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National DRAGSTER's unique Be A Winner, Be A Member program rewards grassroots racers who are loyal NHRA members, giving them more chances to cash in on their drag racing skills by awarding valuable cash and product prizes every month.

Each program sponsor awards monthly prizes from February/March through October to bracket racers in each of NHRA's seven divisions. Any E.T. racer who is an NHRA member and wins a weekly event at an NHRA member track participating in the NHRA Summit Racing Series is eligible to enter the Be A Winner, Be A Member sweepstakes.

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Entries should be mailed or faxed to *National DRAGSTER* Be A Winner, Be A Member, P.O. Box 5555, Glendora, CA 91740; fax, (626) 335-4307. E-mail entries will not be accepted.

**Division Track Standings**

Effective 6/6/03

Edgewater Sports Park	13
National Trail Raceway	5
Indianapolis Raceway Park	3
Gateway Int'l Raceway	2
Coles County Dragway	2
Chandler Motorsports Park	2
Route 66 Raceway	2
Wabash Valley Dragway	1
Bluegrass Raceway Park	1
Kil-Kare Dragway	1
Pacemakers Dragway Park	1
Bunker Hill Dragstrip	1
Ohio Valley Raceway	1

**LED Christmas Tree light usage clarified**

The new Compulink LED amber lights for the Christmas Tree starting system introduced this year at the K&N Filters Winternationals will be used on a limited basis at 2003 North Central Division events. The new lights will be used at all NHRA North Central Division Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series events, the Spring Sportsman Challenge XI National Open July 5 at Gateway Int'l Raceway, and the Fall Classic National Open Oct. 10-12 at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Due to limited availability and in some cases the adaptability for some timing systems, all member tracks may not be able to offer the LED lights for their racers at this time. The standard amber incandescent bulbs will be used at the 2003 NHRA North Central Division Summit Racing Series Finals.

**www.nhradiv3.com offers more divisional information**

The North Central Division's Web site, at www.nhradiv3.com, offers up-to-date information, including the latest division news, upcoming event schedules, event results, current points standings, and technical information, including contact information for chassis inspectors.

Additionally, national event entry requests and NHRA license and physical forms and non-licensed number forms can be downloaded from the site. Also featured are the NHRA member track directory and information on the *National DRAGSTER* Challenge, NHRA King of the Track, and NHRA Jr. Dragster Challenge special events that are offered exclusively at NHRA member tracks.

**17th NHRA SportsNational Open in the books**

Rain may have delayed the finish of the final rounds of the 17th annual NHRA SportsNational Open at Beech Bend Raceway Park, but it certainly didn't dampen the spirits of the late-night winners who collected Wally trophies as part of the track's *National DRAGSTER* Challenge.

Donna Morris in Super Stock, Brian Rogers in Stock, and Richard Edwards in Jeg's Super Quick collected their first NHRA event victories, and reigning Division 2 NHRA Summit Racing Series Sportsman champion Leon Robertson won in Super Pro to lead the list of bracket and Jr. winners.

The event has become one of the premier Sportsman drag racing gatherings in the country. This year was no different, as the event featured eliminator and class racing in Super Stock and Stock as well as action in Super Comp, Super Gas, Super Street, NHRA Summit Racing Series bracket categories, the NHRA Jeg's Super Quick Series, and the NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League. The race also included a Saturday night Street Legal program and exhibition runs by Ancel Horton, who recorded a best of 5.07 at 310 mph in his Mississippi Madman jet dragster. For a complete list of winners, log on to www.nhradiv3.com.

**Snowmobile drag racing series announced**

MSDRA (Michigan Snowmobile Drag Racing Association) and the NHRA North Central and West Central Divisions are again holding a series of qualifying races at selected 2003 NHRA divisional events. The three-race series for Pro Stock Snowmobiles will determine a field of snowmobile racers to be invited to the 22nd annual Rugged Liner NHRA Nationals, Aug. 14-17 in Brainerd.

The 2003 series consists of the NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series event at Brainerd Int'l Raceway June 6-8; the NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series event presented by Bar's Leaks at Mid-Michigan Motorplex June 20-22; and the 16th annual National Trail Raceway Night of Fire July 19.

The Pro Stock Snowmobile class features heads-up racing utilizing a .4 Pro Tree and performances in the low-nine-second range at 135 to 140 mph. For more information, e-mail Nathan Oprita at MSDRA, info@msdracing.com.

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**EVENT SCHEDULE**

<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 19</b>	Credentialed & Parking	5-10 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 20</b>	NHRA Tech	8 a.m.
	Gates Open	8 a.m.-7 p.m.
	Jr. Dragster TT	8 a.m.
	(3 classes: 8-9, 10-12, 13-17 - elim. between sessions)	9 a.m.
	Time Trials & Qualifying	10 a.m.-7 p.m.
	(Session order: STK, S/ST, SC, S/S, S/G)	
	Top Sportsman Qualifying	4 & 7 p.m.
	Comp Qualifying	4:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	TAF & TAD Qualifying	5 & 8 p.m.
	Pro Stock Snowmobile Qualifying	4, 7 & 8:30 p.m.
	Bar's Leaks Exhibition	6 & 9 p.m.
	Top Sportsman Fast Four Showdown	7:30 & 9 p.m.
	Saturday Night Shootouts	8 p.m.
	Secure Track	10 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 21</b>	Gates Open	7 a.m.
	NHRA Tech	8 a.m.
	Jr. Dragster TT	8 a.m.
	(3 classes: 8-9, 10-12, 13-17 - elim. between sessions)	9 a.m.
	Time Trials & Qualifying	10 a.m.-7 p.m.
	(Session order: STK, S/ST, SC, S/S, S/G)	
	Top Sportsman Qualifying	4 & 7 p.m.
	Comp Qualifying	4:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	TAF & TAD Qualifying	5 & 8 p.m.
	Pro Stock Snowmobile Qualifying	4, 7 & 8:30 p.m.
	Bar's Leaks Exhibition	6 & 9 p.m.
	Top Sportsman Fast Four Showdown	7:30 & 9 p.m.
	Saturday Night Shootouts	8 p.m.
	Secure Track	10 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 22</b>	Gates Open	7 a.m.
	RFC Service (Club Motorplex)	8 a.m.
	Eliminations - Round 1 (STK, S/ST, SC, S/S, S/G)	9 a.m.
	Top Sportsman - Round 1	11 a.m.
	Comp - Round 1	11:30 a.m.
	Pre-Race Ceremonies	12:30 p.m.
	Final Eliminations	1 p.m.

**TICKET PRICES** (FREE pit pass with purchase)  
 Car & Driver \$140  
 3-Day Credential \$80  
 Friday, June 21 \$15  
 Saturday, June 22 \$25  
 Sunday, June 23 \$20  
 Children (6-12) \$5

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## Ritch's Tech Tips

**Roll-cage reminder:** On all dragsters, Funny Cars, and other cars requiring a Funny Car- or dragster-style roll cage, the upper roll-cage members must have head/helmet guards of 1 inch by .058-inch round tube on all new chassis or at scheduled recertification.

Occasionally, corrections or additions are made to the NHRA drag racing rules after the NHRA Rulebook has been printed. Any such change will be published each week in *National DRAGSTER* until the 2004 Rulebook is printed.

**Faster Tech Lines:** You as a racer can help speed up the technical inspection procedure by following these tips. Before entering the tech lanes, completely fill out your tech card with all information that pertains to your car and class. This means writing in the brand of transmission shield and the SFI serial number, brand of harmonic balancer and SFI serial number, helmet, fire jacket and pants, gloves, etc. as may be required of your entry. When you arrive in the tech line, open the hood and trunk, and lay out all driver safety apparel and equipment with the SFI tags showing. Also, have your license/number and membership cards out for inspection so they can be looked at right away. Following these tips will help everyone get through tech in a timely fashion, thus not jeopardizing any potential time runs. To really make it quick and convenient, get an NHRA ETI (Extended Tech Inspection) completed.

**Warm-ups:** It is mandatory that a driver be seated in the car in the normal driving position anytime the engine is running unless the coupler or driveline is removed from the vehicle. The practice of transbrake testing, converter stalls, line-loc testing, and/or transmission warming is prohibited in all classes, in all areas of the event except starting-line approach areas beyond staging, or unless the vehicle is on jack stands. Noncompliance is grounds for disqualification.

## NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP NHRA DRAG RACING JEG'S Super Quick Series SATURDAY, AUG. 9, 2003 CHANDLER MOTORSPORTS PARK Evansville, IN

<b>SUPER QUICK ELIMINATOR</b> - 32 Quickest Qualifiers 4.50 & Up - Winner .....\$1,000 Runner-up .....500 Semifinalists .....200 Quarterfinalists .....100 Low Qual. Open & Bodied.....\$100 Jeg's Certificate  — PLUS — CONTINGENCY AWARDS  — PLUS — QUALIFYING POINTS FOR JEG'S MAIL ORDER SUPER QUICK SHOOTOUT  EVENT PRESENTED BY <b>AMERICAN RV CENTER</b> (812) 867-5200  <small>Non-qualifiers may enter S/PRO with no additional entry fee.</small>	<b>SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b> Friday Night Parking Only + Circle Track Racing .....5 p.m. Gates Open .....9 a.m. Test & Tune .....10 a.m. - noon Time Trials .....12:30 p.m. Super Quick Qualifying.....2 & 4 p.m. Eliminations .....5:30 p.m.  <b>PHONE CONTACTS</b> Track .....(812) 925-3685 Track Office .....(812) 402-4350 NHRA Division 3 Office .....(765) 689-8727  <b>DIRECTIONS TO TRACK</b> From I-64 @ Evansville, IN take Morgan Ave. Exit (Hwy 62 East) turn left (East) 5.7 miles to Chandler, IN. Turn Left in Linderrieden Rd., 1 mile north to track, follow signs.  <b>MOTEL INFORMATION</b> Holiday Inn Conference Center .....(812) 424-6400 Evansville, IN Special Rate .....\$49
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<b>SUPER PRO (4.50-7.99)</b> Winner .....\$1,100 Runner-up .....350 Semifinalists .....125 Quarterfinalists .....50  <b>PRO (no delay) (6.00 - Slower)</b> Winner .....\$500 Runner-up .....150 Semifinalists .....50 Quarterfinalists .....25	<b>OTHER ELIMINATORS</b> <b>SPORTSMAN (All Run)</b> Winner .....\$100 + Trophy Runner-up .....50 + Trophy  <b>PRO BIKE (All Run 100% Payback)</b> Winner .....50% Runner-up .....20% Semifinalists .....10%  <b>JR. DRAGSTER (7.90-UP)</b> Winner .....\$100 Bond + Trophy Runner-up .....\$50 Bond + Trophy Semifinalists .....Trophy	<b>ENTRY FEES</b> (Car & Driver) Jeg's Super Quick .....\$60 Super Pro .....\$40 Buy-Back \$25 Pro .....\$30 Buy-Back \$20 Sportsman .....\$20 Buy-Back \$10 Pro Bike .....\$30 Buy-Back \$15 Jr. Dragster .....\$15 Buy-Back Free Crew Pit Pass .....\$10  For more information <a href="http://www.chandlermotorsportspark.com">www.chandlermotorsportspark.com</a>
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## 2003 Jeg's Allstars points chase to end at Edgewater

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual NHRA Jeg's Allstars, a race within a race for 64 of the best Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series competitors from across the country, will be contested during the third annual NHRA Nationals Sept. 25-28 at Route 66 Raceway. The event will be televised on ESPN2.

Racers began earning points to qualify for the 2003 North Central Division Jeg's Allstars team at the Beech Bend Raceway Park NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series event last August and will have their last chance at the NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series event Aug. 1-3 at Edgewater Sports Park.

A \$100,000 purse is up for grabs in the Jeg's Allstars event. The winners in Top Alcohol Dragster and Top Alcohol Funny Car will each receive \$7,000; Comp and Super Stock, \$6,000 each; Stock, Super Comp, Super Gas, and Super Street, \$4,500 each. Runners-up in all categories will receive \$2,000. In addition, the winning team will share \$20,000, and another \$20,000 will be proportionately divided among the qualifiers in the form of tow money.

Defending Jeg's Allstars Stock champion Larry Hodge is automatically seeded in the field and will be joined by the top points finishers from the North Central Division. The North Central Division Jeg's Allstars team will be seeking its sixth title.

For a complete listing of the current 2003 NHRA Jeg's Allstars points standings, log on to [www.nhradiv3.com](http://www.nhradiv3.com).

A new location and possible date change of the NHRA Jeg's Super Quick Series event originally listed for July 19 will be announced.

## NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP NHRA DRAG RACING JEG'S Super Quick Series SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2003 KIL-KARE DRAGWAY Xenia, Ohio

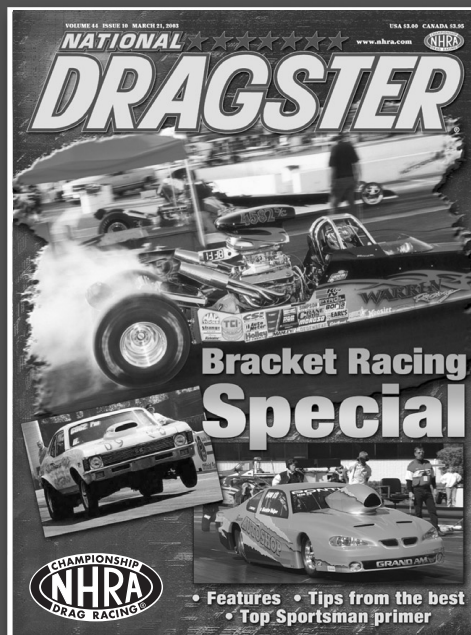
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<b>OTHER ELIMINATORS</b> <b>SUPER PRO 1/8-Mile (3.66-7.75)</b> Winner .....\$1,000 Runner-up .....400 Semifinalists .....100 Quarterfinalists .....75 Eightfinalists .....50  <b>PRO BIKE 1/4-Mile</b> Winner .....40% of purse Runner-up .....20% of purse Semifinalists .....10% of purse	<b>PRO BRACKET 1/4-Mile, No Delay (10.00-13.99)</b> Winner .....\$400 Runner-up .....200 Semifinalists .....100 Quarterfinalists .....50	<b>SPORTSMAN 1/4-Mile, (13.00 &amp; Up)</b> Winner .....\$200 Runner-up .....100 Semifinalists .....50 Quarterfinalists .....30
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<b>ENTRY FEES (Car &amp; Driver)</b> Jeg's Super Quick .....\$60 Super Pro .....\$40	<b>PRO Bracket</b> .....\$30 <b>Sportsman</b> .....\$30	<b>Pro Bike</b> .....\$30 <b>Pit Pass</b> .....\$15
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Final 2003 Jeg's Allstars points race

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>THURSDAY, JULY 31</b>	Credentials & Parking Only .....5-9 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 1</b>	Pit Gate & Credentials Open .....8 a.m.-8 p.m. Tech Open .....8 a.m.-6 p.m. Time Trials & Qualifying .....10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (Session Order - STK, S/ST, S/C, S/S, S/G) (National Records Stock & S/S Fri. or Sat.) Top Sportsman Qualifying .....4 p.m. Comp Qualifying .....4:30 p.m. TAD & TAFC Qualifying .....5 p.m. S/S, STK, S/C, S/G, S/ST Shootouts .....6 p.m. Jr. Dragster Racing Prac. & Eliminations .....6-8 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 2</b>	Pit Gates & Tech Open .....8 a.m. Tech Closes .....noon Time Trials & Qualifying .....9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Session Order: 2 rounds each - STK, S/ST, S/C, S/S, S/G) Top Sportsman Qualifying .....4 & 7:30 p.m. Top Sportsman Showdown .....8 & 9 p.m. Comp Qualifying .....4:30 & 8 p.m. TAFC & TAD Qualifying .....5 & 8:30 p.m. Eliminations - Round 1 S/S .....6 p.m. Eliminations - Round 1 S/G .....6:30 p.m. Secure Track .....10 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 3</b>	Pit Gates Open .....8 a.m. RFC Chapel Service .....8:15 & 9:30 a.m. 1st Round Eliminations - STK, S/ST, S/C .....9 a.m. 1st Round Top Sportsman .....11 a.m. 1st Round Comp .....11:30 a.m. 1st Round Super Stock .....noon Pre-Race Ceremonies .....12:45 p.m. Final Eliminations .....1 p.m.
<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	Car & Driver...\$125 Crew (3/4 Day)...\$40
<b>GENERAL ADMISSION</b>	Fri., July 31 .....\$15 Sun. Aug. 2 .....\$20 Sat., Aug. 1 .....\$25 Kids (6-12) .....\$5 each day
	<small>Children 5 &amp; under FREE with paid adult. FREE pit pass with purchase</small>