

Spring Comes Early When you Go To The SCMC/MGW Drag Day at Carolina Dragway! ☺

By Tony Sorrentino

It was just another typical SCMC Drag Day or was it? Many people have been anticipating the event for several months now. The time had finally come to see how those winter mods paid off.

We got a plateful of the best tasting weather that weekend with highs in the low 60's and low's in the 30's. Can you say "Supercharger weather"? My best run of the day was a new record for me with a 12.72 @ 106.6 mph. While the mph was low for me, the new time made me feel a little better. The key is to get a 1.7 sixty foot time and then I'd be in the low 12's with just a cold air kit and a set of Magnafloows.



(Everyone made fun of my 2004 Mystichrome saying it was in diapers because I taped up the rear quarters. No matter how silly it looked, clean up was a breeze)

Our preregistration was about average for the club, 20 participants. I had heard there were a lot of people chatting on other BB's about our event and that they would be attending. If the weather was nice, we were going to have a new record attendance level and if it was not, we'd better start planning a rain date. Lady Luck was with us and we had record attendance with 70 participants and just under 200 spectators. That's a lot of

people for our drag day but it seems like the word about our laid back event atmosphere was spreading. The track time was more then you could ever imagine where you ran from 10:00 a.m. till 11:00 p.m. and could literally make over 40 passes throughout the day if your car would hold up. ☺



(Jason Herd and Trevor Lawrence came to the 1/4 mile track for the first time. They both did an excellend job in their supercharged beasts.)

There were a ton of Mustangs and Cobras attending although it seemed to me that many of the Cobra owners were watching instead of running to see what their Snakes would do.



(Jason wasn't the only one with a Competition Orange Cobra there!)

Many times at this event we would have some down time but this time, there wasn't any. Racers went from the staging lanes back to the pits to line up for another run, time and time again.



(Staging lanes were busy all day.)

With 25 Cobras attending and 27 Mustangs racing, the Fords definitely outnumbered our friends from the GM camp. There was this one special car there and we'll get in to that story in a bit.



(Chris Calhoun won the "Best Burnout" contest. If you can see his car there that is?)



(James Cook aka Kilroy getting ready to turn on the heat on this Mustang GT)

Prior to the event, I thought I had invited the Georgia F-body club to come out and have some fun with us but I was shocked to find out that the invitation was never sent so as a last resort I sent it out on Friday with the intention of honoring the "early bird" fee since I had made the error. I knew both Ken Jett and Gordon Warren wanted to come as they are some of our GM regulars and are more like SCMC family now since they have been with us from the start. Gordon had said he had plans to go to Commerce as they were opening up that weekend. Okay, I can understand that, so after a while I got an E-mail from Ken saying he would be coming with that nasty 1966 Chevelle of his and that Gordon would be coming too.



(Ken Jett brought his nasty 1966 Chevelle with him to the event.)



(Ronnie Stokes at the staging lanes in his Screaming Yellow Cobra Convertible)

Minutes later, Gordon said he would be coming too even though the drive to the track was longer for both of them. Again,

the reputation of our drag day controlled their decision to come out and play a little on the track with us.

Our sponsor, George of MGW, invited a special guest to the event, Richard Ingram. Richard owns a Mercedes AMG and to me, it was just another high dollar overpriced luxury car with no guts. So, there I was in the staging lanes with this silver 4 door Mercedes and I said to myself "he, he, he....get a load of this guy". Well, today he is going to get a lesson in American Muscle or so I thought. When the light turned green we were off and the AMG had a great start and so I'm still thinking as soon as the supercharger spools up, he'll be history. That was the major understatement of the day as his car basically just embarrassed me, and "Mr Crome".



(Brian McGee brought his Outlaw car with him.)



(It wasn't a cloudy day, that's tire smoke!)

I later learned the \$107,000.00 car had 493 hp and should not be taken lightly. Hard lesson for me to learn but one that I'll remember for a long time, at least till I put a pulley on the 04. ☺



(Check out this Maverick!)



(Silver fox body doing a burnout)



(The Silver fox body did a 1/8 burnout down the track.)

And so another chapter of the SCMC's drag day experiences is over. Spring 2005 is gone but the Fall will be here soon and hopefully at that time I'll be trying out my 94 Cobra to see how my mods came out on it.



(Gordon Warren took home the title for the Spring 2005 event.)

Oh, by the way, Gordon Warren who almost didn't come to the event won the "Terminator King" title and took home \$350.00 for first place. Richard Ingram took home \$150.00 and the rest of the winners took home some awesome plaques.



(Dave Stanfield and Lisa Milstead handed out the awards.)

Special thanks to the following people that assisted at the event:

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And to anyone else I may have missed!
You can see a list of winners with pictures here:

<http://www.svtcobraclub.com/forums/showthread.php?t=8880&page=1>

Terminator King - Gordon Warren - 1967 Camaro

Terminator King Runner Up - Richard Ingram - 2005 Mercedes Benz AMG

Terminator Queen - Tanya Calhoun

Best Burnout - Chris Calhoun

Best 60 Foot - Jonathon Sanders

Best Reaction Time- Ken Jett

Best Time 14.5 and Up - Shawn Motyka

Best Time 14.0 to 14.49 - John Peterson

Best Time 13.5 to 13.99 - David Lynn

Best Time 13.0 to 13.49 - John Seagle

Best Time 12.5 to 12.99 - Clint Goethe

Best Time 12.0 to 12.49 - Bill Johnson

Best Time Under 12.0 - Ronnie Snipes