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Houston Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series results

We finally overcame the weather this year, which called for a huge celebration in Baytown, Texas, when we got the event in on the weekend it was planned for. This Lucas Oil event was the big kickoff of our new Sunset Racecraft Racing Engines Top Sportsman class, and as predicted, it is going to be one of the premier crowdpleasers. If you like lots of speed and side-by-side racing in a doorslammer class, be sure to check them out at one of the future events. We would like to thank all those who helped kick off the inaugural Top Sportsman event and give a big thank you to all our NHRA Sportsman racers

who supported the opening event. It was a challenge, but you all did

a great job in making it so successful.

Winner Runner-up TAD Shelly Howard James Thompson Jr. TAFC Tate Branch Jay Payne Comp Brian Self Robert Freeman Super Stock Harvey Emmons III William McLemore Stock Verne Buchanan Donald Hough Ty Lafferty Glenn Stepan Super Comp Super Gas Lonnie Sumner Ross Laris Super Street Chucky Wier Rick Arnold Sunset T/S Keith Raferty Phillip Muse Kerker M/C Larry Eperjesi William Keele Jr.

Memphis Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series results

What a race! We had the largest turnout of competitors since 1998 in the division. We thank all of those out-of-division racers who attended and those from Division 4 who traveled so far to make this happen. It was nice to have an event with great

make this happen. It was nice to have an event with great weather and lots of sunshine; I wish we could book those conditions for every event. From the Stock, Super Stock, and Comp ranks came a slew of new national records to put

in the books. In the Kerker Series, Lisa Bennett showed she is learning quickly with a notable win and now leads the points chase. We send out a special thanks to the Memphis Motorsports Park crew and the NHRA certification crew for their efforts in all of the track cleanup that was necessary.

	Winner	Runner-up						
TAD	Jeff Wilson	Lee Callaway						
TAFC	Kim Fritz	Todd Simpson						
Comp	Sean Dodd	Robert Freeman						
Super Stock	Harvey Emmons III	Jeremy Duncan						
Stock	Jeff Strickland	Jerry Davis						
Super Comp	Greg Brotherton	Bart Nelson						
Super Gas	Billy Joe Torrence	Billy Papageorgeon						
Super Street	Robbie Mayse	Deborah Ridenhour						
Sunset T/S	Billy Vaughn	Bert Prejean						
Kerker M/C	Lisa Bennett	Tracy Helmhold						

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National event entries have been sent for races through the Sears Craftsman NHRA Nationals in Madison. If you haven't received the entries that you've requested, contact the Division 4 office.

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2003 South Central Driver Commission

TAD

Shelly Howard and Gene Snow **TAFC**

Tate Branch and Jimmy Jones

Comp

Scott Benham and Mike Trumble

Super Stock

Elisha Boyd and Larry Stewart

Stock

Pat Joffrion and Jeff Teuton

Super Comp

Tommy Costales and

Frank Kohutek

Super Gas

Joe Harper and Gary Risk

Super Street

Ray Todd and Bryan Sandlin

Kerker M/C

William Keele and Donna Eperjesi



2003 South Central Division tracks



Alamo Dragway	San Antonio, Texas (210) 628-1371
Amarillo Dragway	Amarillo, Texas (806) 622-2010
Denton Dragway	Denton, Texas (940) 482-6989
Houston Raceway Park	Houston, Texas (281) 383-2666
Idalou Motorsports Park	Lubbock, Texas (806) 842-3842
Jackson Dragway Inc	Jackson, Miss (601) 372-5506
Memphis Motorsports Park	Memphis, Tenn (901) 358-7223
Navasota Raceway	Navasota, Texas (936) 825-8725
No Problem Raceway	Belle Rose, La (985) 369-3692
Paris Dragstrip	Paris, Texas(903) 982-5358
Roswell Dragway	Roswell, N.M(505) 624-2167
State Capitol Dragway	Baton Rouge, La (225) 627-4574
Texas Motorplex	Ennis,Texas (972) 878-2641
Texas Raceway	Kennedale, Texas (817) 483-8410
Thunder Valley Raceway Park	Noble, Okla (405) 872-3429
Twin City Dragway	Monroe, La (318) 387-8563

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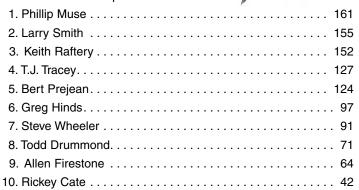
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If you cannot reach the chassis inspector for your area, please call the South Central Division office.

Sunset Racecraft Racing Engines Top Sportsman points standings





Kerker Motorcycle Series points standings

Effective April 3



1. Lisa Bennett
2. William Keele Jr
3. Larry Eperjesi
4. Jose Trevino
5. Chris LeBouef
6. Rich Bentili
Lee Paterson
David Pulley
Ben Brown
Jerry Pomilla

For the latest Division 4 news, visit www.nhradiv4.com

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Division 4 items								
T-shirts, S-XL	\$13							
Child, 2/4-14/16	\$9							
Patches	\$5							
Small decals	\$3							
Hat pins	\$5							

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NHRA O'Reilly Sportsman Racers Association golf tournament

This year's NHRA O'Reilly Sportsman Racers Association golf tournament reached another milestone with a sold-out event April 9 at Eagle Point Country Club. A real challenge because of high winds and a tough course, which was in top shape, the day was one to remember. O'Reilly and Mopar provided great door prizes and goody bags, and Mopar put up a truck for anyone who could make a hole in one on number 12, but no one met the challenge. This year's event raised more than \$3,000 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and \$1,500 for the Sportsman Racing Association. Thanks to our racers for their support, this year's volunteers, and especially the sponsors that made everything possible.

As always, please support the sponsors that support our sport: O'Reilly, Mopar,

Southland Dodge, Nickens Racing Engines, Houston Engine & Balancing, Pennzoil, Quaker State, Martel Brothers Performance, American Dragway Trophy, School of Automotive Machinists, B&G Machine, Owens Racing Engines, Hughes Performance, Hunter Heavy Jeg's, Equipment, Texas Outlaw Fireworks Warehouse, and the Sportsman Racers Association.

Super Stock Division champions

- First place: Charlie Ford, Chris Russell, Mike Parks, Dennis Bradock
- Second place: Jason Covington, Mike Carlson, Joe Whittlesey, Billy Thompson
- Most Honest: Rodger Warren, Kannon Hood, Mike Hood, Kenny Hart



Stock Division champions

- First place: Jay Costales, Les Costales, John Cotham, Aaron Hubbard
- Second place: Bob Collins, Hugh Collins, John Collins, Ryan Hutchinson
- Most Honest: Alan Claunch, John Evans, John Garner, Larry Edmundson
- Closest to the Pin: Ross Laris and Simon Robinson

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- Longest Women's Drive: Judy Harris
- Longest Men's Drive: Lonnie Grim
- Mopar Golfer: Herbert Champaign
- Mopar Golfer: Sam Lusco

NHRA COMPETITION NUMBER	MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY						
This form is for use by drivers of non-licensed Super Stock, Super Street, Stock, ET Bike, ET, Sport Compact, ATV, and Snowmobile classes only. All vehicles with an NHRA index or ET dial-in of 9.99 or quicker (6.39 for 1/8 mile) are required to have a valid NHRA drag racing license. Licensed drivers will be issued a number in combination with the license. ALL NUMBERS ARE ASSIGNED TO DRIVERS ONLY AND ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE . Each driver of a team car must have a separate number assigned. Drivers must be registered and have a competition number in each category in which they compete. Driver must be 16 years of age or older and have a valid state driver's license.								
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2003 South Central Division events

Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series

Texas Motorplex State Capitol Dragway No Problem Raceway Thunder Valley Raceway Park

April 25-27 May 16-18 Sept. 12-14

Oct. 3-5

South Central E.T. championships Summit Racing Series Finals, Texas Motorplex Sept. 26-28

Buz Post Jr. E.T. Finals **TBA**

NHRA national events

Memphis Motorsports Park Sept. 18-21 Texas Motorplex Oct. 9-12







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Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series State Capitol Dragway Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series May 16-18

Testing

A private test session will be held at the track Thursday. Contact the track for more information. NHRA personnel will not be on site.

Parking

Reserved parking is for TAD, TAFC, and Comp only. Spots will be held only until 9 a.m. Saturday. All other parking is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Notice to all racers

Participants are responsible for picking up all payout checks at the event or contacting the track with mailing information.



Local lodging

Super 8, (800) 826-3375, Port Allen Best Western, (225) 344-3638, Port Allen Holiday Inn, (225) 346-8277, Port Allen Hampton Inn. (225) 926-9990, Baton Rouge Comfort Inn, (225) 927-5790, Baton Rouge

Directions

Take exit 151 (Highway 415) from Interstate 10. Follow Highway 415 north about five miles to Highway 190 west. Follow 190 west about 10 miles. State Capitol Dragway will be on the right. Use west entrance (second turnoff) to track.

State Capitol Dragway

11436 Highway 190 West • Erwinville, LA 70729 Phone: (225) 627-4574 • Fax: (225) 627-4408 www.statecapitoldragway.com e-mail: statecapitoldrag@aol.com

Event run order

- Super Street
- 2. Stock
- 3. Super Comp
- 4. Super Stock

5. Kerker Motorcycle Super Gas TS, Comp, TAD, TAFC at session times

Event schedule

Thursday, May 15 Gates open 10 a.m. Parking, credentials 24 hours Friday, May 16 Gates open 8 a.m. Time trials 9 a.m. TS/Comp/TAD/TAFC 5 p.m. **Saturday, May 17** Gates open 8 a.m. Time trials 9 a.m. Tech closes 4 p.m. TS/Comp/TAD/TAFC _ . . .2 & 5 p.m. Sunday, May 18 Gates open 8 a.m. Eliminations 9 a.m. TAD/TAFC round 1noon

Entry fees

TAD/TAFC free entry if pre-entered by May 9. Contract track directly for pre-entry and more information.

Car & Driver								\$125
Crew 3-day .			-		-			. \$45

One day only Friday\$10