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And so it begins. You sure can’t tell from looking out the window, but spring is not too far away. We have gained almost an hour and a half of daylight since the winter solstice, and with the sun climbing higher in the sky, snow melt and warm temps will soon be the norm. Our thoughts will turn to the upcoming season, and a quick reality check, racing is little more than 60 days away. So if you are not working on updates to the car and are waiting till it get’s warm, it might be too late to schedule things that need to be done before racing starts. One good thing about the upcoming season is that gas prices are predicted to remain low and that means less money out of pocket to get to the race. This is a good thing. Hopefully that alone will compel those who have been sidelined to bring the steel back to the track. We would love to see ya!

Our membership drive is generating a lot of publicity, with over 20 new members signed up for the 2016 season. The rules are simple, if you sign up a racer or a new sponsor who was not a member in 2015, your name will get in the drawing for cash at the Spring Meeting. As part of the rules of the contest, if your name get’s drawn as the winner you will receive half of the amount given away and the new member you signed up will get the other half. So you have a month or less to talk with your racing buddies and entice them to come back to, or become a MDRA member. And you do not have to be present to win.

And speaking of the Spring Meeting, this years edition will be held March 19th, at the Rosevine Hall, or Grumpy’s Bar & Grill, in the Hamline room, located at 2801 Snelling Ave, Roseville MN 55113. Phone number is 651 379 1185. You can access the meeting from Snelling Avenue and County Road C2, go west to Lincoln Drive, take a left and Grumpy’s Bar & Grill is on the left side. You cannot get there directly from Snelling. We will have finger food, info on the upcoming season, track representatives, and the ever popular “Practice Tree Eliminator”. Meeting starts at 6 pm, with a cash bar. So make plans on joining us for an evening of bench racing and good fun with the MDRA racing family.

MDRA has developed programs that try to put some cash back into racers pockets. There are rules to all of these programs, and the rules are spelled out in every issue of the ‘Eliminator’, and on the MDRA website. For the ‘Bonus Bucks’ program, the chair of each class is responsible for notifying the Program Director when a member has won an MDRA event. For Bracket, Trophy, and Junior Dragster, the events are posted on the website and listed in the ‘Eliminator’. These members can only claim points at the posted events, or any event the Board has communicated that points are available. Also these members can only get entered in our programs at an MDRA designated event. (ie: Schedule)
For Sportsman racers, you can only claim points at the first 8 races you attend. Bracket races and Gamblers races do not count. The same holds true for the ‘Bonus Bucks’, and the ‘Perfect Run’. If you win an event, or have a ‘Perfect Run’ entry outside of the first 8, then you cannot get entered into either program.

The ‘MDRA All Stars’ program recognizes any member’s success at winning an event, in and outside of the posted schedules. There is a time limit on entering your win for the program, and that is the form must be mailed in before the Year End Banquet, usually held in November.

The MDRA Perfect Run Challenge was set up many years ago in order to acknowledge a perfect run by an MDRA member at a designated MDRA event. A perfect run is defined as a perfect reaction time (.000) coupled with an ET right on the dial in with a 0, or 10.00 dial with a 10.000 run. The board acknowledged that the 10 day time limit for mailing in your time slip, which has been in the rules since the programs inception, was too short of a window. This year the time limit has been extended to 15 days after the run. The idea has always been to get the members involved, and if an entry did not make it to the PO Box within the specified time limit, it was rejected. The same holds true for this year. If your Perfect Run Entry is postmarked after the 15 day limit, it will be rejected and returned. So there are the rules for entry into the MDRA Awards Programs. Every member will get a copy of this issue so there should not be any confusion. And we will have a major announcement at the Spring Meeting about the Perfect Run Challenge. See you there!
Membership Drive Contest

By Jim Stockton

The board has decided to continue a membership/sponsor sign up contest for this season. With each new member or sponsor signed up, you will get your name in the hat for a cash drawing to be held at the next Spring Meeting. To make sure you get credit for signing up that member, make sure that their application form has your name at the bottom as the one who referred them. Anyone who signs up someone who was not a member the previous year will be eligible for a drawing which will be held at the next Spring Meeting. So for this year you have until March 19, 2016 to sign someone up who was not a member in 2015. We have also changed the contest so that if your name is picked for the drawing, you will get 50% and the person you signed up will get 50%. Make sure you have the new member put your name on the bottom of the membership form. Simple enough and Good Luck!

Perfect Run Challenge

The Perfect Run Challenge is alive and well. MDRA is putting up $500 for a perfect run. If you have a good package in an MDRA 2016 Race mail in the ORIGINAL time slip to PO box within the 15 day time limit. Remember if no one records a perfect run at an MDRA Bracket event, or for Sportsman, within the first 8 races of the year that you attend, then MDRA will pay out bonus money to the top ten packages received as per the rules listed on bottom of submission form posted on the web site.. Please also keep in mind that MDRA decals must be visible from both sides of the car DURING the event in order to eligible for post season payouts.

Welcome New Members

Brodix Hooper    Nash Hooper    Kim Vickroy
Jason Kurkosky    Travis Kurkosky    Steve Shepherd
Lenny Ludowese    Gage Bredemus    Al McAloney
New Sponsor: Shepherd Motorsports

Blast from the Past

By Billy “Minnesota Madman” Bissonett

Many Drag racing vehicles are abundantly decorated with decals that represent racing products or Organizations that are used and or favored by the owners or drivers of the vehicle. Also it can be financially profitable for race teams as most companies represented by those decals provide Contingency money to racers who win, and do so displaying that companies decal. I remember when we were actively racing our Dragsters and Blown Altered cars, we had Valvoline, STP, Champion, and Meguires decals on most of our cars. Back in the day we received a full seasons worth of 60 weight racing oil, racing uniforms, a seasons worth of expensive spark plugs, T-shirts, jackets, hats, polish and wax, buffing cloths and even a spark plug tool with a magnet on the end so it would be easier to remove plugs. And all of these firms paid us contingency money we earned from doing well at an event. Some cars have company names on the side of their vehicles, which usually means that they are a major sponsor of that race team. Well folksies my old brains have about run dry on this subject, so my fingers gotta stop typing’! Mat God continue to bless you and yerz, and please has y’all a wonderful and blessed day, year, and forever. Buckle up and great on ya! Billy “Minnesota Madman” Bissonett and Mary “Blonde Chik” Welage-Reynolds-Bissonett. Bye!
MDRA will award $500 to an MDRA competitive member recording a perfect run during elimination's at a 2016 MDRA points race, in the MDRA class registered. A perfect run consists of a .500 reaction time (5 tenths tree) or .400 reaction time (4 tenths tree), coupled with an ET running right on your dial-in with a zero (i.e. Dial 9.90, ET - 9.900). All competitive members in all classes will be eligible to win. Red light and Breakout wins do not count.

In the event there is more than one Perfect Run recorded and submitted the $500 will be split equally between the winning members. Also, throughout the season MDRA will publish a list of the current top 10 round winning packages (reaction time added to ET minus dial-in) recorded during eliminations of an MDRA points race, in the MDRA class registered and submitted to the MDRA by current MDRA competitive members. In the event no one records and submits a Perfect Run, $50 will be awarded to each of the top 10 placing “Best Packages” of the year. In the event of a tie for the 10th spot, the place money will be split among the tied entries. To qualify for prize money you must submit your original time slip within 15 days of the run for verification and approval by MDRA. Only one winning place per MDRA member. All prize money will be awarded at the year-end banquet. All Junior Dragster member awards payments will be made to the Parent, Guardian, or Sponsor. All entries must be postmarked no later than 15 days after the run, and sent to: MDRA Perfect Run Challenge, P.O. Box 290353, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429-6353. Include Name, Car #, Date, Track Name, Track class, MDRA class and original time slip. Please note, there is a 15 day time period for entries from the day of the event. Late entries will not be honored. Time Slips will be returned upon request.
Bonus Bucks Winners

The following members have scored a win in their respective classes and have earned the MDRA Bonus Bucks award. If any member wins an MDRA event without a buy back, they are entitled to the Bonus Bucks for that class. Bonus Bucks are limited to a maximum of $800 per class, per available funds. Bylaw copies are available on request.

Congratulations to all listed below!!!

Bill Feist  Winner Sportsman  Brainerd International Raceway  5-30-2015
Jordan Pratt  Winner Sportsman  Brainerd International Raceway  6-7-2015
Myron Streit  Winner Bracket One  Brainerd International Raceway  6-14-2015
Mark Pease  Winner Bracket Two  Brainerd International Raceway  6-14-2015
Andy Schmall  Winner Sportsman  Yellowstone Raceway  6-27-2015
Reno Loeffelholz  Winner Bracket Two  Brainerd International Raceway  7-11-2015
Doug Jonak  Winner Sportsman  Brainerd International Raceway  7-11-2015
James Findell  Winner Sportsman  Brainerd International raceway  7-12-2015
Jamie Picht  Winner Sportsman  Earlville Raceway  7-18-2015
Brandon Schmall  Winner Bracket One  Cedar Falls Raceway  7-25-2015
Mel Knott  Winner Bracket Two  Cedar Falls Raceway  7-25-2015
Mel Knott  Winner Bracket Two  Cedar Falls Raceway  7-26-2015
Glen Demenge  Winner Sportsman  Brainerd International Raceway  8-8-2015
Carl Geib  Winner Bracket Two  Rock Falls Raceway  8-16-2015
Jordan Pratt  Winner Sportsman  Topeka  8-16-2015
Gene Mosbek  Winner Sportsman  Brainerd International Raceway  8-23-2015
Greg Simonson  Winner Bracket Two  Rock Falls Raceway  8-29-2015
Dale Findell  Winner Sportsman  Earlville Raceway  9-6-2015
Ben Line  Winner Sportsman  Brainerd International Raceway  9-27-2105
MDRA ALL STARS

“MDRA All Stars”, a program that will recognize the best of the best in MDRA and gives all MDRA competitive members the opportunity to win sponsor awards and recognition for their drag racing wins throughout the season. All MDRA members that qualify will be listed on the “MDRA All Stars” or “MDRA Junior All Stars” scorecard in the Eliminator. All qualifying “MDRA All Stars” or “MDRA Junior All Stars” will be entered in a random drawing to be held at the MDRA awards banquet for the available prizes. Limit of one “All Star” prize per member. You can enter as many times as you win. Let’s get out there and show that MDRA racers are the best so shoot for the stars and get winning with MDRA.

To Become an MDRA All Star you must:

- Be a current MDRA competitive member.
- Have MDRA decals visible on both sides of your vehicle during event.
- Win any track sanctioned drag race event you compete in this year, (must be a member at time of win) – including any bracket, trophy, sportsman, gambler, jr.dragster, bike, NHRA, or IHRA race. (excluding sportsman class wins). Does not need to be an MDRA points race.
- Submit completed MDRA All Star Win Form to:
  MDRA, P.O. Box 290353, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429-6353.

MDRA All Star Win Form

Name_______________________ Car # ______

MDRA Class__________________________________________________________

Race Track_________________________ Race Date________

Class Won___________________________________________________________

Signature________________________________ Date____

Witness signature OR include final round time slip for verification

MDRA Member Witness Name____________________________

Signature________________________ Date____

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### Happy Birthday!

Don Wachholz     02 - 03  Steve Stockton  02 - 28  Jamie Mckiski  03 - 14
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Bracket I

1 Ken Drevnick  
2 Jenna Jahnke  
3 Jason Kurkosky  
4 Joe Marx  
5 Kevin McCarty  
6 Aaron Milton  
7 Terry Pease  
8 Richard Rhoda  
9 Steve Shepherd  
10 John Whiteford  

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Sportsman

1 Glen Demenge  
2 Scott Dugdale  
3 Dale Findell  
4 Larry Hodge  
5 Doug Jonak  
6 Russ Kramer  
7 Jeremy Lehrke  
8 Al McAloney  
9 H K Newstrom  
10 Jordan Pratt  
11 Don Wachholz  

Bracket II

1 Chris Anfang  
2 Carey Becker  
3 Nick Bredemus  
4 Ken Drevnick  
5 Scott Dugdale  
6 Lee Dugdale  
7 Russ Elzy  
8 Steve Elzy  
9 Mark Greenlee  
10 Tim Harris  
11 John Hatfield  
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Trophy

1 Gage Bredemus  
2 Jeff Hendrickson  
3 Dennis Markuson  
4 Tim Meirick  
5 Mona Ozols  
6 Kath Stockton  
7 Jim Wright  

GSTA Jr. Dragster

1 Nash Hooper  
2 Brodix Hooper  
3 Travis Kurkosky  
4 Garrett Lindquist  
5 Carter Lindquist  
6 Tricia Manis  

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2016 MDRA Racing Schedule

2016 MDRA Sportsman Schedule

Best 5 out of First 8 races in NHRA or IHRA Competition
Bracket races or Gambler races do not count
Points will be the same as last year
Points have to be reported within two weeks after event. NO EXCEPTIONS

Contact Scott Dugdale to report points or questions 651-395-2221 or mail points to the MDRA P.O. Box

Please Visit mdra.com for Information On the 2016 Race Schedule
Or join us at the Spring Meeting!

Below are the results of the 2016 Track Survey. The MDRA Board uses this survey as a guide when formulating a points schedule for the Bracket, Trophy, and Jr Dragster classes. Keep in mind that there are many other factors involved when preparing a points schedule.

THANK YOU to all MDRA members who responded!
Brainerd - 98 Cedar Falls - 53 Grove Creek - 26 Top End - 5 Rock Falls - 93 Thunder Valley - 1
Tri State - 31 Byron - 14
Remember to show your MDRA Membership card when making purchases from our Sponsors!

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Important!!

In order to receive payouts for any MDRA programs, all vehicles in competition must have the MDRA decal or any other decal the Board of Directors approves, visibly displayed on both sides of the race vehicle. If a photo is taken directly from either side of the car, and the approved decals are not visible DURING the event, you will not qualify for points for the event or season ending payouts. Junior Dragster members must place the GSTA decal on the plate separating the drivers compartment from the engine, so decal is visible from the rear of the vehicle.

In order to receive points for any MDRA designated event, Bracket, Trophy, and Junior Dragster members must sign in with the points chair the day of the race BEFORE eliminations begin, or at the latest 48 hours after the event has concluded. Points will not be awarded if you fail to sign up within this time period.

Sportsman members can only earn points from the first 8 races they attend during the year from a National or Divisional event, IHRA or NHRA. Bracket races and Gamblers races do not count. Considerations for MDRA programs follow the same rules, except for the MDRA All stars. Perfect run entries must be from the first 8 races. Points must be reported to the Sportsman chair within 2 weeks after the event. PLEASE! No exceptions.

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E-MAIL ADDRESS:  _________________________________________________________________

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AWARDS (ANYTHING NOTABLE): _______________________________________________________

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ENGINE MAKE: __________________________  CUBIC IN.: ______________  H.P.: ______________

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$55 Competitor: Bracket I (0 to 11.99 – Gizmo OK)  $55 Competitor: Bracket II (7.5 and up – No Gizmo)

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$30 Trophyclass  $35 TrophyClass  $30 General Membership (Newsletter & Voting Privileges)

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