

Firebird International Raceway, Chandler, AZ
Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009

Saturday, August 15th was another hot August night at Firebird International Raceway in Chandler, AZ. Team Firebird #8 was held to a large car count of racers looking to improve on their positions for the upcoming E.T. Finals. Jr. Dragsters were also in competition along with Big Wheels. The victor for Big Wheels was a first time winner, Devon Dixon from Apache Junction, AZ.

The Jr. Dragster 8-9 year old winner was Nash Ruckman with a 13.046 at 47.27 MPH. Last year's 8-9 track champion, Jakob Trammell moved up to the 10-12 category and continued his winning ways over his sister Danielle who was last year's 10-12 track champion. The 13-17 year olds saw Brittney Schmidt defeat Taylor Knighton to take the win.

The "Run for the Money" in Non-Electronics had to be decided by reaction times as two racers ran right on their dial with a zero. Nic McMurry took the cash when he dialed a 10.81 and ran a 10.810 and had a .018 light. Marv Bevin also ran on his 11.92 dial with a zero, but had a .110 reaction time for the second place. Eighteen year old Anthony Dohrwardt took the Electronics "Run for the Money" with a 10.270.

Sportsman category put the current Division 7 S/Stock leader, Tibor Kadar against Leroy Duran. Tibor took the victory when he dialed a 12.36 and ran a 12.681 at 79.28 MPH. Duran's Dodge Dart was ill for both the semis and the finals so he dialed a 19.99 and ran a 10.463 at 71.65 MPH for the number two spot.



Pro driver Bill North drove his '79 Duffee Turbo charged Capri over Bret Moffet's Camaro when Bret red lit by -.020. North had a great .009 reaction time and ran a 10.206 at 131.24 MPH on his 10.18 dial. Bret dialed a 9.30 and ran an 11.415 at 85.85 MPH.



Defending Super Pro Track Champion, Brian Fritz had to thrash on his '27 Ford roadster all night long to stay in competition. Kelly Harper's '94 Olds Cutlass was ready for the last contest of the night but when Fritz dialed an 8.91 and ran an 8.958 at 144.23 MPH with a .036 light the race was over. Kelly was a close second for the entire 1320, but ran under his 9.77 dial with a 9.683 at 151.53 MPH after his slower .066 reaction time.



Bruce Mabry, track announcer