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Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites						
\$40 Banquet Ticke Jan. 17, I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$ Name:	2004	Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites 8787 Keystone Crossing Indianapolis, IN 46240 (317) 846-2700				
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Check # Please make check payable to NHRA North Central Division Name as it appears on card:	_ 🗌 Visa 🗋 MasterCard 🔲 American Express	* <b>Special Room Rate \$77</b> *Must call by Jan. 5, 2004, for special room rate.				
Credit Card #:	Expiration date:					
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TICKETS \$40 DEADLINE TO ORDER IS JAN. 9, 2004 NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR NO REFUNDS!	Please return ticket orders to: NHRA North Central Division 5 West State Road 218 Bunker Hill, IN 46914 Ph: (765) 689-8727 Fax: (765) 689-7956	Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets sold in advance. Seating is limited. Tables reserved for parties of 10.				



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## 2003 champions to be at Land of the Winners banquet

The annual NHRA North Central Division Awards Banquet will honor the 2003 champions from our NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series, NHRA Summit Racing Series, Jeg's Allstars, NHRA Jeg's Super Quick Series, and NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Jr. Drag Racing League and other special winners. The ceremony, to be held Jan. 17, will return to the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites. The Sheraton is located in the trendy Keystone at the Crossing area and is connected to The Fashion Mall, the city's most prestigious shopping destination with more than 120 shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues

In addition to the division's series champions, several special awards voted on by you will be presented. See the Special Awards ballot inside this newsletter to cast your votes. The annual member-track management meetings are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, and we'll have an informal social gathering known as our Pit Party Friday evening.

Plan to make it a great weekend with your fellow racers, crewmembers, family, friends, and fans. The Sheraton is offering special \$77 room rates; call (317) 846-2700 by Jan. 5. Tickets for the banquet must be purchased in advance; use the ticket order form inside this newsletter or call the division office.

### 2003 NHRA Lucas Oil **Drag Racing Series** North Central Division Champions

#### **Top Alcohol**

- Dragster
- 1. Jeff Wilson
- 2. Marty Thacker
- 3. Bill Reichert

#### **Top Alcohol Funny Car**

- 1. Chuck Cheeseman
- 2. Jeff Craig
- 3. Kim Fritts

#### Comp

- 1. Jerry Arnold
- 2. Jack Slagle

Super Stock 1. Jeremy Duncan 2. Joe Covert

## 3. Steve Graham

- Stock
- 1. Steve Sullivan 2. Kevin Zaskowski
- 3. Clint Blezien

#### Super Comp

- 1. Greg Kamplain
- 2. Ron Erks
- 3. Steve Dillman
- 3. Bob Butner III

- **Top Sportsman** 1. Mitch Smith 2. Rick Corn
  - 3. Philip Montgomery

Super Gas

Super Street

1. Dustin Richardson

1. Ron Erks

2. Robert Trace

2. Steve Mesik

3. Bill Webb

3. Mike Coughlin

## 2003 Jeg's Allstars team

Jeff Wilson — Top Alcohol Dragster Chuck Cheeseman - Top Alcohol Funny Car Steve Ambrose — Comp Jimbo Fields — Super Stock Clint Blezien - Stock runner-up Larry Hodge - Stock blocker Ron Erks — Super Comp Doug Gumbert - Super Gas Dustin Richardson — Super Street

#### **NHRA Jeg's** Super Quick Series

- 1. Phillip Oakley
- 2. Richard Edwards
- 3. Victor Krack
- 4. Craig Sullivan
- 5. Marla Hunter
- 6. Nancy Rooksberry
- 7. Donald Hurst
- 8. Lynn Smalley
- 9. Jerry Powell II
- 10. Craig Flora

## **2003 NHRA Summit Racing Series Division Champions**

Super Pro — Mac McKnight (Pacemakers Dragway Park) Pro — Russ Briggs (Mid-Michigan Motorplex) Sportsman — Jeff Seither (Edgewater Sports Park) Super Pro Bike — Dan Dishon (Bunker Hill Dragstrip) High School — Christina Parriman (Kil-Kare Dragway) Track Managers — Yoland Spencer (Kil-Kare Dragway) Team Champion — National Trail Raceway National DRAGSTER Team Spirit Award — Chandler Motorsports Park

#### **VP Racing Fuels Race of Champions**

Super Pro — Douglas Bates (Pacemakers Dragway Park) Pro — Harley Brewer (Ohio Valley Raceway) Sportsman — Jeff Seither (Edgewater Sports Park) Super Pro Bike — Mike James (National Trail Raceway)

#### **Best Appearing Entries**

Super Pro — Adam Cline (Beech Bend Raceway Park) Pro — Tom Blincoe (Ohio Valley Raceway) Sportsman — Paul Hagen (Gateway Int'l Raceway) Super Pro Bike — Bruce Sauer (National Trail Raceway) Jr. Dragster — Jerry Marcum (Bluegrass Raceway Park)

## **NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts** Jr. Drag Racing League

#### **Eastern Conference champions**

15-Year-Old — Josh Bryson (Edgewater Sports Park) 10-Year-Old — Jarrod Downs (Pacemakers Dragway Park)

#### **Division champions**

13-17-Year-Old — Travis Alexander (Mid-Michigan Motorplex) 10-12-Year-Old — Ben Rohling (Edgewater Sports Park) 8-9-Year-Old — Holden English (Wabash Valley Dragway)

## Salute to the 2003 North Central Division member track champions

Beech Bend Rac	eway Park		
Super Pro	Leon Robertson	Sι	
Pro	Leon Robertson	Pr	
Sportsman	Leon Robertson	Sp	
Quarter-Mile Trophy	Jacky Bass	Pr	
Jr. Dragster	Rachelle Sanford	St	
Scotty's Shootout	Larry Key	Hi	
(Note: Final points race is	, ,	Jr.	
Bluegrass Raceway Park			
Super Pro	Glen Robinson II	Sι	
Pro	J.C. McDowell	Pr	
Sportsman	Daniel Jackson	Sp	
Super Pro Bike	Bill Bottoms	No	
Jr. Dragster	Liz Miller	M	
-		Jr.	
Bunker Hill Di	Dave Roth		
Super Pro			
Pro	Kris Stoner	SL	
Street	Erick Frazier	Pr	
Motorcycle	Dan Dishon	Sp	
Lowe Racing Quick 8	Mike Bagley	Pr	
JrMajor	Justin Daniels	Hi	
JrMinor	Kay Daniels	Jr.	
Chandler Motors	ports Park		
Quick 16	Billy Schlumpf	Sι	
Super Pro	Bryan McDaniels	Su	
Pro	Randy Carnal	Pr	
Sportsman	Josh Staats	St	
Pro Bike	Jr. Bertram	Re	
Jr. Dragster	Jared Stunkel	S	
Coles County		Pr	
Super Pro	Randy Protz	Jr.	
Pro	Andy Romine	Jr.	
Street	Nick Harlin	Jr.	
Motorcycle	Chad Isley		
Powder Puff	Joyce Wright	Sι	
High School	Brandi Leihser	Pr	
Mega 16	John Wallace	Sp	
Jr. Dragster	Mike Lynch	SL	
0		Pr	
Edgewater Spo		Sı	
Super Pro	Mark Griffith	Sı	
Pro	lan Butler	Su	
Sportsman	Jeff Seither	Su	
Motorcycle	Homer England	Jr.	
Jr. Dragster	Max Reis	Jr.	
Quick 16	John Barcol		
High School	lan Bowman	Jr.	

Gateway Int'l Raceway					
Super Pro	Tim Foley				
Pro	John Ratukowski				
Sportsman	Ron Rathgeb Jr.				
Pro Bike	Jim Ryan				
Street Bike	Jon Sykes				
High School	Ron Rathgeb Jr.				
Jr. Dragster	Travis Pour				
Indianapolis Raceway Park					
Super Pro	Wes May				
Pro	Jeremy Mitchell				
Sportsman	Chris Walters				
Nostalgia	Danny Crawley				
Motorcycle	Ron Wheatley				
Jr. Dragster	Joey Shipp				
Kil-Kare D	<b>ragway</b> Jason Ford				
Super Pro Pro					
	Steve Collier				
Sportsman	Doug Caplinger				
Pro Motorcycle	Bob Nugent				
High School	Christina Parriman				
Jr. Dragster	Christopher Nuss				
Mid-Michigan					
Super Pro first half	Mark Lalonde				
Super Pro second half	Johnny Buchmaster				
Pro	Jim Edlin Jr.				
Street	Jim Edlin Sr.				
Real Street	Joe Gorton				
Super Street	Dave Kilbourn				
Pro Street	Dale Larsen				
Jr. Dragster 13-17	Scott Beyer				
Jr. Dragster 10-12	Cody Anderson				
Jr. Dragster 8-9	Mitch McCaffrey				
National Trail Raceway					
Super Pro	Bob Biser				
Pro	Dana Thompson				
Sportsman	Terry McGee				
Super Pro Bike	Mike James				
Pro Bike	Scott Janney				
Super 32	Steve Theodor				
Super Comp	Scott Rienschield				
Super Gas	Pat Martin				
Super Street	Greg Crawford				
Jr. Dragster 3	P.J. Fouts				
Jr. Dragster 2	David Davis				
Jr. Dragster 1	Corey Deal				
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	Ohio Valle	ey Raceway			
	Super Pro	Terry Hoke			
	Pro	Harley Brewer			
	Jr. Dragster	Derick Troxell			
	Pro Street	Robbie Johnson			
	True Street	Leon Mathis			
	Entry Street	Dwayne Goers			
	All Motor Import	Professor Nate			
	Power Mod. Import	Justin Ryan			
	E.T. Bracket Import	Steve Conyer			
		Dragway Park Nicholas Hamilton			
	Super Pro Pro				
		Andy Smith			
	Sportsman	Glen Haynes			
	Motorcycle	Dave Hill			
	JrMajor	Nate Johnson			
	JrIntermediate	Pete Bucher			
	JrMinor	Austin Eveland			
	Route 66	6 Raceway			
	Super Pro	Jeff Torbeck			
	Pro E.T.	Don Schomer			
	Pro Bike	Bill Turner			
	Sportsman	Joe Tines			
	High School	Joe Wheeler			
	Quick 16	Don Baxter			
	Jr. Modified	Mitchell Vincent			
	Jr. Sportsman				
	Co-Champions Cody	Medeisis, Vince Mistrata			
Wabash Valley Dragway					
	Super Pro	Jim "Shorty" Rader			
	Pro	Jeffery Lee			
	Sportsman	Dave Vaughn			
	Motorcycle	Robert "Pop" Arthurs			
	High School	Zach Ednicott			
	Jr. Dragster	Stephanie Deppe			
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	Super Pro	Raceway Park Roy Taylor			
	Pro	Chuck Nantz			
		Wayne Kelley			
	Heavy Real Street	Bob Jackson			
	Pro Bike	Jeff Parks			
	Trophy	Wayne Baggett			

Brittany Kelley

#### **2003 Special Awards Ballot**

Please take a moment to fill in your choices and return by Dec. 31, 2003. (Note: Nominee must have participated in the 2003 North Central Division season.) Special award selections will be announced at the Land of the Winners Awards Banquet Jan. 17.

Pro/Sportsman Driver of the Year \_\_\_\_ (TAD, TAFC)

Sportsman Driver of the Year\_\_\_\_\_ (Comp, S/Stock, Stock, S/Comp, S/Gas, S/Street)

Pro/Sportsman Mechanic of the Year \_\_\_\_\_(TAD, TAFC)

Sportsman Mechanic of the Year \_\_\_\_\_ (Comp, S/Stock, Stock, S/Comp, S/Gas, S/Street)

North Central Division Dragstrip of the Year \_\_\_\_\_\_ (National event and Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series tracks)

Jr. Dragster

North Central Division Dragstrip of the Year (All other Division 3 member tracks)

RETURN BALLOT TO: NHRA North Central Division, 5 West St. Road 218, Bunker Hill, IN 46914

## Oakley captures Jeg's Super Quick championship

In an exciting finish to the 2003 Jeg's Super Quick Series, Phillip Oakley emerged the points champion with his Texas Roadhouse–backed dragster at the season finale Oct. 18 at Kil-Kare Dragway. The Owensboro, Ky., racer will be honored Jan. 17 with the series' other top 10 drivers in the year-end standings at the annual North Central Division Awards Banquet in Indianapolis.

Oakley locked up the championship with a first-round win at Kil-Kare; the only contender, Victor Krack, lost in the first round to eventual event winner Sean DeWitt. DeWitt was the eighth different winner in the eight-race series.



Jeg's Super Quick Series champion Phillip Oakley and his Texas Roadhouse-backed team celebrated their series championship.

## 2003 NHRA Jeg's Super Quick Series

Final standings (top 25) (Go to www.nhradiv3.com for the complete listing)

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1.	Phillip Oakley	Owensboro, Ky.	398
2.	Richard Edwards	Terre Haute, Ind.	333
3.	Victor Krack	Evansville, Ind.	332
4.	Craig Sullivan	Avon, Ind.	323
5.	Marla Hunter	Pendleton, Ind.	311
6.	Nancy Rooksberry	Terre Haute, Ind.	301
7.	Donald Hurst	Tell City, Ind.	289
	Lynn Smalley	Godfrey, III.	289
9.	Jerry Powell II	Kokomo, Ind.	277
10.	Craig Flora	Lynchburg, Ind.	270
11.	Tom Stultz	Terre Haute, Ind.	257
12.	Sean DeWitt	Logansport, Ind.	247
13.	Mary Jane Reger	Godfrey, III.	235
14.	Ty Smith	Fort Wayne, Ind.	225
15.	Charlie Johnson	Bismark, III.	224
	Bob Sargent	Indianapolis	224
17.	Thomas Smith	Fort Wayne, Ind.	215
18.	Eric Nichols	Logansport, Ind.	203
19.	Paul Mann	Jasper, Ind.	202
	Mike Bagley	Indianapolis	202
21.	David Yeargain	East Peoria, III.	201
22.	Ken Simpson	Grand Rapids, Mich.	192
23.	Jeremy Hornbeck	Peru, Ind.	171
24.	Butch Crowley	Evansville, Ind.	170
25.	Rick Corn	Benton, III.	160

## **Jeg's Super Quick Shootout**

The season's top eight qualifiers, based on qualifying points earned throughout the year, met at Indianapolis Raceway Park for the annual Jeg's Super Quick Shootout held in conjunction with the Fall Classic National Open.

This year's qualifiers were Don Hurst, Tom Stultz, Mike Bagley, Lynn Smalley, Craig Sullivan, Rick Corn, and Nancy Rooksberry, who collected the Wally.

## National Trail scores first team title; Seither is national runner-up



- National DRAGSTER Team Spirit award winner Chandler Motorsports Park

The 2003 NHRA North Central Division Summit Racing Series Finals and the Summit Racing Series National Championship in Pomona, Calif., offered up some of bracket racing's best. National Trail Raceway scored its first team title, and Edgewater Sports Park's Jeff Seither took the Sportsman victory, which entitled him to compete in Pomona for national honors during the Automobile Club of Southern California NHRA Finals. At the prestigious event, he finished as the runner-up. The enthusiastic Team X from Chandler Motorsports Park received the *National DRAGSTER* Team Spirit award.

The other three Division 3 champions who advanced to the NHRA Summit Racing Series National Championship were Mac McKnight (Super Pro), Russ Briggs (Pro), and Dan Dishon (Super Pro Bike). Each received \$3,500 for participation in the Finals.



Sportsman racer Jeff Seither had quite a year. He won the division championship and the VP Racing Fuels Race of Champions at the NHRA North Central Division Summit Racing Series Finals, then took runner-up honors at the NHRA Summit Racing Series National Championship.

## **2004 GRADE POINT REQUIREMENTS**

NOTE: Meeting these requirements does not guarantee event entry acceptance.

#### **Provisional entries**

1) A contestant with a valid NHRA Gold, Silver, or Bronze card will be guaranteed entry to any national event.

2) The defending event champion will be guaranteed entry to the event he or she won. For example, last year's Super Gas winner at the Finals would be guaranteed entry into this year's Finals (entry would not be guaranteed to any other event, however).

3) A former national champion (Pro or Sportsman) will be guaranteed entry to any national event.

4) A Professional driver earning top 20 status in the current or previous season will be guaranteed a Sportsman entry to any national event.

5) Owner credits may be awarded in cases involving a driver change from one season to the next (contestant must receive approval from his or her division director).

6) A contestant within the top 20 and still in contention for a possible top 10 year-end position will be guaranteed entry to any of the final four national events of the racing season (Chicago 2, Dallas, Las Vegas 2, and Pomona 2). These policies do not excuse the contestant from any late fees, gate entry fees, or insurance surcharges. For example, if a Gold Card holder shows up at the gate for an event, the \$75 late fee, the \$75 gate fee, and the \$40 insurance fee will still be applicable.

To accommodate certain hardship cases or a past racer's return to active competition, an averaging system has been developed. The average grade is calculated as follows: The racer's three previous years' grading points are added and divided by three. For example, if a racer ran one division event in 2002, no events in 2001, and five division events in 2000, 1 + 0 + 5 = 6, which divided by three equals a grade of 2A (the "A" indicates the averaging calculation).

To accommodate foreign contestants, grading points will be issued for participation in selected foreign events. Those events are the FIA European Championship, Australian Drag Racing Championship, Nordic Drag Racing Series, and Japan Drag Racing Association Championship. Each entry application must include written confirmation from the host country sanctioning organization that verifies participation in the series.

## MINIMUM GRADE REQUIREMENT FOR 2004 NATIONAL EVENT APPLICATION

EVENT	TAD	TAFC	COMP	SS	STK	SC	SG	SST	
K&N Filters Winternationals – Pomona	3	3	2**	3	3	-	3**	-	
Checker Schuck's Kragen NHRA Nationals – Phoenix	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	1*	
Mac Tools NHRA Gatornationals – Gainesville	2	2	2	3	3	3**	-	-	
NHRA Summit Racing.com Nationals – Las Vegas	2	2	2	3	-	3	3	-	
O'Reilly NHRA Spring Nationals – Houston	2	2	2	2	2	-	2	-	
O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals – Bristol	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	
Summit Racing Equipment NHRA Southern Nationals – Atlanta	1	1	1	2	-	3	3	1*	
NHRA Route 66 Nationals – Chicago	-	-	2	-	3	3	3	-	
O'Reilly NHRA Summer Nationals – Topeka	1	1	-	1	1	2	2	1*	
Pontiac Excitement NHRA Nationals – Columbus	2	2	2	3	3	-	3	2*	
K&N Filters SuperNationals – Englishtown	2	2	2	3	3	3**	-	2*	
Sears Craftsman NHRA Nationals – Madison	-	-	-	3	3	3	3	-	
Mopar Mile-High NHRA Nationals – Denver	-	-	1	2	-	3	3	-	
CARQUEST Auto Parts NHRA Nationals – Seattle	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	2*	
Fram Autolite NHRA Nationals – Sonoma	2	2	-	3	3	3**	3**	-	
Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals – Brainerd	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	
O'Reilly Mid-South Nationals – Memphis	-	-	2	2	-	2	2	-	
Mac Tools U.S. Nationals – Indianapolis	3	3	3	4	4	4**	4**	-	
Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals – Reading	2	2	3	3**	3**	-	3**	-	
O'Reilly NHRA Fall Nationals – Dallas	2	2	-	2	2	3	3	1*	
CARQUEST Auto Parts NHRA Nationals – Chicago	2	2	3	4	4	4**	4**	2*	
ACDelco Las Vegas NHRA Nationals – Las Vegas	-	-	2**	3**	3**	3**	-	-	
Automobile Club of Southern California NHRA Finals - Pomona	3**	3**	3**	4**	4**	4**	4**	-	
Dashes represent information that is not available * Grading points must be earned in Super Street ** Numbers represent a reduction of 1 grading point over 2003 levels									

#### **Special thanks**

The North Central Division staff extends a special thank you to the many people who helped make the 2003 season a success. Our thanks to series sponsors Lucas Oil, Summit, Jeg's, O'Reilly Auto Parts, and, of course, POWERade. Special appreciation goes to Pontiac, GMC, Suzuki, T&E Auto Haulers, Racing Communications, and Hurst for the support. We also thank the many event and contingency sponsors, Drag Racing Association of Women, and Racers For Christ.

Our success wouldn't be possible without our NHRA member tracks, the Division 3 Certification Team members, and, of course, the racers who make us the Land of the Winners.

Also, Racers For Christ Chaplain Glenn Krieder expresses his sincere appreciation.

Happy holidays!

- Jay, Ritch, and Joan

#### NHRA introduces online event registration

Beginning with the 2004 season, NHRA national event entries will be processed online. NHRA has developed an online driver and national event registration website, www.nhraeventreg.com, that will allow drivers to complete all necessary information to enter a national event online.

A driver can enter information about his or her race vehicle from race to race and use the online tech card to complete the tech card used at all NHRA national events. The new site is expected to streamline the registration process by allowing a driver to complete entry forms online and to keep his or her tech information updated without having to fill out a tech card manually. Much of the driver/owner and race vehicle information may not change from race to race, so a driver needs only to print the registration and tech card form via an Adobe PDF form rather than completing a tech card.

The printed registration and tech card from the website is more legible and less prone to error, and any driver from any category/class can update owner, racing vehicle year/body/engine, and tech card information regardless of whether he or she enters a national event. Currently, the site is set up to accept only national event registrations. For all other NHRA events, the track at which the event is held will handle entry. For information or questions, send e-mail to registration@nhra.com.

National event entry applications will no longer be mailed out of the division office.

### 2004 NHRA North Central Division schedule

	NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series					
	April 16-18	Indianapolis Raceway Park				
	June 18-20	Mid-Michigan Motorplex				
	July 16-18	Route 66 Raceway				
	Aug. 6-8	Edgewater Sports Park				
Aug. 27-29		Beech Bend Raceway Park				
	Sept. 24-26	National Trail Raceway				
National Opens and special events						
	April 3-4	Spring Sportsman Challenge XII				
		Gateway Int'l Raceway				
	May 29-30	18 <sup>th</sup> annual NHRA				
		SportsNational Open Beech Bend Raceway Park				
	Sept. 17-19	NHRA North Central Summit				
		Racing Series Finals				
	0	Indianapolis Raceway Park				
	Oct. 9-10	30 <sup>th</sup> annual Doorslammer				
		National Open Ohio Valley Raceway				
	Oct. 16-17	13 <sup>th</sup> annual NHRA Fall				
		Classic National Open				
		Indianapolis Raceway Park				
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Jeg's Super Quick Series schedule to be announced.

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