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2003 sponsor recognition

The 2003 season was a big one for the South Central Division, due in no small part to some special sponsors who went above and beyond. They are listed below; please support them for their support of our great sport.



Buz Post and his crew in Arlington, Texas, have been helping the South Central Division for many years. Post sponsors racers, division tracks, and division programs, including the Jr. Dragster E.T. Finals. He goes out of his way to help NHRA Drag Racing and continues to be a cut above all in driving the South Central Division. If you are in the market for a truck or car, call him and spend your hard-earned money where you know it will help you and NHRA Drag Racing. Telephone: (817) 467-1234.



Sunset RaceCraft is home to one of the finest drag racing engine facilities in Texas. Located in Lubbock, Sunset RaceCraft came onboard to help get our Top Sportsman program off the ground this year. Company owner Tracy Dennis is deeply committed to NHRA Drag Racing and has made a three-year pledge to Top Sportsman. If you are looking for a new racing engine or need to freshen a tired one, give Sunset RaceCraft a call — a lot of division Super-class racers do and will tell you just how good Sunset RaceCraft engines are. The question is, just how big of an engine and how much horsepower do you want? Telephone: (806) 747-2700.



O'Reilly Auto Parts is one of the biggest supporters of our local track programs and is a big sponsor on the national event and Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series circuits. Ron Byerly of O'Reilly is committed to NHRA Drag Racing and goes out of his way to support our racers; he even sponsors our annual Sportsman golf tournament prior to the O'Reilly NHRA Spring Nationals at Houston Raceway Park. We all need auto parts, so go to the O'Reilly store nearest you and let them know you are there because of the support they give your sport.



The Lucas family believes in NHRA Drag Racing with a commitment to racers, NHRA national events, and our division program. And those of you who follow the Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series know that Morgan Lucas competes in Top Alcohol Dragster. If you haven't tried the Lucas line of oil products, you're missing out on a great treatment for your engine and transmission. The next time you go into an O'Reilly Auto Parts store, check out Lucas' line of oil products and give them a try.



Kerker sponsors our Sportsman Motorcycle program and Kerker King of the Coast event. If you ride or race a motorcycle, take a look at the fine line of exhaust products offered by Kerker.



Turn Key, which supplies the South Central Division with a trailer to transport equipment to events, sells trucks, trailers, and motorhomes built for racing; customizing a trailer is the company's specialty. Joe Napoleon, Turn Key owner and operator, can help you with everything associated with hauling your race vehicle. Turn Key is located in Magnolia, Texas, just north of Houston. Telephone: (281) 356-1386.

Special recognition

Ellis County Auto, operated in Waxahachie, Texas, by Craig and Rhonda Anderson, paints our division equipment and supplies wrecker services at Texas Motorplex. If you need auto-body work, a paint job, or a tow, let them give you a bid. They have a great facility and do great work. Telephone: (972) 938-1511.

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New South Central Division tracks in 2004

The Isaac and Hall families have teamed up to build and operate state-of-the-art **Cherokee County Motorsports Park** just outside Rusk, Texas. Johnny Isaacs and family are building a quarter-mile track with lots of amenities, including concrete guardwalls, Compulink timing system, and lots of asphalt, that will host a 2004 Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series event. Thanks to the Isaacs family, we will now have a top-notch facility representative of NHRA in East Texas. The renowned team of Ken and Molly Hall, formerly of Hallsville Raceway, and the Isaacs will operate the facility. Cherokee County Motorsports Park is four miles off Loop 343 on Highway 241. For more information, go to www.cherokeecountymotorsportspark.com.

Houston Motorsports Park is a brand-new eighth-mile facility just inside the beltway north of Houston that will feature an all-concrete track with concrete guardwalls and a state-of-the-art timing system. Owners and operators Graham and David Baker are looking forward to an exciting season of NHRA Drag Racing in 2004. The facility, which has an asphalt oval, will now cater to both circle and drag racing fans and is so close to downtown Houston it will be hard to miss. For more information, including the opening date, go to www.houstonspeedway.com or call (281) 458-1972.

More facilities are in the planning stages in the division; look for announcements at www.nhradiv4.com.



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
Wichita Raceway Park	Wichita Falls, Texas	(940) 592-1069



2003 Popular Ballot



DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Top Alcohol Dragster

- 1. Shelly Howard
- 2. Lee Callaway
- 3. Gene Snow
- 4. _____

Top Alcohol Funny Car

- 1. Tate Branch
- 2. Jackie Stidham
- 3. Jimmy Jones
- 4. _____

Comp

- 1. Brian Self
- 2. Sean Dodd
- 3. Robert Freeman
- 4. _____

Super Stock

- 1. Larry Stewart Jr.
- 2. Harvey Emmons III
- 3. Kevin Helms
- 4. _____

Stock

- 1. Kevin Helms
- 2. Jeff Hefler
- 3. Jerry Emmons
- 4. _____

Super Comp

- 1. Tommy Costales
- 2. Michael Anderson
- 3. Bart Nelson
- 4. _____

Super Gas

- 1. Clark Mundt
- 2. Vasil John
- 3. Billy Torrence
- 4. Craig Anderson
- 5. _____

Super Street

- 1. Chucky Wier
- 2. Darrin Christen
- 3. Brian Hughes
- 4. _____

Kerker Motorcycle

- 1. Chris LeBouef
- 2. Larry Eperjesi
- 3. William "Henry" Keele
- 4. _____

Sunset RaceCraft Top Sportsman

- 1. Bert Prejean
- 2. Thomas Tracey II
- 3. Thomas Clarke
- 4. _____

2003 E.T. BRACKET RACER OF THE YEAR

WRENCH OF THE YEAR

Top Alcohol Dragster

- 1. Tom Conway
- 2. Vernon Wilde
- 3. Stacy McLemore
- 4. _____

Top Alcohol Funny Car

- 1. Jerry Wilson
- 2. David Scheelk
- 3. Paul Castle
- 4. _____

Comp

- 1. Colt Mikel
- 2. Jim Hayter/Royce Freeman
- 3. Kent Hite/Teri Dodd
- 4. _____

Super Stock

- 1. Harvey Emmons Jr.
- 2. Larry Stewart Sr.
- 3. Gilley Johnson
- 4. _____

Stock

- 1. Gail Helms
- 2. David Pack
- 3. Harvey Emmons Jr.
- 4. Mike Cotten
- 5. _____

Super Category (Super Comp, Super Gas, Super Street)

- 1. Clark Mundt
- 2. Joe Nelson
- 3. David Hughes
- 4. Tommy Phillips
- 5. Chucky Wier
- 6. Tommy Costales
- 7. Greg Odom
- 8. _____

OTHER AWARDS

GOOD GUY OF THE YEAR

- 1. Lynn Nickerson
- 2. Sandra Lewis
- 3. Sara and William McLemore
- 4. _____

SPONSOR OF THE YEAR

- 1. Lucas Oil
- 2. Buz Post
- 3. Summit
- 4. Sunset RaceCraft
- 5. Kerker

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

BUZ POST JR. SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

This award is to honor the person who has stood out in the Jr. Drag Racing program (racer, parent, sponsor, etc.).

CRAWFORD BENHAM SPORTSMAN AWARD

- 1. Tom Conway
- 2. Craig and Rhonda Anderson (Circus Motorsports)
- 3. Donna Eperjesi
- 4. _____

2004 DIVISION 4 DRIVERS COMMISSION

Listed below is the ballot for the Division 4 Drivers Commission for 2004. Please circle your racing category and write in the two people who you feel will best represent you during the 2004 racing season.

Category

TAD	TAFC	Comp	S/S	STK
S/C	S/G	SST	M/C	

1. _____

2. _____

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION HALL OF FAME

Applications for the South Central Division Hall of Fame are available from the Division 4 office. Inductees are selected by the South Central Division Hall of Fame Committee.

MAIL BALLOTS TO:
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Ballot deadline: Dec. 12, 2003

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2004 South Central Division events

Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series

Texas Motorplex Feb. 27-29
Houston Raceway Park March 12-14
Memphis Motorsports Park March 26-28
State Capitol Dragway May 21-23
Cherokee County Motorsports Park June 11-13
Thunder Valley Raceway Park Sept. 17-19
No Problem Raceway Park Oct. 8-10

Buz Post Jr. Dragster E.T. Finals

Location to be determined
Sept. 12

Summit Racing Series Finals

Texas Motorplex
Oct. 1-3



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New national event entry information

In 2004, all national event entries will be electronic only via NHRA.com. Entry deadline dates will be eliminated; categories will be closed when the posted quota for the event is reached regardless of date. NHRA will also reduce the grading requirements for many categories at some events. Entry fees for all Sportsman racers will increase in 2004 by \$50 per entry to cover escalating operating costs. This marks the first national event entry-fee increase for Sportsman racers since 1996. Go to NHRA.com and click on Online national event competitor registration to download the registration form, which you must complete and mail to be able to pre-enter national events.