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The Slant Six Racing News makes it return

Back in August of 1997, Seymour Pedersen and Doug Dutra joined forces to organize the *Slant Six Racing News (SSRN)*, a publication dedicated to bringing racing coverage, technical articles, and foster interest in slant six racing. Built from these humble beginnings, Seymour and Doug put out over 50 issues over the last 11 years, and has kept the slant six racing community

alive and vibrant. The first issue was entitled "A New Newsletter For and About You," and invited subscribers to help shape the content coverage of the newsletter. Seymour's goals for the *SSRN* were lofty:

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Vegas

The Slant Six Racers enjoyed themselves both on and off the track in Vegas. It was an epic gathering of the 60-62 A bodies and a great time was had by all.

Season Opener: Mopars at the Strip March 19-22, Las Vegas, NV

By Doug Dutra

The 2009 Slant Six points race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway drew 14 Slant Six cars for the first race of the season. Out of those, 5 of the cars were the early 1960-1962 vehicles so the "Toads" were out in force at this race! The weather is always a factor at this event because it is so early in the

to MATS so he was like a "kid in a candy store". John brought his father along and the two of them were making the most out of their trip to Vegas! Needless to say, running the car and competing for SSRN points... was not their main focus, but they were there and having fun.

As for the "usual suspects", 2 time



season. This year, the racers saw nice sunny weather on Thursday and Friday but more wind on Saturday and wind and light rain on Sunday. We did get our race in, even with a few hours of rain delay on Sunday morning.

New racers at the event were John Cross with his 68 Barracuda convertible and Randy Jones with his 62 Lancer. Randy has been to the Las Vegas event as a spectator in years past but for 2009, he drove his SL6 powered car and raced it. This was John's first SL6 race and his first time out

National Champ. Glen Terry made the event but his car did not like the "bad air" we had all weekend. The Dutras (Allen & Doc) were there as well as Pat and Ed Jesilowski with their red Duster. The Howards brought a large team and 3 cars and seemed to be going 24-7, with racing in the day and after hours activities at night. The Slant Six racers got together for the usual prime rib dinner at Jerry's Nugget on Friday night and the Main Street Station buffet on Saturday night... we had at least 30 people at that table. (who has those photos?) As we say... Vegas Baby!!



Vegas had a great showing of cars, especially the early A bodied "Toads." Here's a shot with several cars including Mark "MotoGuzzi" and 2008 National Champ Glen Terry, and Rhonda's Cuda

MotoGuzzi Mark (Mark Ethridge / Madmax/6) had his chop-top 62 Valiant at the event and running strong. Mark's car broke an engine at the 2008 year end race in Redding but he fixed it over the winter and made some 13.90 passes "right out of the box", in the bad Vegas air. Needless to say, look for some faster times out of this car.

Andrew Howard (The Kidd) car was given the "most improved" award. During the off-season, he build a hot K1 / Wiseco engine and had the car painted. We spent some time tuning and "shaking things out" but had the car in the mid 13.s by the end of the event. This is another car that should be faster as it gets some



Doug and Mark get set for a 1962 showdown, Lancer vs. Valiant. Both cars proved to be fast Toads.

additional track time.

Rick Valent, CJ Stokes, Triston Foley were a few of the other "regulars" at the race but it turned-out to be Triston's (wicked/six) day as he worked he way into the final race against "The Kidd" Andrew Howard. Triston is our Las Vegas race winner... thanks to a bigger breakout by Andrew. It is good to see Triston in the winner's circle; he has raced many SSRN points events over the last couple of years and his hard work and dedication earned him a well-deserved pay-off.

See more info and photos of this event at www.slantsix.org in the Racing Q&A Forum.



Triston and Andrew cue up for the final, with Triston (wickedsix) celebrating his victory! Way to go, both cars were running very well and ready to do better in races to come



Next year is Triston going to being even more unstoppable with a supercharger?



Hagerstown, MD May 30-31

First Time Race Attracts New Blood

By Lou Madsen

Geography. This can put a wrench into our efforts to unite Slant Sixers across the country. As we debated race

locations for 2009 on the east side of the US, we decided a location closer to the Northeast would benefit many racers from Pennsylvania and Virginia, and might bring in a bunch of folks from Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and surrounding states. Mason-Dixon Dragway in Hagerstown, MD seemed to be a good location, and Rick Covalt, longtime Slant 6 enthusiast, agreed to help organize the race there. Rick and his son Ryan have been trying Slant 6 combinations on Ryan's '72 Dart Swinger for several years, and Rick used to race a Slant 6 '65 Valiant back in the '70s. Rick kindly handled all the organization with the

track managers, and put together a nice winner's trophy and a solid purse of \$700 including some pay back of entry fees from the track!

Mason-Dixon is a smallish ¼ mile track just 1 hour west of Washington, DC, and is nestled in a beautiful broad valley of the Allegheny Mountains near where I-70 and I-81 meet. Lots of grassy pit area with some big shade trees provides a comfortable atmosphere. A neat feature is that the return road runs in between the stands on one side and so you get to wave to the fans after your run and before your pick up your timeslip near the starting line. It reminds me a lot of Mountain Park Dragway in Clay City, KY, site of Slant 6 races with some of the largest turnouts (up to 25 cars)



Here's a staging lanes shot before the first round. 9 cars made the call, with 4 of them never having run a Slant 6 race before. Great to see some new faces with their personalized touch on Slant 6 power!

and fastest cars (all 10 sec cars in the "Fast Four"). The weather was quite nice and many of us were running quite fast. For example, Ron Hamby in his '66 Dart ran 12.03, which was almost as fast as he had ever run on alky even at Clay City.

We ended up with 9 cars running the race, and about 4 more Slant fanatics we couldn't convince to race watching from the stands and jumping up and down. The seasoned folks at the race were Phil Stoneback and his sidekick Dan Gravatt, with Phil running his '70 Dart Swinger into the 16s, Ron Hamby, "Flyin' Brian" Mimken in his "Sixy Beast" running 18s, Greg Ondayko in his Hyperpak '69 Dart Swinger



This is the 2nd round "row your own" stick car shootout between Greg Ondayko and Lou M. Close race all the way down the track – don't miss a shift!

running mid/high 14s, and myself in my '64 Dart also running in the 14s.

New Slant 6 racers consisted of Ryan Covalt in his '72 Dart Swinger right around 15.0 with crew chief and Dad Rick, Charles Brooks Jr. ("bigslant6fan" on ss.org) in his '68 turbo 225 notchback Barracuda in the high 14s, Thomas Heflin in his '73 Swinger in the 18s, and Maynard Gress in his '71 Swinger in the 19s.



Charles "bigslant6fan" Brooks from Germantown, MD impressed us with his deceptively simple, yet quick, turbo street driver Barracuda. Charles has run 14.35 best in this car and ran in the high 14s at this race. He is always improving it and was working out a few bugs with a new 390 carb on this outing as well. Reminds me of myself, ever the tinkerer...

Many of these guys have been racing for some time, and we look forward to seeing their faces and cars at upcoming Slant events!

Test'n'tune on Saturday was quite a pleasant event, with 6 of us running some pretty fast times during the afternoon. Several of us hit an Outback Steakhouse, telling jokes and piling up some good eats and beers. Camping at the track was serene, with a little rain in the middle of the night. On Sunday, several other Slant 6ers were there, some with cars in the show. Most of them vowed to join us next year on the track: Chris ('67 Dart, "ValiantOne" on ss.org) from about 10 miles west of the Hagerstown track, Kevin and son ('64 Valiant convertible



Ryan Covalt's Swinger looking mean in the heat of the day



Ryan Covalt with his lovely wife Whitney in front of the Slanted '72 Swinger.

"64conv65hard" on ss.org), Pat Dawson ('63 Aluminum engine Valiant Convertible), and a few others made a nice fill out to our crowd.

Here's how the race went down... First

round winners included, amazingly, all 3 manual transmission cars: Lou, Greg, and Ryan. Thomas won also, with Ron getting the bye. In this reporter's experience, Ron is a lucky man, and he can beat almost anyone when there are names drawn out of a hat. 2nd round winners



In the winner's circle. From left to right: Thomas Heflin (3rd place), Ron Hamby (2nd), Lou Madsen (1st), and Rick Covalt (race organizer and sponsor). Great job Rick!

were Lou over Greg in a battle of the sticks all the way down the track with only 0.1 sec between dial ins, Ron winning over Ryan, and Thomas getting the bye into the semis. Ron Hamby went on to the finals when Thomas got an itchy foot and a redlight to go with it. Lou took his bye run opportunity to miss 3rd gear for the only time during this race – whew!

The finals pitted three-time National Champion Ron Hamby against Lou's roadracer. After having similar lights, Ron crossed the stripe first at the big end but Lou came up with the big win light on a razor close double breakout. After 30+ Slant 6 races, I finally put one away – what a feeling!

Many of these fine folks are bolting together new cars or putting added TLC into their current rides. Rick Covalt was walking around the pits and randomly trying to grab ahold of shifter handles and clearly needs to get his "in progress" Valiant back together. He really put on a great race, and all of us expect the turnout to be huge next year. See you next summer!



What a great day was had by all these smilin' Slant Six racers. It was a great time where new friends were made, slantsix.org nicknames transformed into real faces, and take in some new track surface and new iron. Here's to a race with 16+ cars again next year!

Thanks to Lou Madsen for the excellent writeup and great pictures! If you have pictures from an event you'd like to share, please contact us at slantsixracingnews@gmail.com

Knoxville, TN June 5-6th

A Time for Celebration



The Slant Six crowd celebrates Meril Bruner's 53rd wedding anniversary with a weekend of racing. Congratulations!

By Brian Mimken

Knoxville weekend (June 5-6) started under a cloud of concern for Meril and his brother, following a bad car accident that injured both of them a couple of weeks before the race. Several of the slanted family came a day or two early to help out around the Bruner home, especially since Ella also had a bad cold for a couple of weeks. Meril made a brief appearance at the track and we had a big pizza feast with him and Ella. Part of this event included celebrating Meril and Ella's 53rd wedding anniversary with a custom cake (see below pic). Way to go Bruners! Although Meril had some smiles to go around, we could see in his eyes that he wanted to be driving his Funny Truck.

This was a double points race weekend with one on Friday evening and the other on Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately for this race report, we do not have any of the racers' times and speeds due to a miscommunication between organizers (us) on who was getting the final ladder printout

or collecting times. There was a nice turnout of 12 racers for Friday; including Seymour, who came down from MN in his Blazer to see everyone. Seymour did not bring one of his cars, but he was able to borrow Gary Bruner's '65 Valiant stocker. Norm Foster had tranny problems in practice and could not make the first round call leaving us with 11. First matchup was Greg Ondayko and his beautiful 4-speed hyper pack Dart versus Seymour in the borrowed cream puff Valiant. Greg got the win. Next up were Ron Parker and Charlie Schmidt who came all the way from FL, stopping at Lou Madsen's on the way to deliver a couple of engines and help with some wrenching on the "Slantkota" pickup Lou just bought from Meril. Charlie got a tough first round draw with Ron and couldn't get around him. Rodney Hargis and Gary Bruner squared off with Rodney getting the win. Larry and I got paired up with Larry getting the win when I couldn't run my number. Lou, coming off of his MD race win and driving the 5spd Dart, lost at the tree to Lukus Bruner driving the Funny Truck for Meril. Somehow Ron Hamby ended up with the bye run. Greg had some 4-speed

shifting problems during his win over Seymour and had to make the second round call with some question as to whether it would shift correctly. To make matters worse, he had to face Ron Parker. Greg couldn't pull off the upset, with Ron moving on. Rodney and Larry were next and this time Larry got the better of Rodney. Lukus had to face Ron Hamby in an interesting matchup, but Ron Hamby prevailed.

In the semifinals, Ron Parker got the bye run and Larry faced off against Ron Hamby. It was the hometown favorite versus the two Rons! Larry had seemed to be on a roll all afternoon and he got around Ron Hamby. In the final, Ron Parker had his hands full facing red hot Larry and the Bruner clan rooting him on!



Staging lanes for the Saturday afternoon shootout. Charlie Schmid is just saddling up in the foreground.

But that sneaky ol' possum from GA spoiled it all and took home the win in a close race.

On Saturday, Seymour had to head back home early to MN and we had a surprise late Friday when Frank and Cinda Brent showed up trailering a slanted 80s pickup from PA.

The truck was not in running condition, but Frank got to drive the car on Saturday that Seymour vacated. Rodney's friend Wayne Smith showed up with a Rodney's sister's '69 Valiant as well on Saturday, and was ready to join us racing. Overnight, Greg thrashed on his tranny linkage and temporarily corrected the problem. He had to race without reverse gear, but the forward gears were working. Norm also claimed to have solved his tranny issues by driving around the pits and was ready to race. This gave us 13 racers for the second race. Rodney and Charlie got paired, with Rodney getting by hard luck Charlie for the win. Ron Parker and Wayne were next, with Ron advancing. Lukus and Frank squared off, with Frank winning in a car he had never driven before! Next, we had a rematch of the MD final with Ron Hamby and Lou Madsen. This time Ron got his revenge and beat



Can you believe it? Ron Parker finally got his racecar "Slanted Attitude" painted over the winter. Pure as the driven snow. Norm Foster says he still has calluses from scraping off all those stickers...



Photograph taken from the tower as the racers start to stage for a day of exciting slant six racing.



Lining up to run the 1st 3-lane dragstrip in the world!! Oh, wait, I guess there's that 4-lane one in Charlotte already...

Lou. Gary got to face Norm and his questionable tranny, but I seem to remember Gary lighting the red bulb allowing Norm to advance. In a rematch from Friday, Larry and I got to go at it again. This time I was able to avenge the previous day's loss. Greg ended up with the bye run to finish off the first round pairings. Second round action saw Frank go up against Ron Parker, with Ron winning. Norm and his still questionable tranny faced Ron Hamby, with Ron getting an easy win. Norm was doing his best trying to convince everyone his transmission was fixed, but he clearly only had 2nd or 3rd gear available going down the track. You gotta watch those GA boys closely! Greg and I got to face each other in another rematch from the MD race. And once again, the result was the opposite of the previous one, with me advancing. The semifinals featured three past national champions with the underdog "Sixy Beast" thrown in the mix. Rodney was able to get by Ron Parker in a close race. Ron Hamby ran closer to his number than I could and deservedly moved on to the final. Both Rodney and Ron Hamby had looked tough all day, and it was a fitting final pairing of a footbrake car versus a box car. That silver-haired silent fox Ron Hamby got by Rodney for the win, and a sizeable lead in the Eastern points.



Ron Parker, Ron Hamby, and Norm Foster do some "tailgate racing," clearly enjoying it as always.



Diving into the pizza tidal wave. Thanks to the Bruners for arranging this!

Thanks to Brian Mimken for submitting the photographs and article for Knoxville! If you have pictures from an event you'd like to share, please contact us at slantsixracingnews@gmail.com

Wilkesboro, NC July 11th

Continuing the tradition



Another fine group photo of a branch of “the Slanted Family.” Sponsor Tim Harrold is 3rd from left, and “hotshoe” Hannah Plyler is 4th from right down in front. Robyn and Joe Nelson (far left) were not able to stay for the race, but will be back in force next year with a fleet of Slant 6 A-bodies...

By Lou Madsen

As in years past, Ron and Kay Hamby put together the annual N. Wilkesboro Slant 6 race. I have been coming to this race since 2002 (my first Slant 6 race), and it's always a hoot. Being the 9th annual event, this is a real tradition and never fails to disappoint. This nice little 1/8th mile track is known to some as the “mini Thunder Valley” in that it looks like a scaled-down version of Bristol Dragway. We get shade from the hills starting around 5 pm, even in the middle of summer! Danny Dunn is the track owner/manager and always welcomes our group with a smile and some humorous plugs over the loudspeakers. We were glad once again to get ample sponsorship (\$1500 purse) from Tim Harrold at Empire Chrysler Dealership in Wilkesboro. This has probably been the most consistently lucrative race in the history of this series, and we have mostly Tim Harrold to thank for

this. I don't know how much of this loot local boy Ron Hamby has taken home, but he has won quite a few of these "home field" contests and this year was another feather for his cap.

A bunch of the usual suspects were in attendance, and a bunch of the usuals were not. Brian Mimken has definitely been a fixture these last few years, and he brought his wife Anna and his folks Nick and Susan from Asheville to join in the fun. The Sixy Beast always catches the eyes. Christine and I (Lou) both made the trip in the Bruner-built, Madsen-modified Slantkota for its first dragstrip outing under my ownership. After a couple of bent pushrods on the way down (my fault) the Slantkota did not disappoint, and Chris even made her first drag pass ever in the truck. Nearby racer Hannah Plyler and her Dad were there from Monroe, NC. Hannah is one sharp woman, and I wish I had had more time to talk with her. Christine was impressed with Hannah's conversation and focus, and we agreed she has quite a bright future. A new racer, Myk Patterson, from Kann, NC near Charlotte brought up his '71 Duster 225 stocker and we enjoyed meeting him. He says he's getting going on a Slant 6 buildup, and we hope he'll join us for this and more races next year! Other entries were Norm and Elaine Foster in the Little Challenger,



Here's a nice shot of Norm Foster's mid-11 sec 1/4 mile beast. Why hasn't someone bought this turn-key racecar yet? Many of us are hoping he doesn't sell it since he keeps bringing to races...



Mike and Steve "smiley" Andreas (left) drove the family '06 R/T hemi Charger up from Apex, NC and made some lame excuses about leaving their Slant 6 cars at home. Hopefully they will join us at the races next year. James Longhurst and Beth Miletich (right) came up from Asheville, NC to socialize as well. James and Beth later were married on the day of the Bristol race (Sept. 6, 09) in Asheville, with Lou and Christine supplying sax and trombone duet for the service. How's that for Slanted happiness and wackiness?

Leighton and Judy Drake with the popular "Lipstick Car" '62 Valiant, Jack Parlier in his wagon, Ron Parker in the Possum Mobile, and dead eye Larry Smith in a tire spinnin' 13 sec (in the 1/8th) 1977 D100 pickup. The Bruner/Hargis juggernaut was unfortunately not there due to the big car wreck earlier in the summer, so about 4 cars got counted out right there. Even so, we had a great time, and everyone was thinking about the Bruners, Chesneys and Hargis', and how they were doing.

The car show at Empire was as always a good time, and this time it was even better, as Kay Hamby, Judy Drake, and Elaine Foster put together some eats for the attendees, and more importantly, for the dealership staff to show our appreciation for their years of support. Ron and Kay Hamby put together nice event T-shirts with a new green twist for all the racers. Joe Nelson and his wife Robyn from Asheville, NC were at the show in their

'64 Dart vert and without the 2-tone '64 Valiant, and had to leave before the race for another engagement. Mike Andreas and son Steve from Apex, NC showed up in Mike's 2006 R/T 5.7L Charger. Horsepower good, no Slant 6 bad... It was great to see Mike and he hopes to field a car or two with his sons later in the year. After lunch, we all pulled into line to get into the track, and were happy to find James Longhurst and his fiancée Beth Miletich sitting in line to watch the race and hang out. For anyone who was at Bristol last year, you know that James is the PIG MASTER with a portable smoker. James and Beth are getting married the day of the Bristol race, so big congrats to the happy couple!

OK, down to the racing! We had 10 cars, which gave us a few bye runs along the way. The 1st round saw Hannah Plyler put out 2-time National Champ Norman Foster when he saw the red bulb. Flyin' Brian Mimken had a sweet 0.02 package to advance over rookie Myk Patterson. Ron Hamby snuck around Leighton Drake, while Ron Parker upset Jack Parlier at the tree into a redlight, and Lou advanced over Larry Smith. Lou was fortunate to get a bye in the next round into the semis, and the two deadly Rons got around Hannah and Brian. This time Ron Hamby got the bye and Lou and Ron Parker duked it out. Both of these guys were a little spooked I guess. Ron gave it his all and came up with a 0.0009 light to Lou's 0.006 redlight. When it came time for the final, Parker was still digesting that close light and his 0.11 light let Hamby get around him for the win.

Here's hoping that 2010 and the 10th annual Slant Six Shootout at N. Wilkesboro will be better than ever! Get those cars together Carolinians and other Slanted neighbors!



The Two Rons, Parker and Hamby. Are these guys twins or what?

Bristol, TN Sept 5-6th

Back to Thunder Valley



By Brian Mimken

Bristol race weekend weather is always a concern. However, the setting could not have been any better on Saturday. Clear, sunny skies with high temps in the low 80s greeted our 9 slant racers for the start of the Labor Day weekend. Meril Bruner showed up with his Funny Truck, still recovering from his injuries suffered earlier this year. He seemed determined to race despite his obvious discomfort in the pits! What a racer! Of course, if you see Meril, you know Ella is not far off either. In fact, Larry and Ellen Chesney were right there next to them as they so often are. Gary Bruner and his family arrived midday to fully represent the Bruner clan. Rodney Hargis was there after having to overcome a flat tire problem on his trailer and under-vehicle FIRE on their motorhome Friday night. Hey, this is FUN, right? He, Alana, and his mom did not get very much sleep because of it. Anna and I showed up with my parents in tow via Asheville, NC.

Mark and Sara Charapich made a big splash with 2 cars. Mark unveiled his gorgeous '60 Valiant hyper pack 4-speed car, and Sara was driving the '63 Valiant they brought to the banquet earlier this year. Mark is a body/paint guy and it clearly showed on that awesome '60 Valiant. Norman and Elaine Foster were there still trying to sell his race car and trailer. Norm's '81

Challenger was running ever so consistent all weekend. Ron Parker made it as well. It's hard to separate Ron and Norm; those two GA boys stick together like glue. Lou and Christine made an appearance on their way to James Longhurst's wedding in Asheville, NC. They were to take part in the w



edding playing the James Bond theme music at the ceremony. Must have been a fun wedding.

Noticeably absent were Ron and Kay Hamby, the current points leader. Several of us assumed that some sort of issue must have arisen, keeping them from the race. Turned out they never got word of the date change which occurred several months ago! Sunday the racers awoke to cloudy skies and rumors of rain in the area. After a brief sprinkle early, the skies lightened up a bit and not another drop of rain fell. The track limited all classes to one practice run before eliminations due to the weather, and they dealt with the conditions well. Once again, the track folks treated us very nicely and let us do our own bracket as usual.

All 9 racers made the first round call. Sara drew the bye run and ran 21.525 on a 21.50 dial in her '63 Valiant. Did I mention this was her very first time driving a car down a race track? I think we may have a new addicted slant racer. Her husband Mark, in his '60 Valiant, lined up against Larry's '64 Dart. Mark was still getting used to launching his stick car for the first time and ended up breaking out going 18.08 @ 72.46mph on an 18.50 dial. Larry went 15.83 @ 81.17mph on a 15.76 dial and took advantage of Mark's .734 RT to his .130 RT. Gary Bruner in his '64 Valiant drew Rodney and his '62

Lancer. Rodney welded Gary to the tree with a .007 RT to Gary's .111 RT, not bad for a footbraker. It all went for naught when Rodney broke out by a large margin. Rodney ran 13.706 @ 91.12mph on a 13.87 dial. Gary ran 12.946 @ 102.52mph on a 12.91 dial. Norm got the dreaded Sixy Beast in the first



round. In the morning practice run my car sputtered all the way down the track, ended up finding one of my plugs had backed out a couple of turns back in the pits. I had to guess on my dial in number and ended up breaking out trying to stay ahead of Norm at the stripe. I ran 18.215 @ 73.98mph on an 18.23 dial with a .093 RT compared to Norm's 11.923 @ 109.18mph on an 11.92 dial with a .069 RT. Lastly, Meril and Ron Parker got paired up, with Ron edging Meril at the finish line with a holeshot win. Meril ran 14.359 @ 87.40mph on a 14.35 dial with a .094 RT compared to Ron's 12.847 @ 102.57mph on a 12.80 dial with a .034 RT.

Second round pairings were Norm and Ron, Gary and Sara, and Larry got the bye run. Sara was nervous going against Gary and she cut a poor light, but she kept her foot on the floor all the way down the track like a true racer. She ran 21.049 @ 64.47mph on a 21.59 dial, but got the win light when Gary lit up the red bulb by -.014 at the start. Gary mentioned he must have gone in too deep, or rolled because he did not think that he left early. Next up were the Dalton, GA boys, all eyes were on this match up which promised to be a good race. Ron dialed 12.80 and Norm dialed 11.89, but Ron got anxious and red lit by -.027 and gave the win to Norm too easily. Ron legged it out and went 12.77 @ 102.99mph, while Norm went 11.909 @ 109.53mph. Larry put the hammer down on his bye run and

ran 15.681 @ 82.72mph. Semifinals had Larry and Sara paired, with lucky Norm getting the bye run. Sara did a better job this time on the tree, but it was not enough and broke out trying to outrun Larry. She ran 21.182 @ 63.83mph on a 21.47 dial, while Larry went 15.785 @ 81.81mph on a 15.68 dial. Sara was really excited about her great result, making the semifinals, in her first race ever! My guess is that Mark and Sara will be putting some hop up parts on that '63 before next year and she'll put the hurt on some folks!

In the semifinal bye run, it was Norm's turn to put the hammer down, and he went 11.891 @ 110.24mph. In the final it was Norm's '81 Challenger (did we mention it's for sale) against Larry's '64 Dart. As Larry told me just before the race, "At least we know that a Dodge is going to win for sure." Larry dialed 15.78 and Norm dialed 11.88. No red lights, all green at the tree. It was close at the line, but Norm crossed first and got the win light. Norm bested Larry on the tree with a .031 RT to a .163 RT. Norm ran 11.996 @ 110.20mph compared to Larry's 15.723 @ 82.46mph breaking out at the stripe. Norm and Big Mama were all smiles back in the pits! The track paid down to the semis, and SCT money paid out on top of the track down to the 1st round winners. Everyone should send SCT a letter or email of thanks for their generous sponsorship again this year. Even though we would have liked to have seen more racers, it was a great success and a good time was had by all.



Upcoming Events & 2010 Race Information

East Coast Banquet- Gatlinburg, TN, Feb 26-28, 2010.

Please join the Eastern racers for a rip roaring good time in the Tennessee mountains! We will again rent chalets with big common areas so we can share in the year's successes, eat great food together, and bench race late into the night. We already have about 20 people signed up to come, including Seymour Pederson, the Coxes, James Longhurst... For details and/or to make your reservation to come, please contact:

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2009 Eastern Points Standings

	Hager stwn	Knoxville 1	Knoxville 2	N.Wilkes	Kearney	Bristol	ClayCity	Total
Ron Hamby	31	21	41	41	0	0	31	165
Lou Madsen	41	1	1	21	11	0	41	116
Ron Parker	0	41	21	31	0	11	11	115
Larry Chesney	0	31	1	0	0	31	1	64
Norman Foster	0	0	11	1	0	41	1	54
Brian Mimken	1	1	21	11	0	1	11	46
Rodney Hargis	0	11	31	0	0	1	1	44
Gary Bruner	0	1	1	0	0	11	21	34
Greg Ondayko	11	11	11	0	0	0	0	33
Seymour Pedersen	0	1	0	0	21	0	1	23
Sara Charapich	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	21
Thomas Heflin (Rookie)	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Lukas Bruner	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	12
Frank Brent (KillerBee)	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	11
Ryan Covalt (Rookie)	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Hannah P.	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11
Dennis Schumers	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11
Jason Davis	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Charlie Schmid	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Meril Bruner	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Mark Charapich	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Leighton Drake	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Phil Stonebeck	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wayne Smith	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Charles Brooks Jr.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Larry Smith	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jack Parlier	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mike Patterson	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Maynard Gress	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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Glen Terry								21	41	41	51	21	1	1	31	41		249	177
Ron Hamby	31	21	41	41	0	0	31											165	145
Lou Madsen	41	1	1	21	11	0	41											116	116
John Terry										1		41	31		11		31	115	115
Ron Parker	0	41	21	31	0	11	11											115	105
Sergio Gonzales									1	1	1	31	11	31	11	31	41	159	87
Aric Erickson									31			11			21	11		74	74
Larry Chesney	0	31	1	0	0	31	1											64	64
Tristian Foley								41	1								21	63	63
Doug Powers											21		41					62	62
PJ Jesiolowski								11	1	11	11	1			21		11	67	57
Richard Bjerklund									11		41		1		1		1	55	55
Norman Foster	0	0	11	1	0	41	1											54	54
Frank Wright (Rookie)												21			1	21	11	54	54
Wayne Erickson									11			1			41		1	54	54
Dave Mueller										31	21		1					53	53
Brian Mimken	1	1	21	11	0	1	11											46	46
Andrew Howard								31	11	1	1	1			1			46	46
Doug Dutra								11	11	11		1				11	1	46	46
Rodney Hargis	0	11	31	0	0	1	1											44	44
Dave Endres (Rookie)										21		1				11	11	44	44
Allen Dutra								1	21	1		11				1	1	36	36
Gary Bruner	0	1	1	0	0	11	21											34	34
Greg Ondayko	11	11	11	0	0	0	0											33	33
Robert Armstrong (Rookie)											31				1			32	32
Seymour Pedersen											11			21				32	32
Seymour Peterson(KillerBee	0	1	0	0	21	0	1											23	23
C.J. Stoakes								1			11		11					23	23
Michael Bjerklund											11		1		11			23	23
Althea Mueller											1		21					22	22
Sara Charapich (Rookie)	0	0	0	0	0	21	0											21	21
Thomas Heflin (Rookie)	21	0	0	0	0	0	0											21	21
Jay West (Rookie)										21								21	21
Randy Judge									21									21	21
Rick Valent								21										21	21
Wendy Pine (Rookie)																	21	21	21
David Erickson									1			11			1		1	14	14
Lukas Bruner	0	11	1	0	0	0	0											12	12
Dana Prater																1	11	12	12
Mark Etheridge								11								1		12	12
Terry Scott										11	1							12	12
Frank Brent (KillerBee)	0	0	11	0	0	0	0											11	11
Ryan Covalt (Rookie)	11	0	0	0	0	0	0											11	11
Hannah P.	0	0	0	11	0	0	0											11	11
Dennis Schumers	0	0	0	0	11	0	0											11	11
Jason Davis	0	0	0	0	0	0	11											11	11
Dennis Schumers														11				11	11
Lou Madsen														11				11	11
Jessica Howard								1	1			1						3	3
Rhonda Amis (Rookie)								1	1			1						3	3
Charlie Schmid	0	1	1	0	0	0	0											2	2
Meril Bruner	0	0	0	0	0	1	1											2	2
Dave Rudd (Rookie)										1						1		2	2
Mark Charapich	0	0	0	0	0	1	0											1	1
Leighton Drake	0	0	0	1	0	0	0											1	1
Phil Stonebeck	1	0	0	0	0	0	0											1	1
Wayne Smith	0	0	1	0	0	0	0											1	1
Charles Brooks Jr. (Rookie)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0											1	1
Larry Smith	0	0	0	1	0	0	0											1	1
Jack Parlier	0	0	0	1	0	0	0											1	1
Mike Patterson	0	0	0	1	0	0	0											1	1
Maynard Gress (Rookie)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0											1	1
Amy Nelson (Rookie)										1								1	1
Arron Downing (Rookie)																1		1	1
Bill Poehler											1							1	1
Chris (Rookie)														1				1	1
David BeLau (Rookie)															1			1	1
David Fornero								1										1	1
Gary Nelson									1									1	1
Jerry Elhard (Rookie)											1							1	1
John Carter (Rookie)																1		1	1

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John Cross (Rookie)								1										1	1
Josh Skinner																	1	1	1
Krista Judge (Rookie)																	1	1	1
Kristi Dutra (Rookie)									1									1	1
Mike Evans														1				1	1
Mike Hurliman											1							1	1
Mike Jeffrey														1				1	1
Mike Keller (Rookie)										1								1	1
Randy Jones (Rookie)								1										1	1
Roy Murray (Rookie)																	1	1	1
Wes Boedigheimer (Rookie)											1							1	1

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"The production will be crude but hopefully readable. If we can find the time to learn to use a computer publishing program we will give that a try. In any event we will endeavor to get information to you while it is still fresh. The length of the newsletter and therefore how much we can cover will be limited to what we can send with one stamp."

Technology has marched on since 1997, and the *Slant Six Racing News* is working to change with it. Now that digital cameras and the Internet have reached more and more fans, the timely coverage of races has improved dramatically, so we plan to leverage those tools to produce the SSRN. Our biggest change is shifting towards electronic distribution, which will reduce the costs of publication and allow you to see everything in full color. However, we will still continue to mail paper copies to anyone who would like to continue to receive it by mail, never fear. *Please contact us if you would like a paper copy delivered to*

you. We will charge a small fee for printing and mailing (about \$5 per issue). The goals of the *Slant Six Racing News* remain unchanged. We want to continue to cover the inspiring stories and racers in the slant six scene, publish member-contributed technical articles, and continue to be a hub for reporting on slant six racing news. While we will move to an electronic presence that will be able to report in a more timely manner than print, we will continue to create a print version and distribute that to everyone who would like to get a copy.

I welcome you to the "new" *Slant Six Racing News* and we hope to bring you even more of the racing information you have enjoyed in the past from Seymour's tireless efforts. Hats off to Seymour and may we do half as good as he did!

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SSRN needs YOU to help make it happen (a plea for help!)

The *Slant Six Racing News* exists solely to bring you the very best information about the national *Slant Six* racing scene. Seymour Pedersen used to spend an incredible amount of time on covering races, taking photographs, and editing stories. We are dedicated to carrying on that tradition and making the *Slant Six Racing News* an essential piece of your racing life. However, there is no way we can do it along. The lateness of this issue conveys how challenging it has been for us.

Many of you already take photographs and write small blurbs on slantsix.org. Instead, why not have your article featured in the SSRN? You don't need to be a professional writer or photographer, we just need to get the story from the racers that were there so everyone

can enjoy the slant six racing scene from wherever they are at that moment. Also, the internet posts do not have the —staying power! and completeness of an edited article. We can help with editing!

Frankly, we are a bit desperate. The three of us work 50+ hr/wk jobs and cannot do it all. SSRN will not continue without help writing articles and sending in pictures from YOU. This does not mean —oh, someone else will do it!, this means YOU. Please step up and help your community — everyone will appreciate you for it. Sign up to help cover a race, submit photographs, edit stories or write tech articles—all of these are an essential part of the SSRN. It's your newsletter, and won't happen without your input and support



SSRN Mission Statement

When the *Slant Six Racing News* was founded in August 1997 to promote the racing of Slant Six powered vehicles, provide a network and platform for the exchange of information and to recognize the contributions and achievements of Slant Six racers.

The *Slant Six Racing News* works to organize a series of races in different parts of the country that bring SL6 racers together and keep them informed of up-coming events. The ultimate goal is to have an annual race for SL6 powered vehicles where the contest is fiercely contested and the technical innovation is so amazing, that knowledgeable fans await the event.

Readers and racers MUST offer suggestions and ideas about what they want to see in the publication. Race results and technical articles must be submitted by the readership in order to keep the newsletter meaningful. Pictures and information on performance up-grades are especially welcome.

The Slant Six Racing News is moving towards focusing on being an Internet published document posted at www.slantsix.org/ssrn free of charge and available for download. Racers who wish to receive a "hardcopy" are asked pay a subscription fee of \$10.00 per year. The Slant Six Racing News is a product assembled by a community of people who are passionate about Slant Sixes and want to communicate their enthusiasm to as many others as possible.