



2003 Jr. Gold Crown Series schedule

- May 25 N' Akapxm Eagle Motorplex, Ashcroft, B.C.
- May 26 Woodburn Dragstrip, Woodburn, Ore.
- June 14 Race City Motorsport Park, Calgary, Alta.
- June 20 Pacific Raceways, Kent, Wash.
- June 28 Lost Creek Raceway, Anaconda, Mont.
- July 12 Bremerton Raceway, Bremerton, Wash.
- July 19 Mission Raceway, Mission, B.C.
- July 26 Firebird Raceway, Boise, Idaho
- Aug. 31 Series Finals, Woodburn Dragstrip, Woodburn, Ore.
- Sept. 14 Coos Bay Int'l Speedway, Coos Bay, Ore.



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I'm bored, let's go racing

Here we are, just days away from kicking off the 2003 Northwest Division schedule, and I'm still working on new programs and sponsors, but it's time to get to the track (this office stuff gets boring real quick). I think this off-season has produced some good things, with the Land of the Leaders E.T. Challenge being highest on that list. All the pertinent information on the series is listed on page 4, but this program should definitely give the E.T. racers in the Northwest something to shoot for. Among the other things are more Top Comp contingency (see *National DRAGSTER*, issue 6, page 91), Gambler races at the Summit Racing Series Finals, the Jr. Gold Crown Finals, and the continued Super Shootouts at divisional events.

The big topic this year so far is the LED lights on the Tree. They are being used at national events, and I'm happy to say that we will also have them at all 45 Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series events this year as well. There will be no going back and forth between lights at the divisional and national level. As for the National Opens and Summit Racing Series Finals, I'm not sure yet. We (the track operators and I) will come to a conclusion on that soon. These new lights are not the end of drag racing, merely a move toward the future. Don't blame the LEDs for anything; adapt and make you and your car work with them.

Because we are so close to firing up for the season, let me take a moment to wish you all a safe and prosperous year on and off the track. As most know, I'm available pretty much all the time to talk with you and answer any questions you may have pertaining to NHRA. I would like your feedback, good or bad, throughout the year, and always strive to take into account all sides of the equation when making any decisions.

I'm really looking forward to this year. Many new cars and racers are coming out this year. With all that's going on in the world, I still look forward to besting last year's totals (which were the highest ever) for car count at our events. There's some skepticism out there, but I truly believe this sport has the basis to overcome. Most of you race for fun, and it's a social thing. Don't get me wrong — I believe you are all very serious about winning, but if this sport wasn't fun, you wouldn't be out there spending thousands of dollars. I appreciate each and every one of you and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Mike Rice

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NHRA Northwest Division Director

2003 schedule

Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series

April 11-13	Firebird Raceway*	Boise, Idaho
May 2-4	Mission Raceway	Mission, B.C.
June 6-8	Woodburn Dragstrip	Woodburn, Ore.
June 13-15	Pacific Raceways	Kent, Wash.
July 11-13	Woodburn Dragstrip	Woodburn, Ore.
Aug. 15-17	Race City Motorsport Park**	Calgary, Alta.
Sept. 19-20	Southern Oregon Dragway	White City, Ore.

*in-division points (no TAD or TAFC)

**out-of-division points (in-division points for TAD, TAFC, TC)

Northwest National Open Series

May 24-25	N' Akapxm Eagle Motorplex	Ashcroft, B.C.
June 28-29	Bremerton Raceway	Bremerton, Wash.
July 19-20	Mission Raceway	Mission, B.C.
Aug. 2-3	North Central Motorsports Park	Prince George, B.C.
Aug. 15	Race City Motorsport Park	Calgary, Alta.

Summit Racing Series Finals

Sept. 5-7	N' Akapxm Eagle Motorplex	Ashcroft, B.C.
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Jr. Gold Crown Series Finals

Aug. 31	Woodburn Dragstrip	Woodburn, Ore.
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Championship Awards Banquet

Dec. 6	SeaTac Marriott	Seattle
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New pet policy at Race City

Pets will be allowed in the competitor pit area under the following conditions.

1. From the time competitor gates open until one hour after all racing stops:
 - 1.1 Pets will be confined to a fully enclosed vehicle or fully enclosed kennel in the competitor's pit space at all times.
 - 1.2 If the pet needs out during this time, the owner must take it (in the vehicle) off Race City property.
 - 1.3 No pets are allowed in the spectator grandstand area.
2. Prior to competitor gates opening and one hour after all racing stops:
 - 2.1 Pets must be on a leash and under control at all times.
 - 2.2 The owner (pit-stall occupant) is responsible for cleaning up after pets.
 - 2.3 No pets are allowed in the spectator grandstand area.
3. The owner and/or competitor where the pet is located are responsible for the pet at all times.
 - 3.1 Regardless of ownership of the pet, the pit in which it is located dictates this is the competitor who is responsible for the pet.
Failure to abide by this policy will disqualify the competitor in the offending pit stall from competition for the entire event. No refunds will be given. For more information, call Lynn Church at Race City, (403) 272-7223.

New for 2003 at the Summit Racing Series Finals

Two new races within the race will be held during the team finals. Below is the information for each.

Friday

The Gambler Shootout will pit the eight drivers who post a run closest to their dial-in during Friday time trials. Separate shootouts will be held for Super Pro, Pro, Sportsman, and Sled/Bike. Many tracks call this style of event a "bogey race." All you have to do is sign up at the NHRA trailer, put a dial-in on your car, and run as close to that number as possible. The Shootout will be laddered, and the payout will be as follows:

First-round runner-up: Double the entry fee (for Shootout)
Semifinalists: 10 percent of the remaining pot (after first-round money)
Runner-up: 25 percent of the pot
Winner: 50 percent of the pot

Saturday

The Package Attack will be available to any racer who chooses to enter. On the first (and probably only) Saturday time trial, the two competitors who post the best package (based on dial-in on car and reaction time) will split the purse. Payout will be based as follows:
Winner: 60 percent of entry fees paid
Runner-up: 30 percent of entry fees paid

Northwest Division chassis inspectors and seminar dates

Saturday, March 15

Mission Raceway, Mission, B.C. Wally Duperon, (604) 826-6315

Saturday, March 22

Woodburn Dragstrip, Woodburn, Ore. Jonathan Adams, (503) 982-4461

Saturday, March 22

Transline Pipe Line, Medicine Hat, Alta. Jim Burden, (403) 526-1044

Sunday, March 23

Pace Trailer Sales, Calgary, Alta. Rod Hanner, (403) 243-0611

Saturday, March 29

Spokane Community College, Spokane, Wash. Mike Rice, (360) 874-4579

Saturday March 29

Devonian Hyundai, Edmonton, Alta. Cam McPherson, (780) 484-3311

Saturday, April 5

Renegade Raceways, Yakima, Wash. Mike Rice, (360) 874-4579

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NHRA Northwest Division Jr. Gold Crown Series Finals

Woodburn Dragstrip, Woodburn, Ore.

Sunday, Aug. 31

This new event will be conducted in a similar fashion to the Jr. Drag Racing League Eastern and Western Conference Finals and the Summit Racing Series Finals held each year in Division 6.

A team championship will be up for grabs, as will eight individual titles. All winners will be awarded Wally trophies.

Two races will be held during the day, and champions will be crowned in the following categories:



Race 1

8-9-year-old
Jr. Thunder (11.00 and slower)
Jr. Lightning (9.00-11.49)
Jr. Fast (7.90-9.49)

Race 2

8-9-year-old
10-12-year-old
13-14-year-old
15-17-year-old

Each track can send three teams of 10 cars; however, drivers who do not qualify for a team can run as independents (no team points). Racers will be invited from Northern California as well.

Each track will need to supply Woodburn Dragstrip with an accurate roster(s) at least one week prior to event (no later than Aug. 24).

Each track will still be able to send the top four from the track series to the Summit Racing Series Finals for the Race of Champions. The Race of Champions will determine the overall division champions.

Fast facts

- Woodburn Dragstrip will host a racer's barbecue during event
- A Don Rhyne Painting Co. Jr. Series event will be held the day prior (Saturday, Aug. 30)
- The same type of event in 2002 drew more than 100 Jr. competitors
- Drivers turning 10 during the 2003 season will have the option of racing in the 8-9 class or the 10-12 class but must meet any vehicle requirements
- Drivers turning 13 during the 2003 season will have the option of racing in the 10-12 class or the 13-14 class but must meet requirements
- A second-chance race will be held at the conclusion of Race 1 (time permitting)

New member track under construction

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place Dec. 4 at Inter-mountain Motor Sports Park in Montana, located just outside Billings in Acton. With good weather, crews were able to get most of the groundwork completed by the first week of January. Gordon Clark, who owns the 640-acre parcel that the facility will be built on, said, "We were going like gangbusters out there; at one point, we had 37 pieces of equipment going."

Clark and his group have been talking with engineers from the JTL Group about construction processes, and both groups visited Brainerd Int'l Raceway during its reconstruction late in 2002 to view the latest in the raceway construction process. Engineering Inc. is designing the new facility.

Plans call for a 4,000-foot dragstrip, permanent amenities such as restrooms and concessions, along with seating for about 3,500 spectators during Phase I, which is scheduled to be completed for a July 4 grand opening. The many additions in Phase II will include more spectator seating. Said Clark, "Anyone in the Billings area is invited to stop by and see our progress."

Clark expects the track to host 25 to 30 events after the grand opening. "We plan on hosting numerous events, such as the Summit Racing Series and Jr. Drag Racing for our local competitors. Along with that, expect to see Chevy, Ford, and Mopar special events as well."

B.C. Super Shifters gearing up for 2003

The B.C. Super Shifters Association, a group of diehard manual-transmission-only racers, will have a 14-race schedule this season at three tracks (Mission Raceway, NI'Akaxm Eagle Motorplex, and Bremerton Raceway). Defending series champion Pat Byron will return with his big-block-powered, Lenco-shifted Nova. Last year's runner-up, Rory McNeil, and third-place driver, Terry Hoogstins, will also defend their finishes while chasing the big number one.

Series sponsors include Charlton Automotive, Token Fiberglass, Raceway Performance, North Westcoast Designs, Moods Artworks, and Tom the Tire Guy. For more information, call President Dan Maddaloni, (604) 467-5685, or log on to www.bcsupershifter.com.

2003 B.C. Super Shifters Association schedule

April 19-20	Mission Raceway (doubleheader)
May 10-11	NI'Akaxm Eagle Motorplex (doubleheader)
May 18	Mission Raceway
June 21-22	Mission Raceway (single race)
July 5-6	NI'Akaxm Eagle Motorplex (doubleheader)
Aug. 2-3	Bremerton Raceway (doubleheader)
Aug. 24	Mission Raceway
Sept. 21	Mission Raceway
Oct. 13-14	Mission Raceway (doubleheader)

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THURSDAY, MAY 1

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NHRA Tech 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Test & Tune (operated exclusively by track) 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Gates Open 7 a.m.
NHRA Tech 8 a.m.
Time Trials & Qualifying 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Comp & Top Comp Qualifying 1 & 4 p.m.
Top Alcohol Dragster & Funny Car Qualifying 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Gates Open 7 a.m.
NHRA Tech 8 a.m.-noon
Time Trials & Qualifying 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Comp & Top Comp Qualifying 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Top Alcohol Dragster & Funny Car Qualifying noon & 4 p.m.
Eliminations - Round 1 (Over 64) 3 p.m.
Comp & Top Comp - Round 1 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Gates Open 7 a.m.
Eliminations - Round 1 9 a.m.
Top Alcohol Dragster & Funny Car - Round 1 noon

TICKET PRICES

General Admission
Friday, May 2 \$10
Saturday, May 3 \$20
Sunday, May 4 \$20

PIT PASS

Friday, May 2 Included with
general admission
Saturday, May 3 \$5
Sunday, May 4 \$5
Children 12 & under admitted FREE

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee \$140
Test & Tune \$50

TAD/TAFC PRE-ENTRY

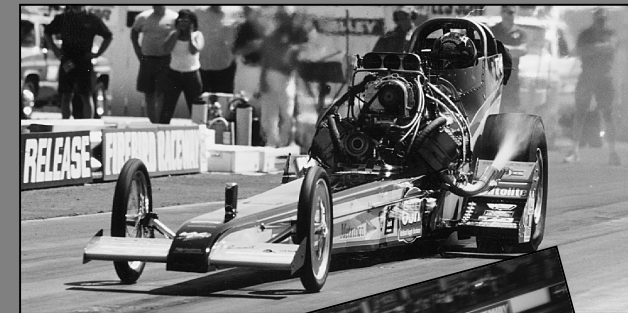
Please call the NHRA Northwest Division office, (360) 874-4579 by April 18th.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Open Parking/Credentials 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Test 'n Tune (conducted by track) 2 p.m.
Tech Inspection noon-6 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11
Gates Open, Tech, Credentials 8 a.m.
Time Trials, Qualifying & Record Runs 9 a.m.
Comp & Top Comp Qualifying 1 & 4 p.m.
Nitro Warm-Up/Test 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Gates Open, Tech, Credentials 8 a.m.
Time Trials, Qualifying & Record Runs 9 a.m.
Comp & Top Comp Qualifying noon & 3 p.m.
Nitro Qualifying (AA/FD, AA/FA) 1 & 4 p.m.
1st Round (classes 65 or larger) 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13
Gates Open 8 a.m.
RFC Chapel Service 8:30 a.m.
Eliminations 9 a.m.
Nitro Eliminations (AA/FD, AA/FA) noon

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2003 Northwest Division Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series purse



The Northwest Division Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series host track operators set the following purse at our December meetings. With an overall potential increase of \$4,250, a big thank you should go out to all of these track operators. Some stipulations must be met for full purse; they are listed below.

For any class (Comp-SMC) with fewer than 16 entries, each purse position will be lowered by \$100.

Comp will pay eighthfinals if 33 or more entries.

Super Stock and Stock will pay eighthfinals if 65 or more entries.

Super Comp, Super Gas, and Super Street will pay eighthfinals if 65 or more cars are in the first round.

TAD and TAFC		Super Stock		Super Gas	
Win	\$2,500	Win	\$1,000	Win	\$1,000
Runner-up	1,250	Runner-up	600	Runner-up	600
Semifinals	900	Semifinals	275	Semifinals	250
First round	600	Quarterfinals	125	Quarterfinals	150
First alternate	200	Eighthfinals	50	Eighthfinals	100
Comp		Stock		Super Street	
Win	\$1,000	Win	\$1,000	Win	\$1,000
Runner-up	700	Runner-up	500	Runner-up	500
Semifinals	275	Semifinals	225	Semifinals	225
Quarterfinals	150	Quarterfinals	125	Quarterfinals	125
Eighthfinals	75	Eighthfinals	75	Eighthfinals	75
Top Comp		Super Comp		Sportsman Motorcycle	
Win	\$1,000	Win	\$1,000	Win	\$800
Runner-up	600	Runner-up	600	Runner-up	400
Semifinals	250	Semifinals	250	Semifinals	150
Quarterfinals	150	Quarterfinals	150	Quarterfinals	75
		Eighthfinals	100		

Drivers Commission to return in 2003

Many racers have asked what happened to the Drivers Commission for the Northwest Division, so we're bringing it back for 2003. The Drivers Commission will hold regular meetings at our Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series events, and the representatives will bring to the table the issues that their class compatriots raise during the season. This is a great tool for racers to address specific issues/ideas for their respective classes.

Please vote for one person in each of the categories listed below and send your choices to 502 High St., Suite 205, Port Orchard, WA, 98366; e-mail, mrice@nhra.com or dboleyn@nhra.com. Votes are due by March 31. The top two in each category will be named to the Drivers Commission for the 2003 season.

Top Alcohol Dragster	Super Stock	Super Gas	Sportsman Motorcycle
___Mike Cofini	___Terry Anderson	___Chad Barclay	___Steve Cross
___Steve Federlin	___Gary Faul	___Mike Ferderer	___Brian Hudson
___Mark Hentges	___Jeff Lane	___Wayne Linder Jr.	___Leeland King
___Brandon Johnson	___Rod Stults	___George Scott	___Buff Kobs
___Joey Severance	___Don Thomas	___Todd Sims	___Wayne Stebing
Top Alcohol Funny Car	Stock	Super Street	Summit Racing Series
___Bucky Austin	___Jackie Alley	___Gary Culp	___John Korfiatis
___Roger Bateman	___Steve Cozakos	___John Dalrymple	___Paul Nero
___John Evanchuk	___Shawn Kvaas	___Jerry Earp	___Rich Pedraza
___John Knox	___Jody Lang	___Jim Ellingson	___Martin Rachel
___Jason Rupert	___Brad Plourd	___Jason Heard	___Lorne Ridley
Competition	Super Comp	Top Comp	Jr. Dragster
___Adam Bowdish	___Mike Ferderer	___Kim Brynne	___Cameron Eddins
___Rick Dingle	___Howard Johnson	___Jeff Devey	___Aaron Giroux
___Rob Harrison	___Don Rhyne	___Rod Langley	___Benjamin Hilton
___Jeff Lane	___Rod Souza	___Rick Smyth	___Cody Scheu
___Tom Tucker	___Jeff Woodbury	___Mike Weiss	___Melissa Scheu



2003 Land of the Leaders E.T. Challenge

The Land of the Leaders E.T. Challenge will consist of a four-race series at each NHRA Northwest Division member track. Racers will compete at their local track (one track only) and

will not be required to travel. Each contestant will be required to be registered for track points and have an NHRA competition number. Champions will be crowned in Super Pro, Pro,

Sportsman, and Snow/Bike. Each category champion will receive a championship jacket and Wally (no Gold Card). Other prizes may be awarded.

2003 Land of the Leaders E.T. Challenge schedule

Bremerton Raceway	May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17
Coos Bay Int'l Speedway	June 21, June 22, July 19, July 20
Firebird Raceway	April 27, June 21, Aug. 2, Sept. 20
Lakeview Dragstrip	May 18, June 1, June 15, July 13
Lewistown Raceway	May 25, June 8, June 22, Aug. 17
Lost Creek Raceway	June 1, June 29, July 20, Aug. 10
Mission Raceway	April 6, May 18, June 22, Aug. 24
Ni'Akapxm Eagle Motorplex	May 10, May 11, July 5, Aug. 16
North Central Motorsports Park	July 6, July 20, Aug. 16, Aug. 17
Pacific Raceways	May 10, June 7, July 12, Aug. 2
Portland Int'l Raceway	April 23, May 21, July 2, Aug. 13
Race City Motorsport Park	May 18, June 1, June 22, July 6
Silverwood Theme Park	June 22, July 19, July 20, Aug. 31
Southern Oregon Dragway	May 24, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16
Woodburn Dragstrip	May 25, July 6, July 19, Aug. 16

For dates at Intermountain, Madras Raceway Park, MHDRA Dragstrip, Renegade Raceways, and Saskatchewan Int'l Raceway, contact the track directly.

Program guidelines

- Four-race series to be held at each member track on dates specified by the member track and run between April 1 and Aug. 24, 2003.
- Race results (round results to verify car count, rounds won, and issue points) must be sent (by mail or fax) by member track to the Northwest Division office within two (2) weeks of completion of event; all results are due no later than Aug. 29, 2003.
- Four (4) classes of competition: Super Pro, Pro, Sportsman, and Snow/Bike.
- Racer must be registered for track points program and have a current NHRA competition number in the E.T. category.
- Racer may compete at more than one track, but points from each track are nontransferable. Points from each track will be kept separate and listed as such.
- Points will be awarded as follows: win, 85 points; runner-up, 64 points; semifinalist, 43 points; quarterfinalist, 32 points.
- Seventeen (17) car minimum field size (five rounds), per category, to be eligible for full points.
- Nine (9) car minimum (four rounds) will receive win, runner-up, and semi points only.
- Eight (8) cars or fewer (three or fewer rounds) will receive win and runner-up points only.
- In the event of a tie, the procedure to break tie will be: 1) Driver with most rounds won at scored events, 2) Tied competitors will face off at the Northwest Division Summit Racing Series Finals, with winner being crowned the 2003 Land of the Leaders E.T. Challenge champion.

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