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## **Official Newsletter of the Southern California Super Eliminator Association and the Edelbrock/K&N Super Eliminator Series**

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**About the Southern California Super Eliminator Association and the Edelbrock/K&N Super Eliminator Series**

### **Race Format**

Heads-up drag racing on a 7.90 second index (may be factored for different tracks). All cars in competition must meet NHRA rules and standards, see the NHRA rulebook and our website for more information.

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### **Race Entry Fees**

**\$110 (includes \$10 Race Director's fee)**

**Plus gate and crew fees to enter track**

### **Next Race**

**Race #5 & #6 on July 1st & 2nd at the California Speedway in Fontana. We suggest you call the track to confirm gate entry fees and times.**

## **Swatman and Spiegel Get Wins at Race #3 and #4 in Fontana**

The Auto Club Dragway at California Speedway, (June 3rd & 4th)- The first weekend of Southern California Super Eliminator Association racing at the new and improved Auto Club Dragway in Fontana culminated with wins by Rich "Dog" Swatman on Saturday and Andy Spiegel on Sunday. Both days of racing were sponsored by Symons Fire Protection Service in El Cajon California, with 21 cars on Saturday and 18 on Sunday competing on the 7.90 index.

In Saturday's race, Ryan Tietz nailed down the Clay Smith #1 Qualifier Award with a perfect 7.900, and Kevin Quinlan collected the JE Pistons Bonus Qualifier award of a \$100 certificate by being the fifth qualifier.

In first round action, Swatman began his march to the final by defeating Matt White, who broke out, Guy Johnson fell to Mark Engle, Pat Jones beat Bob Tevis, Harold Owens overcame Kenny Upton who had staging problems, Chris Diycio defeated Brian Schroepfer, and Ryan Priddy beat new Super E competitor Ron Weems driving his door-car. Three racers advanced when their opponents broke: Paul Russell over Tom Dufur, Andy Spiegel over Kevin Quinlan, and Don Steed over Steve Moeller. #1 Qualifier Ryan Tietz advanced to the second round with a bye. In the second round, Jones beat Engle on a hole-shot, Owens "welded" Russell to the starting line in a double break-out race, Spiegel overcame Steed with a hole-shot, Tietz used an .014-second advantage on the tree to narrowly defeat Priddy's 7.918, while Diycio and Swatman both drew byes. In the third round, it was Diycio over Tietz, Swatman over Spiegel, and Jones over Owens despite Harold's awesome .003 reaction time in a double break-out race. In the semi-finals, Swatman used a great .006 light with a 7.938 to negate Diycio's 7.905 run with an .038 reaction time, and Jones advanced with a 7.916 bye run to bet tuned-up for the final round. In the final round, Swatman took the starting line advantage over Jones with an .017 light to Jones' .033, and held on for the win with a 7.914 to a quicker but losing 7.904. Swatman received \$1,300 for his win plus a Clay Smith Engineering 75th Anniversary package. Jones received runner-up cash awards plus a Clay Smith Engineering gift certificate worth \$50.

In Sunday's race, Ryan Priddy nailed down the Clay Smith #1 Qualifier Award with a 7.901, and Ryan Tietz collected the JE Pistons Bonus Qualifier award of a \$100 certificate by being the second qualifier. In the first round, Spiegel gave notice that he was on his game by taking out Tevis with a great .016/7.919 pass, Todd Sternberg driving Lenny Diycio's car advanced over a breaking-out Don Steed, noted Super Comp racer Robert Naber took out Chris Diycio with a better light when both ran 7.925 e.t.s, Matt White beat a struggling Eric Gates despite Gates' .021-second advantage off the line, Kenny Upton took advantage of Ryan Priddy's rare late light, Ryan Tietz beat Mark Engle, race sponsor David Symons took the win from a broken Pat Jones, Tom Dufur beat Guy Aguayo, also from Team Symons, and Rich "Dog" Swatman advanced over Ron Weems. In the second round, White had problems with the car and lost to Spiegel, Tietz beat Sternberg despite Todd's .016 to .033 reaction time advantage, Dufur lost to Naber's 7.904 when he rolled deep and drew the red light, Symons withdrew from competition to give Swatman a single, and Upton had a bye. In the third round, Spiegel took out a red-lighting Upton, Naber beat a slowing Swatman who could only muster a 7.989 to Naber's 7.958, and Tietz took advantage of a bye to run a 7.914 tune-up pass. In the semi-finals, it was Spiegel who came up with a ninety-one of his own, although opponent Tietz forfeighted on the starting line with a -.009 red light, and Naber gave notice that the battle was on when he singled to a 7.917 bye run.

Spiegel took control of the final round at both ends with an .021 reaction time and 7.908 to defeat Naber's .040/7.935 package. On his way to the final round, Naber collected the Andy Robles Memorial "Trash the Champ" award of \$200 by beating Rich Swatman, the previous race winner. Spiegel won \$1,250 plus the Clay Smith Engineering 75th Anniversary package, while Naber received a Clay Smith Engineering \$50 gift certificate and the runner-up cash award.

After these two races, the two winners landed at the top of the points chart, with Swatman and Spiegel tied for first place, followed by Chris Diycio, Don Steed, and Ryan Priddy. The next race weekend for the Edelbrock/K&N Super Eliminator Series will be July 1st and 2nd, also at the Auto Club Dragway in Fontana, California.

The Edelbrock Corporation and K&N Performance sponsor the entire 2006 Southern California Super Eliminator Series, with bonus and contingency awards posted by Clay Smith Engineering, JE Pistons, Rosa Maria's Restaurants, Mike's Transmission, and Edelbrock. See our website ([www.super-eliminator.com](http://www.super-eliminator.com)) for details.

# EDELBROCK/K&N SUPER ELIMINATOR

**Race #1 and #2: February 17th & 18th, Las Vegas, Nev.**

## **Tony Fuller First Winner of 2006, Race #2 Rained Out**

Race #1 Sponsor: .....Parcorp Stainless Steel Fabrication

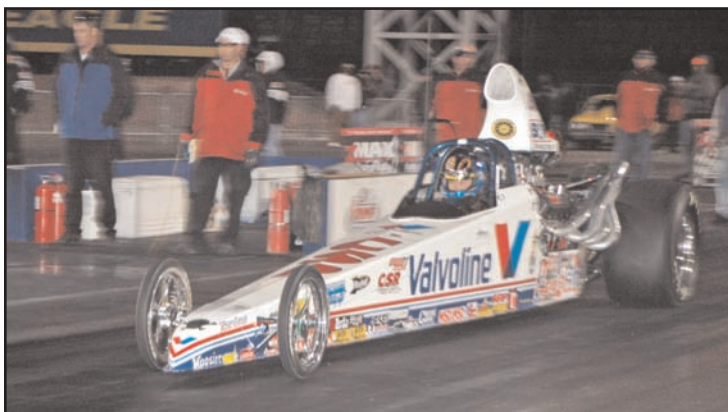
Number of cars in attendance: .....15

Clay Smith Cams #1 qualifier:.....Mark Engle, 8.035

Race Winner: .....Tony Fuller, 8.161 (.006)

Runner-Up:.....Don Steed, 8.093 (.120)

Top 8 points after race: (1) Tony Fuller, (2) Don Steed, (3-4) Ryan Priddy, Russell Suyenaga, (5-8)Mark Engle, Harold Owens, Chris Diyco, Brian Schroepfer



Tony Fuller at the wheel of his Valvoline-backed dragster won race #1 over Don Steed



Don Steed preparing for the final with a little help from wife Linda

**Race #3 and #4: June 3rd & 4th, Fontana, California**

## **Swatman and Spiegel Take Points Lead with Victories**

Race #3 Sponsor: .....Symon's Fire Protection

Number of cars in attendance: .....21

Clay Smith Cams #1 qualifier:.....Ryan Tietz, 7.900

Race Winner: .....Rich Swatman, 7.914 (.017)

Runner-Up:.....Pat Jones, 7.904 (.033)

Top 10 points after race: 1-2) Chris Diyco & Don Steed, 3) Rich Swatman, 4-5) Ryan Priddy & Harold Owens, 6) Tony Fuller, 7) Mark Engle, 8) Pat Jones, 9) Brian Schroepfer, 10-13) Team Dufur/Dessinger, Kenny Upton, Team L. Diyco, Kevin Quinlan

Race #4 Sponsor: .....Symon's Fire Protection

Number of cars in attendance: .....18

Clay Smith Cams #1 qualifier:.....Ryan Priddy, 7.901

Race Winner: .....Andy Spiegel, 7.908 (.021)

Runner-Up:.....Robert Naber, 7.935 (.040)

Top 10 points after race: 1-2) Rich Swatman & Andy Spiegel, 3-4) Chris Diyco & Don Steed, 5) Ryan Priddy, 6) Ryan Tietz, 7-8) Mark Engle & Kenny Upton, 9) Pat Jones, 10-11) Team Dufur/Dessinger & Team Lenny Diyco/Sternberg



Rich Swatman won So Cal Super Eliminator race #3, beating Pat Jones in the final



Andy Spiegel defeated Robert Naber in the final of So Cal Super Eliminator race #4

# OR SERIES 2006 SEASON REVIEW

## 2006 Race Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Feb. 18.....	Las Vegas	Parcorp.....	completed
Feb. 19.....	Las Vegas	East Coast Auto Electric.....	rained out
June 3.....	Fontana	Symons Fire Protection.....	completed
June 4.....	Fontana	Symons Fire Protection.....	completed
July 1.....	Fontana	Team C Performance.....	with SC & Pro Gas
July 2.....	Fontana	Mike's Transmission.....	with SC & Pro Gas
July 22.....	Fontana	Clay Smith Cams.....	with Top Comp
July 23.....	Fontana	Charles Johnson Roofing.....	with Top Comp
Oct. 14.....	Las Vegas	East Coast Auto Electric.....	make-up for rain out
Oct. 15.....	Las Vegas	Cox Performance & RG Industries.....	SE Finals

## Andy Robles Memorial "Trash the Champ" Award

"The Andy Robles Memorial Trash the Champ Award" will be in effect for the 2006 season presented by Rosa Maria's Restaurants. Whoever eliminates the winner from the previous race wins \$100 dollars from Rosa Maria's, and if no one defeats the champion from the last race, the money rolls over to the next race. Here are the bonus winners so far:

### "TRASH THE CHAMP" SCORE CARD

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Defeated</u>
Race 1.....	Tony Fuller	\$100.....	Tom Dufur
Race 2.....	Rain Delay		
Race 3.....	Race winner not present		
Race 4.....	Robert Naber	\$200.....	Rich Swatman



## Run Cards to be Issued

To curb a problem that has been happening at some events, So Cal Super E competitors will now be issued Run Cards when they sign up for the race, and no racer will be allowed to make a qualifying run without the Run Card.

This procedure will eliminate "looky-loos" from using our qualifying sessions to make extra passes without paying the association race fees.

## Contingency Program EDELBROCK AND MIKE'S TRANSMISSION OFFER CONTINGENCY AWARDS

In addition to their support of our series, the Edelbrock Corporation is offering Contingency Awards of \$100 to the winner and \$50 to the runner up at every race for Cylinder Heads, Intake Manifolds, and QwikData data acquisition. Mike's Transmission in Lancaster will award a \$50 certificate to winners and a \$25 certificate to runners-up who are using a Mike's Transmission. Racers **MUST be using the product claimed through-out the event and MUST display the correct product decal** to be eligible. We hope to add even more Contingency Sponsors soon, so let us know if you or your favorite manufacturer would be interested in participating in this program.

# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM RACE #3 & #4

photos by Trish Turner & Tom Dufur



Ken Upton debuted his brand-new dragster at the new Fontana racetrack and went to the 3rd round Sunday



Ron Weems showed the So Cal Super E gang that some racecars do have doors



Ryan Tietz qualified his small-block powered dragster on the pole Saturday with a perfect 7.900



Dave Symons, who sponsored both race #3 & #4, checking out the winner's trophy with SCSE Press Rick Dessinger



Rich "Dog" Swatman and crew celebrated the win with his Tech Trend Security-backed dragster on Saturday



Andy Spiegel is all smiles after receiving the winner's trophy from race director Kari Mills on Sunday

# Current Points

Team/Driver	Race #									Total	Team/Driver	Race #									Total
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9			#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	
Andy Spiegel	0	52	95							147	Matt White	0	31	41							72
Rich Swatman	0	95	52							147	Team Gates/Guy	0	31	31							62
Team Chris Diyco	42	63	31							136	Bob Tevis	0	31	31							62
Don Steed	64	41	31							136	Ron Weems	0	31	31							62
Ryan Priddy	53	41	31							125	Kevin Quinlan	31	31	0							62
Ryan Tietz	0	52	63							115	Russel Suyenaga	53	0	0							53
Mark Engle	42	41	31							114	Paul Russell	0	41	0							41
Kenny Upton	31	31	52							114	Dave Symons	0	0	41							41
Pat Jones	0	74	31							105	Stephanie Crifasi	31	0	0							31
Team Dufur/Dessinger	31	31	41							103	Corey LeClaire	31	0	0							31
Team L. Diyco/Sternberg	31	31	41							103	Tracey Quinlan	31	0	0							31
Harold Owens	42	52	0							94	Guy Aguayo	0	0	31							31
Tony Fuller	85	0	0							85	Steve Moeller	0	31	0							31
Robert Naber	0	0	74							74	John Mehovetz	0	31	0							31
Brian Schroepfer	42	31	0							73											

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