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No Problem Raceway Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series results



If you missed the inaugural event at No Problem, you missed one of the highlights of the 2002 Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series schedule. The opening event was by far the best first-time Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series event ever produced in the South Central Division. With more than 400 cars in attendance, we gave the facility a real workout, and not just during the day — every night was a real treat with lots of down-home hospitality and food. The management of the facility deserves a very big pat on the back for presenting No Problem Raceway to the public in a style rarely seen in the racing world, and we can see No Problem Raceway becoming one of the premier stops on the South Central Division schedule in 2003. Congratulations to the No Problem team for a great race.

Race results

	Winner	Runner-up
TAD	Lee Calaway	Shelly Howard
TAFC	Jackie Stidham	Tate Branch
Comp	Scott Tidwell	Edward Joe Shalkowski
Super Stock	Brent Johnson	Junior Lambert
Stock	Chris Jackson	Brian Ponville
Super Comp	Ricky Kyles	Frank Kohutek
Super Gas	Randy Blackwell	Jason Covington
Super Street	Brian Hughes	Darrell Hartwick
Kerker Motorcycle	William Keele Jr.	Robert Sanders

Good Guy Challenge concluded at Summit Racing Series Finals

Entering the Summit Racing Series Finals at Texas Motorplex, T.R. Allen of Paris Dragstrip had the Good Guy Non-Electronics championship in the bag, but Deidra Jallo, also of Paris Dragstrip, and Steve Echols of Texas Raceway were locked in a tie for the Electronics championship. The tiebreaker was a head-to-head runoff Saturday at the Summit Racing Series Finals. For Echols, it was a day to remember when Jallo got the big red eye and Echols cruised to victory.

Allen and Echols will receive the Hammer Award, a special champions' leather jacket that has the Good Guys logo on the back. The jacket and a Wally trophy will be presented at our 2002 Champions Banquet in Houston in January. Congratulations to all those who supported your local track in the quest for the Hammer. January will start a new season, and the Good Guy Challenge will be on again. Good luck.

Good Guy Challenge final points standings

Electronics	Non-Electronics
1. Steve Echols 174*	1. T.R. Allen 282
2. Deidra Jallo 174	2. David Toups 261
3. Bryan Bennett 173	3. Scott Creed 152
4. Trey Scholar 172	4. Reggie Bishop 173
5. Ted Grimes 152	Benny Gossett 173

*Win determined in runoff at Summit Racing Series Finals

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Those racers winning an event this year will receive a free entry compliments of the track to the Kerker Motorcycle Series event to be held at The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The track will also host the Kerker Shootout at that event, so get ready, South Central Division racers: We need to get a good bunch together to show the others just how good we are!

Kerker Motorcycle standings

Effective 10/1/02

1. William Keele Jr. 370	6. Demetria Brooks Glaze . . 205
2. Larry Eperjesi 316	7. Gerald Jordan 176
3. Eddie Glaze 250	8. Ben Brown 167
4. Shane Eperjesi 239	9. Curtis Nichols III 163
5. Robert Sanders 209	10. David Pulley 144

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2002 Summit Racing Series Finals results

What a weekend for this year's Summit Racing Series Finals: The weather was great, the racing was fantastic, and the track throws a great party. With 700 racers in attendance, we accomplished the incredible feat of the largest race in the recent history of the division. We send a big thank you to the staff of Texas Motorplex for doing a great job. A special thanks also goes out to our track operators for their help in making the event go so smoothly. Congratulations to all of our champions, and we will see you at the South Central Division Champions Banquet and awards presentations Jan. 11.



2002 Summit Racing Series Finals champions Race of Champions

Race of Champions

Winner **Daryl Patton, Houston**
 Runner-up Jimmy Smith, Memphis

Race of No-Electronics Champions

Winner **Gary Cassity, Hallsville**
 Runner-up David Toups, State Capitol

High School Champions Race

Winner **Jacob Johnson, Texas Motorplex**
 Runner-up Dustin Vassar, Texas Raceway

Track Managers Race

Winner **Larry Croft, Denton**
 Runner-up Cindi McMillian, Texas Raceway

Team Spirit Award

Winner **Denton Dragway**

2002 Summit Racing Series Finals team standings

1. Texas Raceway 120*
2. Texas Motorplex 120
3. Thunder Valley Raceway Park 115
4. Alamo Dragway 111
5. No Problem Raceway 108
6. Denton Dragway 106
7. State Capitol Dragway 104
8. Paris Dragstrip 100
9. Hallsville Raceway 87
10. Twin City Dragway 85
11. Idalou Motorsports Park 79
12. Houston Raceway Park 79
13. Amarillo Dragway 50
14. Navasota Raceway 43
15. Memphis Motorsports Park 14

*Win determined by tiebreaker



2002 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
Hallsville Raceway	Hallsville, Texas	(940) 382-2709
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
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

2002 Summit Racing Series Finals eliminator champions

Super Pro

Winner . . . Rodger Warren, Jacksonville, Texas

Runner-up Steve Evans, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Pro

Winner Daniel Martinez, S. Houston, Texas

Runner-up Jeremy Wilson, Moore, Okla.

Non-Electronics Quick

Winner Donnie Crouch, Holliday, Texas

Runner-up David Burrow, Sugarland, Texas

Non-Electronics Street

Winner Jerry Hefler, Kennedale, Texas

Runner-up Danny Echols, Fort Worth, Texas

Motorcycle

Winner . . . William Keele Jr., San Antonio, Texas

Runner-up Ben Brown, Irving, Texas

Buz Post Champions Cup final standings

Thanks to all our Jr. Drag Racing competitors for making the Buz Post Champions Cup Series another great success, and congratulations to all our 2002 Jr. champions. This year's winners will receive their Wally, jacket, and Gold Card at the South Central Division Champions Banquet in Houston. If you're looking for any type of new vehicle, be sure to see Buz Post and thank him for supporting our Jr. program.

8-9-year-old

1. Darrell Williams	330
2. Dillion Jeffcoat	277
3. Brandon Henry	181
4. Jacy Glover	149
5. Chad Nack	139
6. Jesse Bailey	128
7. Rene Thibodeaux	96
8. Priscilla Stephens	74
9. Emily Guthrie	64
10. Hunter Stephens	63

10-12-year-old

1. Justin Endicott	303
2. Ryan Perry	292
3. Austin Lindsey	291
4. Matt Chaffey	281
5. Chris Austin	248
6. Cory Eason	217
7. Kyle Rickman	216
Clint Ward	216
9. Kirby Pullins	186
10. Michael Kennedy	183

13-and-up-year-old

1. Kyle Gibson	347
2. Matt Austin	281
3. Tyler Whiteside	229
4. Ali Coston	218
5. Tata Pullins	215
6. Justin Enox	195
7. Casey Holtzman	187
8. Mallori McCullar	185
9. Tyan Tanksley	178
10. Malarie Scott	167

2002 South Central Division Drivers' Commission

TAD

Shelly Howard • Gene Snow

SUPER COMP

Rodney Costlow • Shannon Brinkley

T AFC

Todd Simpson • Jackie Stidham

SUPER GAS

Jimmy Lewis • Tommy Costales

COMP

Pete Carberry • Scott Benham

SUPER STREET

Cobb Ware • Chris Satterwhite

SUPER STOCK

Kevin Helms • Gilbert Johnson Jr.

KERKER MOTORCYCLE

Donna Eperjesi • William Keele Jr.

STOCK

Jim Cimarolli • Jeff Teuton

NHRA Summit Racing Series National Championship

Our Summit Racing Series Finals decided the representatives from the South Central Division for the NHRA Summit Racing Series National Championship in Pomona in November during the Automobile Club of Southern California NHRA Finals. This year's winners will receive \$3,500 and a shot at the winner-take-all purse. Good luck to Super Pro entry **Rodger Warren**, Pro entry **Donnie Crouch**, Street entry **Jerry Hefler**, and Motorcycle entry **William Keele Jr.**

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South Central Division wins Jeg's Allstars

We had eight players and no blockers in Chicago for the Jeg's Allstars competition, and



when the smoke cleared it was all Division 4 in 2002. In round one, five South Central racers recorded wins: James Copeland in Alcohol Dragster, Mike Trumble Jr. in Comp, Terry Emmons in Super Stock, Kevin Helms in Stock, and Frank Kohutec in Super Gas. Copeland and Helms lost in round two, but we had three left in the finals.

Entering the last round, Division 4 was tied with Division 3 at 800 points in the team competition, but

with three racers remaining, we were the odds-on favorite. Not only did we win the team championship, but all three also won their eliminators and pocketed the winner checks. Congratulations to our 2002 Jeg's Allstars team for bringing home the championship trophy, and a big pat on the back to Mike, Terry, and Frank for their eliminator wins.

2002 Division 4 Jeg's Allstars championship team

Top Alcohol Dragster	James Copeland
Top Alcohol Funny Car	Tate Branch
Competition	Mike Trumble Jr. Jeg's Allstars winner
Super Stock	Terry Emmons Jeg's Allstars winner
Stock	Kevin Helms Jeg's Allstars runner-up
Super Comp	Shannon Brinkley
Super Gas	Frank Kohutec Jeg's Allstars winner
Super Street	Brian Hughes

2002 Jeg's Allstars team points

Division 4	1,100	Division 6	700
Division 3	900	Division 7	500
Division 2	900	Division 1	300
Division 5	700		

DRAW and Division 4

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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T-shirts, M-XXXL	\$13
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