph)



(Brett McLain ran the "runner-up" as the Elimination King with his 03 Cobra.)

This was Brett's first time at an SCMC event and he walked away with a trophy and \$50.00 in cash. He also joined the SCMC along with his brother Rusty who also owns a 2003 Mustang Cobra.



(Greg Baranek ran a 14.63 @ 94.87 mph)



(Nice looking "King Eliminator" plaque to put up on the wall at the house!)



(John Anderson accepts the "Elimination King" award from SCMC President, Tony Sorrentino on the left)

There's only one person left and what makes this so special for John Anderson is that he never drag raced his 2003 Cobra before and this was his first time at the track. The car was totally stock and it ran a best of 12.79 @ 106 mph. That time is outstanding for someone who never raced a 2003 Cobra! John walked away with \$200.00 in cash and a nice looking plaque to put on his wall at the house. A little something he can remember the event by and hopefully return in the Fall.

Don't forget about our 5th Anniversary event to include an autocross, drag day, dragon cruise, white water rafting, and an All Ford Show in Pigeon Forge, TN on June 23-27, 2004. See our main website for details at www.svtcobraclub.com

