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**NHRA TEXAS SPORTSMAN CHALLENGE KICKS OFF THE NHRA SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION  
AT ROYAL PURPLE RACEWAY**

BAYTOWN, Texas - Royal Purple Raceway will host the NHRA South Central Division season opener on February 26-28 with the NHRA Texas Sportsman Challenge. The event is one of 44 scheduled across the country where drivers earn points leading to divisional, regional and national championships as well as a chance at a share of the year-end purse of more than \$519,000. Categories include Comp Eliminator, Super Stock, Stock Eliminator, Super Comp, Super Gas and Super Street. The division's Sunset Performance Top Sportsman Series, KPE Top Dragster Series and NHRA Sportsman Motorcycle Series presented by Harley-Davidson will run in conjunction with the event along with the NHRA Harley-Davidson Drag Racing Series featuring the Pro Fuel Harley class.

Gates at Royal Purple Raceway open at 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Qualifying and time trials start at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Eliminations start Sunday at 8 a.m.

Tickets for Royal Purple Raceway are \$20 Friday, \$20 Saturday and \$20 Sunday. Children 12 years old and under are admitted free with a paid adult.

For more information call Royal Purple Raceway, (281) 383-7223, or visit [www.RoyalPurpleRaceway.com](http://www.RoyalPurpleRaceway.com).

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### NHRA LUCAS OIL DRAG RACING SERIES: Fact Sheet

**WHAT:** **NHRA Texas Sportsman Challenge**, one of six events in South Central Division competition where drivers earn points leading to divisional, regional and national championships as well as a chance at a share of the year-end purse of more than \$519,000. Categories include Comp Eliminator, Super Stock, Stock Eliminator, Super Comp, Super Gas and Super Street. The division's Sunset Performance Top Sportsman Series, KPE Top Dragster Series and NHRA Sportsman Motorcycle Series presented by Harley-Davidson will run in conjunction with the event as well as the NHRA Harley-Davidson Drag Racing Series featuring the Pro Fuel Harley class.

**WHERE:** **Royal Purple Raceway**, Baytown, Texas. Track is located at 2525 South FM 565. It is east of the Houston Metro area, just south of Interstate 10 and east of Highway 146

**WHEN:** Friday through Sunday, Feb. 26-28

**SCHEDULE:** **FRIDAY, Feb. 26** - Gates open at 7 a.m. Time Trials start at 9 a.m.

**SATURDAY, Feb. 27** - Gates open at 7 a.m. Qualifying and time trials begin at 9 a.m.

**SUNDAY, Feb. 28** - Gates open at 7:30 a.m. **Eliminations** start at 8 a.m.

**TICKETS:** GENERAL ADMISSION/PIT PASS - \$20 Friday, \$20 Saturday, \$20 Sunday. Children 12 and under are admitted free with a paid adult. For more information please call Royal Purple Raceway, (281) 383-7223, or visit [www.RoyalPurpleRaceway.com](http://www.RoyalPurpleRaceway.com).

#### 2015 EVENT

**WINNERS:** **Craig Bourgeois**, Comp Eliminator; **Harvey Emmons**, Super Stock; **Austin Williams**, Stock Eliminator; **Christian Patton**, Super Comp; **Travis Salter**, Super Gas; **Ray Dew**, Super Street, **Jim Thorp**, Top Sportsman; **William Swann**, Top Dragster; **Robert Sanders**, Sportsman Motorcycle

#### BONUS

**PROGRAMS:** **NHRA LUCAS OIL DRAG RACING SERIES POINTS FUND:** a \$519,000 point fund from Lucas Oil, which will be shared by 2016 NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series divisional, regional and national champions. Regional awards include \$10,000 each to the Top Alcohol Dragster and Top Alcohol Funny Car champions with Divisional awards of \$3,000 to the champions in both Competition and Super Stock; \$2,000 each to the champions in Stock, Super Comp, Super Gas and Super Street. The seven national champions will share a bonus of \$135,000.

**JEGS ALLSTARS:** The best of the best from each of NHRA's seven divisions will compete for a share of the \$124,000 point fund from Jegs High Performance. The 2016 Jegs Allstars event will culminate a year-long points battle between drivers in each of NHRA's Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series' eight classes as well as Top Sportsman and Top Dragster. The top points earner in each category will qualify to represent his/her division at the 2016 Jegs Allstars. Points are based on in-division races only.

The winning division and regional teams will share \$25,000 and individual awards include \$7,000 each to the Top Alcohol Dragster and Top Alcohol Funny Car champions, \$6,000 to champions in Comp Eliminator and Super Stock, \$5,000 to Top Sportsman and Top Dragster champions, and \$4,500 to the Stock, Super Comp, Super Gas, and Super Street champions. Runners-up in all categories will earn \$2,000 apiece. Each Allstars competitor will also receive a share of a \$25,000 towing fund to get to the event.

Event sponsor, Jegs High Performance, is offering a "double up" bonus to Jegs Allstars participants. Any 2016 Jegs Allstars champion who also wins the national event will have his/her Allstars prize doubled.

**SUNSET PERFORMANCE TOP SPORTSMAN SERIES:** Run in conjunction with the Lucas Oil Series, competitors in the Top Sportsman class are vying for division championships. The top points finisher will earn a year-end bonus of \$1,500, the runner-up will get \$1000 and the third place finisher will receive \$500. Top Sportsman racers may run the six South Central Division Lucas Oil events as well as three Lucas Oil Series races in the other NHRA divisions.

**KPE TOP DRAGSTER SERIES:** Run in conjunction with the Lucas Oil Series, competitors in the Top Dragster class are vying for division championships. The top points finisher will earn a year-end bonus of \$1,500, the runner-up will get \$1000 and the third place finisher will receive \$500.

**MOSER SPORTSMAN SHOOTOUT:** Drivers who compete in seven NHRA sportsman classes will be eligible to participate in the Moser Sportsman Shootout. Moser Engineering Sportsman Shootout qualifying points will be earned by competitors in Super Stock, Stock, Super Comp, Super Gas, Super Street, Top Dragster and Top Sportsman at each South Central Division NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series event. The 2016 South Central Division Moser Sportsman Shootout will carry over to the 2017 season at Texas Motorplex in Dallas, with a posted purse of \$15,000, with the winner taking home up to \$5,000.

**NHRA SPORTSMAN MOTORCYCLE SERIES presented by HARLEY-DAVIDSON:** The NHRA Sportsman Motorcycle Series presented by Harley-Davidson, run in conjunction with the NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series, is an opportunity for competitors in NHRA's Sportsman Motorcycle class to earn points toward divisional championships. The \$14,000 champions' purse posted by Harley-Davidson will be paid to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place points finishers in NHRA divisions that host Sportsman Motorcycles.

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**2016 NHRA: Race Notes**  
**NHRA LUCAS OIL DRAG RACING SERIES**

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**NHRA NATIONAL PERFORMANCE RECORDS:**

*NHRA national performance records (certification based on a required backup run within one percent of the record during the course of the same event):*

**TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER** — 5.103 seconds by Bill Reichert, Owosso, Mich., April 2007, Houston; 285.35 mph by Don St. Arnaud, February 2015, Pomona, Calif.

**TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR** — 5.361 seconds by Jonnie Lindberg, Upplands Vausby SW., March 2015, Charlotte, NC.; 274.39 by John Lombardo Jr., Brea, Calif., November 2015, Pomona, Calif.

**Quickest side-by-side races in NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series history:**

**TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER** — Bill Reichert, Owosso, Mich., 5.103 seconds vs. Duane Shields, Boulder City, Nev., 5.284 seconds, semifinal round, April 2007, Houston.

**TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR** — Frank Manzo, Morganville, N.J., 5.411 seconds vs. Andy Bohl, Racine, Wis., 5.520 seconds, final round, October 2011, Reading, Pa.

**QUICKEST TOP 10 TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER/TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR TIMES:**

**TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER**

5.103*	Bill Reichert, Owosso, Mich.	April 2007	Houston
5.109	Mitch Myers, Hermiston, Ore.	November 2004	Pomona, Calif.
5.118	Myers	November 2004	Pomona, Calif.
5.124	Morgan Lucas, Brownsburg, Ind.	February 2007	Pomona, Calif.
5.135	Gary Ormsby Jr., Sacramento, Calif.	May 2002	Topeka, Kan.
5.148	Reichert	April 2012	Charlotte, N.C.
5.153	Reichert	April 2007	Houston
5.155	Monroe Guest, Mannford, Okla.	October 2009	Las Vegas
5.165	Dave Hirata, Lowell, Ind.	October 2005	Chicago
5.165	Reichert	November 2008	Pomona, Calif.

\*national record

**TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR**

5.361*	Jonnie Lindberg	March 2015	Charlotte, N.C.
5.381	Lindberg	March 2015	Charlotte, N.C.
5.408	John Lombardo, Jr	October 2015	Ennis, Texas
5.411	Frank Manzo, Morganville, N.J.	October 2011	Reading, Pa.
5.413	Lombardo	October 2015	Ennis, Texas
5.416	Lindberg	October 2015	Ennis, Texas
5.419	Manzo	October 2011	Reading, Pa.
5.421	Lindberg	February 2016	Pomona, Calif.
5.423	Lindberg	February 2016	Pomona, Calif.
5.423	Sean Bellemeur	October 2015	Ennis, Texas

\*national record

**FASTEST TOP 10 TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER/TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR SPEEDS:****TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER (all figures in miles per hour)**

285.35*	Don St. Arnaud	February 2015	Pomona, Calif.
285.05	St. Arnaud	February 2016	Pomona, Calif.
284.99	St. Arnaud	November 2015	Pomona, Calif.
284.75	Bill Reichert, Owosso, Mich.	April 2007	Houston
284.51	St. Arnaud	February 2016	Pomona, Calif.
284.33	St. Arnaud	February 2016	Pomona, Calif.
283.25	St. Arnaud	February 2016	Pomona, Calif.
282.72	St. Arnaud	February 2015	Pomona, Calif.
282.66	Reichert	November 2008	Pomona, Calif.
282.60	Jeff Veale	April 2014	Petersburg, Va.

\*national record

**TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR (all figures in miles per hour)**

274.39*	John Lombardo	November 2015	Pomona, Calif.
273.55	John Lombardo	October 2015	Ennis, Texas
272.83	Lombardo	February 2016	Pomona, Calif.
272.28	Lombardo	February 2016	Pomona, Calif.
272.28	Sean Bellemeur	October 2015	Ennis, Texas
272.01	Bellemeur	October 2015	Ennis, Texas
272.01	Jonnie Lindberg	March 2015	Charlotte, N.C.
272.01	Lombardo	October 2015	Ennis, Texas
272.34	Lombardo	February 2016	Pomona, Calif.
271.84	Lombardo	October 2015	Ennis, Texas

\*national record

**2015 NHRA LUCAS OIL DRAG RACING SERIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:**

TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER — Joey Severance, Woodburn, OR

TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR — Jonnie Lindberg, Upplands Vasby, NA

COMP ELIMINATOR – Craig Bourgeois, Metairie, LA

SUPER STOCK — Justin Lamb, Henderson, NV

STOCK — Kevin Helms, Schriever, LA

SUPER COMP — Kevin Brannon, Boiling Springs, SC

SUPER GAS — Jacob Elrod, Harrod, OH

TOP SPORTSMAN – Jeffrey Barker, Kathleen, GA

TOP DRAGSTER – Marco Abruzzi, Warren, OH

**Leaders in NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series National Championships**

Pos.	Name, City, State	Category	Championships
1.	*Frank Manzo, Morganville, N.J.	TAFC	17
2.	Peter Biondo, Queens, N.Y.	SS/STK	7
3.	Edmond Richardson, Goodlettsville, Tenn	STK/SG/SC	6
4.	*Dave Boertman, Muskegon, N.Y.	SS/STK	5
	Scotty Richardson, Goodlettsville, Tenn.	STK/SC/SG	5
	Bill Reichert, Owosso, Mich.	TAD	5
	*Rick Santos, Brentwood, Calif.	TAD	5
8.	*Pat Austin, Tacoma, Wash.	TAFC	4
	*Blaine Johnson, Santa Maria, Calif.	TAD	4
	Jeff Taylor, Lumberton, N.C.	Comp/SS/STK	4
	*Greg Stanfield, Bossier City, La.	SS	4
	Jimmy DeFrank, Thousand Oaks, Calif.	SS	4
	Gary Stinnett, Emporia, Kan.	SC	4
	David Rampy, Piedmont, Ala	Comp/SC/SG	4

	Kevin Helms, Lindale, Texas	STK	4
15.	*Brad Anderson, Covina, Calif.	T AFC	3
	*Bill Maropulos, Simi Valley, Calif.	Comp	3
	*Jerry McClanahan, Pomona, Calif.	SS/STK	3
	*Bob Newberry, Schenectady, N.Y.	T AFC/Comp	3
	*Bill Walsh, Scranton, Pa.	TAD	3
	*Bobby Warren, Clinton, N.C.	SS/STK	3

\*Indicates driver currently not competing in NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series

#### Leaders in NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series Regional Championships

(First year of the NHRA Regional Championships was 2012)

Pos.	Name, City, State	Region	Category	Championships
1.	Gordon Gingles, Winnipeg, Man.	Central	TAD	2
2.	Jim Whiteley, Junction, Colo.	West	TAD	2
3.	Mickey Ferro, Stamford, Conn.	North Central	T AFC	2
4.	Jay Payne, Claremont, Calif.	West	T AFC	2

#### Leaders in NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series Divisional Championships

\*Indicates driver currently not competing in NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series

Pos.	Name, City, State	Division	Category	Championships
1.	*Frank Manzo, Morganville, N.J.	1	T AFC	21
2.	Vern Moats, Des Moines, Iowa	5	T AFC	15
3.	Mike Ferderer, Buckley, Wash.	6&7	SC/SG	15
4.	Edmond Richardson, Goodlettsville, Tenn.	2,4&3	SS/STK/SC/SST	14
5.	Peter Biondo, Queens, N.Y.	1&2	SS/STK	13
	*Bob Newberry, Schenectady, N.Y.	1	T AFC/Comp	12
	Jay Payne, Upland, Calif.	2	TAD/T AFC	12
8.	Steve Cohen, Trilby, Fla.	2	SC/SG	11
	Jeff Lane, North Bend, Wash.	6	Comp/STK/SS	11
10.	*Jerry Ruth, Kent, Wash.	6	TF/FC	10
	Kyle Seipel, San Leandro, Calif.	7	SC/SG/SST	10
12.	Jody Lang, Payallup, Wash.	6	SS/STK	9
	*Larry Kopp, Baltimore	1&2	Modified/Comp	9
	Jeff Taylor, Sellersburg, Ind.	2&3	Comp/SS/STK	9
15.	*Brad Anderson, La Verne, Calif.	7	T AFC	8
	*Bucky Austin, Fife, Wash.	6	T AFC	8
	*Tom Conway, Seminole, Okla.	4	TAD	8
	*Rick Houser, Pasadena, Calif.	6&7	Comp/SS	8
	Tony Bartone, Manhasset, N.Y.	2&4	T AFC	8
20.	Bill Reichert, Owosso, Mich.	1&3	TAD	7
	*Pat Austin, Tacoma, Wash.	6	T AFC	7
	*Bill Maropulos, Simi Valley, Calif.	7	Comp	7
	*Rick Santos, Brentwood, Calif.	6&7	TAD	7
	*Danny Townsend, Muncie, Ind.	3	T AFC/Comp	7
	*Don Woosley, Winchester, Ky.	3	TAD	7

#### Sportsman Leaders in NHRA national event victories (active):

1.	Dan Fletcher, Churchville, N.Y.	Comp/SS/STK/SG	95
2.	David Rampy, Piedmont, Ala.	Comp/SC/SG/SST	89
3.	Jeg Coughlin Jr., Delaware, Ohio	Comp/SS/SG/TD/PS	74
4.	Peter Biondo, Queens, N.Y.	Comp/SS/STK/SC/SG/SST	48
5.	Edmond Richardson, Greenbrier, Tenn.	SS/STK/SC/SST	47
6.	Jeff Taylor, Sellersville, Ind.	Comp/SS/STK/SC	44
7.	Tony Bartone, Manhasset, N.Y.	TAD/T AFC/FC	42
	Jay Payne, Claremont, Calif.	TAD/T AFC	42

9.	Scotty Richardson, Barbourville, KY	STK/SC/SG/SST	39
10.	Tommy Phillips, Forney, Texas	STK/SC/SG	34
11.	Bill Reichert, Owosso, Mich.	TAD	28
	Dave Connolly, Elyria, Ohio	SC/SG/TD/PS	28
13.	Jody Lang, Payallup, Wash.	SS/STK/SG	25
14.	Sheldon Gecker, Surprise, Ariz.	SC/SG/TD	24
15.	Mike Ferderer, Tacoma, Wash.	SC/SG/TS	23
	Kevin Helms, Schriever, La.	SS/STK	23
16.	Gary Stinnett, Emporia, Kan.	SS/STK/SC/SG	22

*Includes NHRA SPORTSnationals wins*

**All-time Sportsman Leaders in NHRA national event victories:**

1.	*Frank Manzo, Morganville, N.J.	T AFC	105
2.	Dan Fletcher, Churchville, N.Y.	Comp/SS/STK/SG	95
3.	David Rampy, Piedmont, Ala.	Comp/SC/SG/SST	89
4.	*Pat Austin, Tacoma, Wash.	T AFC/TF	75
5.	Jeg Coughlin Jr., Delaware, Ohio	Comp/SS/SG/TD/PS	74
6.	*Bob Newberry, Schenectady, N.Y.	T AFC/Comp	50
7.	Peter Biondo, Queens, N.Y.	Comp/SS/STK/SC/SG/SST	48
8.	Edmond Richardson, Greenbrier, Tenn.	SS/STK/SC/SST	48
9.	Jeff Taylor, Sellersville, Ind.	Comp/SS/STK	44
10.	Tony Bartone, Manhasset, N.Y.	TAD/T AFC/FC	42
	Jay Payne, Claremont, Calif.	TAD/T AFC	42
12.	Scotty Richardson, Barbourville, KY	STK/SC/SG/SST/Comp	39
13.	*Rick Santos, Brentwood, Calif.	TAD	36
14.	Tommy Phillips, Forney, Texas	STK/SC/SG	34
15.	*David Nickens, Houston	Comp	30
	*Blaine Johnson	TAD/TF	30
17.	Bill Reichert, Owosso, Mich.	TAD	28
	Dave Connolly, Elyria, Ohio	SC/SG/TD/PS	28
19.	Jody Lang, Payallup, Wash.	SS/STK/SG	26
20.	*Brad Anderson, La Verne, Calif.	T AFC	24
	Sheldon Gecker, Surprise, Ariz.	SC/SG/TD	24
22.	*Bill Barney, Knoxville, Tenn.	TAD	23
	Mike Ferderer, Tacoma, Wash.	SC/SG/TS	23
	Kevin Helms, Schriever, La.	SS/STK	23
	Jim Whiteley	TAD	23
25.	Gary Stinnett, Emporia, Kan.	SS/STK/SC/SG	22

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*Includes NHRA SPORTSnationals wins*

*TAD=Top Alcohol Dragster*

*SS=Super Stock*

*SG=Super Gas*

*TF=Top Fuel*

*T AFC=Top Alcohol Funny Car*

*STK=Stock*

*SST=Super Street*

*PS=Pro Stock*

*Comp=Competition*

*SC=Super Gas*

*TD=Top Dragster*

*TS=Top Sportsman*



## **2015 NHRA LUCAS OIL DRAG RACING SERIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

Top Alcohol Dragster - Joey Severance, Woodburn, Ore.

Top Alcohol Funny Car - Jonnie Lindberg, Upplands Vasby, NA

Comp Eliminator - Craig Bourgeois, Metairie, La.

Super Stock - Justin Lamb, Henderson, Nev.

Stock - Kevin Helms, Schriever, La.

Super Comp - Kevin Brannon, Boiling Springs, SC

Super Gas - Jacob Elrod, Harrod, Ohio

Top Sportsman - Jeffrey Barker, Kathleen, Ga.

Top Dragster - Marco Abruzzi, Warren, Ohio

## **2015 NHRA LUCAS OIL DRAG RACING SERIES SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION CHAMPIONS**



Comp Eliminator - Craig Bourgeois, Metairie, La.

Super Stock - Harvey Emmons III, Friendswood, Texas

Stock - Austin Williams, Burleson, Texas

Super Comp - Austin Williams, Burleson, Texas

Super Gas - Tommy Phillips, Forney, Texas

Super Street - Ray Dew, League City, Texas

Top Sportsman - Jimmy Lewis, Forney, Texas

Top Dragster - JR Baxter, Waxahachie, Texas





## **2015 NHRA LUCAS OIL DRAG RACING SERIES REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**

### **EAST REGION**

Top Alcohol Dragster – Duane Shields, Boulder City, Nevada

Top Alcohol Funny Car – Matthew Gill, West Bridgewater, Mass.

### **NORTH CENTRAL**

Top Alcohol Dragster – Mia Tedesco, Murrsville, Pa.

Top Alcohol Funny Car – Todd Robertson, Harrison Township, Mi.

### **CENTRAL REGION**

Top Alcohol Dragster – Randy Meyer, Spring Hill, Kan.

Top Alcohol Funny Car – John Lombardo, Brea, Calif.

### **WEST REGION**

Top Alcohol Dragster – Joey Severance, Woodburn, Ore.

Top Alcohol Funny Car – Annie Whiteley, Grand Junction, Co.



# NHRA SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION



<b>2016</b>	Royal Purple Raceway Feb. 26-28 Houston, TX	No Problem Raceway April 8-10 Belle Rose, La.	Texas Motorplex April 22-24 Ennis, TX	Osage Casino Tulsa Raceway June 10-12 Tulsa, Okla.	Thunder Road Raceway Park Sept 16-18 Gilliam, La.	Thunder Valley Raceway Park Oct 7-9 Noble, Okla.
TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER  No.1 Qualifier (seconds, mph)  Best elapsed time of event  Top speed of event						
TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR  No.1 Qualifier (seconds, mph)  <i>Best elapsed time of event</i>  Top speed of event						
COMP ELIMINATOR						
SUPER STOCK						
STOCK						
SUPER COMP						
SUPER GAS						
SUPER STREET						



# NHRA SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION



<b>2015</b>	Royal Purple Raceway June 19-21 Houston, TX	Texas Motorplex April 17-19 Ennis, TX	No Problem Raceway May 29-31 Belle Rose, La.	Osage Casino Tulsa Raceway June 12-14 Tulsa, Okla.	Thunder Road Raceway Park Sept 18-20 Gilliam, La.	Thunder Valley Raceway Park Oct 9-11 Noble, Okla.
TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER  No.1 Qualifier (seconds, mph)  Best elapsed time of event  Top speed of event	<i>Not Contested</i>	MICHAEL MANNERS James Thompson  Gord Gingles 5.326; 269.56  Thompson 5.299  Chase Copeland 274.72	<i>Not Contested</i>	JAMES THOMPSON Michael Manners  Chase Copeland 5.339; 268.76  Copeland 5.339  Monroe Guest 275.51	<i>Not Contested</i>	RANDY MEYER Shayne Lawson  Meyer 5.306; 275.31  Gord Gingles 5.303  Meyer 275.31
TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR  No.1 Qualifier (seconds, mph)  <b>Best elapsed time of event</b>  Top speed of event	<i>Not Contested</i>	KRIS HOOL Jonnie Lindberg  Hool 5.591; 258.52  Hool 5.591  Hool 259.51	<i>Not Contested</i>	JOHN LOMBARDO Bryan Brown  Lombardo 5.579; 262.90  Lombardo 5.561  Lombardo 264.55	<i>Not Contested</i>	JONNIE LINDBERG Jay Payne  Lindberg 5.560; 261.47  Lindberg 5.523  Steve Gasparrelli 262.23
COMP ELIMINATOR	CRAIG BOURGEOIS Joey Tanksley	DON THOMAS Craig Bourgeois	CRAIG BOURGEOIS Kevin Self	KEVIN SELF Donald Thomas	CRAIG BOURGEOIS Troy Galibraith	JOHN KEILERS Craig Bourgeois
SUPER STOCK	HARVEY EMMONS Slate Cummings	HARVEY EMMONS Gilbert Johnson	SLATE CUMMINGS Jerry Emmons	VIC PENROD Tyler Wudarczyk	CLINT RIGBY Stephen Bell	TROY ROSS Harvey Emmons
STOCK	AUSTIN WILLIAMS Brett Candies	JIMMY HIDALGO Austin Williams	AUSTIN WILLIAMS Rusty Hall	JIMMY HIDALGO Ryan Montford	JERRY EMMONS Austin Williams	RYAN MONTFORD Jane Braswell
SUPER COMP	CHRISTIAN PATTON David Dale	TRENE CRESSONIE William Carrell	AUSTIN WILLIAMS Jackson Collier	CODY MOORE Gary Stinnett	TONY BROWN Joel Covington	JAY BUNCE Jim Capiello
SUPER GAS	TRAVIS SALTER Joseph Lokhaug	TOMMY PHILLIPS Tony Gray	SCOOTER CHOATE Vernon Rowland	CRAIG ANDERSON Frank Nichols	JIMMY LEWIS Steve Collier	TRAVIS SLATER Frank Nichols
SUPER STREET	RAY DEW Ray Todd	FRANK KOHUTEK Bryan Sandlin	BRYAN SANDLIN John Leibhom	GREG PARSONS Steve Domingues	FRANK KOHUTEK John Leibham	LYLE OWENS John Kastner



## Sportsman Motorcycle, Top Sportsman & Top Dragster Winners

<b>2014</b>	Royal Purple Raceway Park March 7-9 Houston, Texas	Texas Motorplex May 2-4 Dallas, Texas	No Problem Raceway June 6-8 Belle Rose, La.	Osage Casino Tulsa Raceway Park June 20-22 Tulsa, Okla.	Thunder Road Raceway Park Sept. 12-14 Gillian, La	Thunder Valley Raceway Park October 3-5 Noble, Okla.
Sunset Performance Top Sportsman	LESLIE DUGAS Joe Pigford	BOB GULITTI Kirk Piepke	MICHAEL MIMS Joseph Mohana	KIRK PIEPKE Chad Javers	DANIEL LEIBHAM Mario Boesch	DOUG WOODY Allen Firestone
KPE Top Dragster	MICHELLE LEBLEU Todd Schumert	JIMMY ARABIE Wade Pennington	PETE VICARI Jimmy Thibodeaux	DAVID SHEETZ Scott Barker	MIKE WEAVER Jenifer White	MIKE SECREST Matt Driskell
Sportsman Motorcycle	ROBERT SANDERS Derek Dorey	LISA BENNETT Derek Dorey	ROBERT SANDERS Andy Millet	ROBERT SANDERS Rob Bennett	FREDERICK QUIETT Eddie Glaze	EDDIE GLAZE Les Knaak

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Sunset Performance Top Sportsman	JIM THORP Allen Firestone	VINCE HODA Royce Freeman	JIMMY LEWIS Jim Thorp	KAMRON WRIGHT Glenn Wright	JERRY JORDAN Jimmy Lewis	SEAN DODD Jim White
KPE Top Dragster	WILLIAM SWANN Jennifer White	DANNY NELSON Ross Laris	BRANDON CHAVIN Pete Vicari	LARRY PIPER Matt Driskell	JR BAXTER Larry Eidson	ROSS LARIS Mark Jones
Sportsman Motorcycle	ROBERT SANDERS Derek Drey	ROBERT BENNETT Robert Sanders	DEREK DORSEY Robert Saunders	MICHAEL NASH John Fitzpatrick	LISA BENNETT Derek Dorey	JOHN FITZPATRICK Patric Roetto

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Sunset Performance Top Sportsman						
KPE Top Dragster						
Sportsman Motorcycle						



## 2016 NHRA LUCAS OIL DRAG RACING SERIES

### NATIONAL CHAMPION'S PAY-OUT

CLASS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	TOTAL
Top Alcohol Dragster	37,500	15,000	52,500
Top Alcohol Funny Car	37,500	15,000	52,500
Comp Eliminator	15,000	5,000	20,000
Super Stock	15,000	5,000	20,000
Stock	10,000	5,000	15,000
Super Comp	10,000	5,000	15,000
Super Gas	10,000	5,000	15,000
TOTALS	135,000	55,000	190,000

INSERT TOP SPORTSMAN AND DRAGSTER

### REGIONAL CHAMPION'S PAY-OUT

CLASS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	3rd PLACE	4th PLACE	5th PLACE	TOTAL	x4 REGIONS
Top Alcohol Dragster	10,000	5,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	21,000	84,000
Top Alcohol Funny Car	10,000	5,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	21,000	84,000
TOTALS	20,000	10,000	6,000	4,000	2,000	42,000	168,000

### DIVISION CHAMPION'S PAY-OUT

CLASS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	3rd PLACE	TOTAL	x7 DIVISIONS
Comp Eliminator	3,000	1,000	500	4,500	31,500
Super Stock	3,000	1,000	500	4,500	31,500
Stock	2,000	1,000	500	3,500	24,500
Super Comp	2,000	1,000	500	3,500	24,500
Super Gas	2,000	1,000	500	3,500	24,500
Super Street	2,000	1,000	500	3,500	24,500
TOTALS	14,000	6,000	3,000	23,000	161,000



## BY THE NUMBERS...

**519,000**

total amount of NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series championship pay-out

**45**

the number of NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series events held across North America

**\$124,000**

the amount of money to be shared by racers qualifying for the JEGS Allstars program

**95**

the number of NHRA national event wins earned by Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series standout Dan Fletcher

**180**

the number of competitors who will collect championship bonus money on the national and divisional levels

**17**

the record number of national championships Top Alcohol Funny Car standout Frank Manzo has earned

**285.35**

Don St. Arnaud national record-setting speed in Top Alcohol Dragster

**5.361**

Top Alcohol Funny Car driver Jonnie Lindberg national record-setting elapsed time



## For Beginners

### TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER & TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR

These are the easiest classes to understand. They are the *quickest* and the *fastest* classes in the NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series and they run heads-up races. That is, they leave the starting line at the same time and, in general, the first one to the finish line wins. The average Top Alcohol Dragsters and Funny Cars run speeds of about 250 mph in around 5.60 seconds.

### TOP DRAGSTER & TOP SPORTSMAN

Top Dragster is reserved for dragsters and open-bodied altered vehicles while Top Sportsman is reserved for full-bodied vehicles. The quickest 32 (or 48) qualified cars race in competition on a handicapped dial-in. Power adders such as nitrous oxide and superchargers are permitted. The maximum (slowest) dial-in for Top Dragster is 7.70 seconds, and for Top Sportsman it is 7.99.

### ADDITIONAL NHRA LUCAS OIL DRAG RACING SERIES CLASSES

In the other six classes, racers are competing not only against each other, but also against the clock and themselves. For each of the categories NHRA has established time "*indexes*" based on the horsepower and weight of the car.

The object is to get as close to your index as possible without going too quick. For example, if the index is 10.10 seconds, 10.00 seconds is too quick. That's called a "break out" and you lose. You can also lose if the racer in the next lane gets closer to his index than you get to yours.

### COMP ELIMINATOR

This category showcases a variety of gas-burning dragsters, altereds, Pro Modifieds, and supercharged gas coupes and sedans powered by engines ranging from tiny four-cylinder screamers to powerful V-8s. Some are supercharged, others turbocharged, but most are carbureted. This very popular Sportsman category uses a handicap starting system to equalize the racing.

### SUPER STOCK & STOCK

Indexes are set by NHRA, but in two of the categories, *Super Stock* and *Stock*, a racer may choose his own index as long as the new number is not slower than NHRA's index. During qualifying rounds, racers in these classes try to figure out the best index for the prevailing track and weather conditions.

Sometimes in these classes, it appears that one driver gets a head-start but it's not a head-start, really. To make a better race, NHRA has determined a time that each of the classes of cars in Super Stock and Stock should run. For example, a 1978 Chevy truck won't run as quick as a 1965 Mustang but with the indexes the truck can run competitively against the Mustang.

### SUPER COMP, SUPER GAS & SUPER STREET (.90 classes)

In these three .90 categories, NHRA has established indexes that may not be changed. The index for *Super Comp* is 8.90 seconds; *Super Gas* is 9.90 seconds; and *Super Street* is 10.90 seconds. Competitors in the Super Comp, Super Gas and Super Street classes do not make qualifying runs, but run time trials in order to become consistent for eliminations. NHRA may adjust the indexes depending on the altitude of the track.