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CMDRA Rolling Thunder Show

The CMDRA Rolling Thunder show descended on the normally sleepy town of Ashcroft and woke it up with a bang.

Bill Krause, the assistant track manager of the Eagle Motorplex, had been putting in for our event, overseeing the job of putting down 1000 feet of nice new flat smooth asphalt and test it we did.

Bill, Rob, Reg, Joe, Jack and the entire track crew supplied us with a good racetrack records plus some 7.0-second top fuel runs and a pile of 190 plus mph passes.

Considering this was a fresh surface and the temperature made it a little slick at times the new surface which bodes well for Ashcroft and for the "National Open" in September helmets are off to Bill and his staff for a job well done.

Well now it's on to the race and what a great race it was. With the assistance of Bill and the staging lanes and burnout boxes the event went off with nary a hitch. The CMDRA thanks them for their help because, as we all know, good help is hard to get, especially for free. So a hearty thanks to the race track personnel, a hearty thanks to Bill and Rick for a job well done, and oh and threatened them. In the "Class Glass Trophy Series." Ron Sootsee of Surrey took the Whalen of Class Glass in Abbotsford on his big Decker over Al McCauley on his 71 Hc

Next up was the "P.S.N." Street Series.

The CMDRA will have to have a look at our street rules for the year 2000. When a person that can run 9.80's its unrealistic to have an 11 second cut off for these bikes. The Dave Galbiati over Terry Schwigert.

We had 7 bikes show up to go for the cash in our only index class, Super Gas. As a tribute to the holder, Warren Minett, who tragically lost his life in a motorcycle accident while returning all the racers in Super Gas blacked out the number plates, which is a drag racers way of admiration for a fallen racer. The final came down to Dale Lawrick and John Fyvie. D

14 racers showed up for our always-tough Super Bike class. With lots of "4.0s" and "4.1s" in, the phrase "you snooze you lose" has never been more true. 14 tough racers come down to two guys, former 2-timer #1 plate holder, Mike Sheehan, against 99 plate holder Dan taking Mike out for a real good win.

The always-tough "Greg Coen Motor Company" modified series was a stellar show as we were flying in Ashcroft with #1 qualifier Rick Bailor setting a new CMDRA mile per hour

Coen built 108 incher, Rick went on to win his class over East Van's, Jon Tenenbien c

The fat tire Harleys were up next as the Pro-Stock bikes were flying. Rick Dawson of Yorkton, Sask. Lowered our E.T. record to an 8.34. Not bad for thin air and a tricky r Mission. He should be virtually unbeatable.

The pro-stock final came down to Rick and Nino Pace on the "Haney Hawgs" sponsored never looked back as he took home the gold.

Our super fast "pro-mod" class for the blown or turbo or nitrous Japanese bikes took were led by Gord Smith on his blown alcohol "silver bullet" out of Kelowna. Gord qua Ashcroft's new surface at an amazing 182.92 mph. Gord met Edmonton's Kevin Boye the dust settled, Gords win light was on and Gord got the trophy.

The first of our "nitro classes" was the "West Coast Fiberglass" Pro-Dragster Series. Augustine on his home built "Bardahl, Liberty Machine sponsored 120 incher" qualified record to a stout 7.60 and looked like the man to beat. Marc squared off against Ste Downtown H.D. of Seattle" sponsored machine but Marc was just too fast for first ye another winners plaque on his trophy room wall, must be a big room.

The injected nitro high gear Harleys were next up the ladder of speed and power. Ste qualified #1 at 7.12 in the "North Coast Thunderbikes" pro-fuel series. Steve, on his the first lady of nitro, Kristine Becker, in the final but those Liberty machine bikes we got there first and was good for the win.

And now for the Kings of the sport. All though Steve Heidner might have something Top Fuel Series, Robin Gauthier, qualified #1 on his Jarz/Showgirls Inc/Gordon Link l closely by "Rocket Ron Houniet" fresh off his t/f win a Sturgis. Robin met Ron in the cheque on his Fastlane/Delkron Bad Black Bike.

From the racing itself to the barbeque put on by AIM to the BCCOM beer Garden, As our best events.

We at the CMDRA would like to thank all our sponsors, including S & S Products, Del and Screaming Eagle Performance Parts and of course all our great fans and the gre the great people of Ashcroft and Cache Creek for their support.

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