



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

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**About the Southern California Super Eliminator Association and the 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

\$125 (includes \$10 Race Director's fee)  
Plus gate and crew fees to enter track

### Next Two Races

June 9th & 10th at Fontana CA.  
For 2007 there will be 8 races at Fontana; best 7 count for points.  
Check the website for updates,  
www.super-eliminator.com

## Sternberg Wins Race #2, Spiegel Holds on to Points Lead

The Auto Club Dragway at California Speedway, (May 19th & 20th)- 19 cars showed up to do battle in the second So Cal Super Eliminator race of 2007, which featured an all Team Diyco final as Todd Sternberg, driving Lennie Diyco's dragster, won the event over a red-lighting Chris Diyco. This special **Larry Winter Tribute and Race** was sponsored by **Vaughn Investments**, with qualifying on Saturday and eliminations on Sunday. Saturday evening was a Larry Winter Tribute barbecue, with about 100 racers, friends and family there to honor our Special Guest Larry Winter, who was injured in a racing incident several years ago. The barbecue was generously supplied by **Steve Williams of K&N**, with additional help and supplies from the **Larry Winter family, the Kenny Upton family, Starfighter Motorsports, and Burkhalter Pool Plastering**. The **Clay Smith #1 Qualifier Award** of a \$100 gift certificate went to Jeff Derencin, whose dad is Jack Derencin, President of the Super Comp Association. Jeff went 7.907 to lead the pack; not bad for an 8.90 guy! The **JE Pistons Random One \$100 gift certificate** went to #12 qualifier Mark Engle.

In the first round, Chris Diyco defeated a red-lighting Dennis Peterson, Shane Turner advanced over Chuck Swift who broke out with a 7.867 to Turner's 7.914, Brian Schroepfer ran a 7.911 to beat Shawn Drake's 8.029, Cameron Feerer' used an .010 light and 7.937 to defeat Harold Owen's better .009 light and slower 7.995, Kenny Upton singled to victory with a 7.891 when Mark Engle broke on the last qualifying pass, defending champ Andy Spiegel put together a great .007/7.903 pass to defeat Tom Dufur's .003/7.881 driving the Team Dufur/Dessinger entry, and Randolph Scott overcame Pat Jones who had mechanical difficulties, 8.386 to 8.395. Todd Sternberg started his march to the final with a great .002 light to earn the **Starfighter Motorsports "Who Got the Light?" award** of 5 gallons of racing fuel, beating Justin Davis who red lighted, and Aaron Kinard was lucky enough to advance with a -.008 light and a break-out 7.850 pass when his opponent, Guy Johnson, went even deeper into the red zone with a -.040 light and 7.945 e.t. Number one qualifier Jeff Derencin advanced with a competition single, running 7.913 to let everyone know that he was here to play.

In the second round, it was Chris Diyco over a red lighting Schroepfer, Upton over a red lighting Scott, Spiegel with another impressive .007 reaction time over Turner, Sternberg over a breaking out Kinard, 7.918 to a 7.894, and Derencin over Feerer' in a very close double break out race, Derencin's .009/7.897 to Feerer's .005/7.896. Third round action had Sternberg advancing over Upton when Kenny went slightly red with a -.002 to Todd's 7.907 e.t., Spiegel beat Derencin with another good light, .013, coupled with a 7.925 to obviate Derencin's fine 7.903 with a .036 light. Diyco ran a 7.879 in a bye run.

In the semi-finals, Diyco stopped Spiegel's reign of terror (10 consecutive round wins in the last 3 races!) with a great .010 light and 7.903 to Andy's .026 and break out 7.896, and Sternberg got a single with the Lennie Diyco-owned dragster to set up an all-Diyco clan final. The race was over before it started for Chris, as he drew the big red eye with a -.008 while Sternberg drove it out to a fine .012-initiated 7.915 to take his second career So Cal Super Eliminator win.

In honor of Larry Winter, **Steve Williams from K&N and Kenny Upton from Parcorp** generously added \$400 each to the winner's purse, bringing Sternberg's winner's check up to \$2,050 plus a **Clay Smith Engineering** \$50 gift certificate and \$200 in contingency awards from **Edelbrock**. On his way to the final round, Diyco collected the **Salt Creek Grille "Trash the Champ" award** of a \$100 dining certificate by beating Andy Spiegel, the previous race winner. After the first two



Todd Sternberg drove Lennie Diyco's car to victory in race #2

races, Spiegel is leading the points chase with 148 points, followed by Kenny Upton, Team Lennie Diyco/Todd Sternberg, Pat Jones, and Chris Diyco.

The next race weekend for the Edelbrock/K&N Super Eliminator Series will be June 9th and 10th, also at the Auto Club Dragway in Fontana, California. **K&N Performance** sponsors the entire 2007 Southern California Super Eliminator Series, with bonus and contingency awards posted by **Clay Smith Engineering, JE Pistons, Salt Creek Grille Restaurants, Mike's Transmission, Continental Converters, and Edelbrock**. See our website (www.super-eliminator.com) for details.

# **K&N SUPER ELIMINATOR SERIES 2007 SEASON REVIEW**

## **Race #1 and #2: April 14th & 15th, Fontana, California**

### **Andy Spiegel First Winner of 2007, Race #2 Rained Out**

Race #1 Sponsor: .....Parcorp Stainless Steel Fabrication  
Number of cars in attendance: .....10  
Clay Smith Cams #1 qualifier:.....Pat Jones, 7.906  
Race Winner: .....Andy Spiegel  
Runner-Up:.....Kenny Upton  
Salt Creed Grille "Trash the Champ" Award: .....Andy Spiegel  
Starfighter Motorsports "Who Got the Light" Award: .....Kenny Upton  
JE Pistons "Random One" Award:.....Rich Swatman  
Top 4 points after race: (1) Andy Spiegel, (2) Kenny Upton, (3) Pat Jones, (4) Mark Engle

## **Race #2: May 19-20th, Fontana, California**

### **Todd Sternberg Wins All-Team Diyco Final**

Race #1 Sponsor: .....Vaughn Investments  
Number of cars in attendance: .....19  
Clay Smith Cams #1 qualifier:.....Jeff Derencin  
Race Winner: .....Todd Sternberg, Team Lennie Diyco  
Runner-Up:.....Chris Diyco  
Salt Creed Grille "Trash the Champ" Award: .....Chris Diyco  
Starfighter Motorsports "Who Got the Light" Award: .....Todd Sternberg  
JE Pistons "Random One" Award:.....Mark Engle  
Top 5 points after race: (1) Andy Spiegel, (2) Kenny Upton, (3) Todd Sternberg, (4) Pat Jones, (5) Chris Diyco



Todd Sternberg accepting the race #2 winner's trophy from Race Director Kari Mills



Sternberg, car owner Lennie Diyco and Runner-Up Chris Diyco made it an all-Diyco Clan final. Chris also won the Salt Creek Grille "Trash the Champ" award by beating Andy Spiegel

# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LARRY WINTER TRIBUTE BARBECUE

photos by Trish Turner

About 100 racers, crew, friends and family gathered together Saturday after qualifying for the first annual Larry Winter Tribute Barbecue. A special thanks goes to Steve Williams from K&N for supplying the barbecue fare, with additional food, drinks and support by the Kenny Upton family, the Larry Winter family, the Shane Turner family, Starfighter Motorsports, and Burkhalter Pool Plastering.



Custom Cake courtesy of the Shane Turner family



#1 qualifier Jeff Derencin seeking speed secrets from Race Director Kari Mills



Steve Williams did a great job of putting the barbecue together, despite some serious back issues



"It was THIS BIG, I tell ya..." Harold doesn't look convinced.



Despite losing a close one to Andy Spiegel in the first round on Sunday, Tom Dufur had a good weekend



So Cal Super Eliminator President Rick Dessinger was all smiles



Janet Williams doing all the real work while Pat Jones supervises



Dave Kembrowski and Kenny Upton taking in the atmosphere



Did someone say "free food"?

Go to [www.super-eliminator.com](http://www.super-eliminator.com), photo gallery, Larry Winter Tribute for more pictures

## 2007 SO CAL SUPER ELIMINATOR RACE SCHEDULE

Location: Auto Club Dragway, Fontana, CA

<u>Event/Sponsor</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Date</u>
Race #1/Parcorp.....	Completed .....	April 14
Race #2.....	Rain-out/cancelled .....	April 15
Race #2/Vaughn Investments .....	Larry Winter Tribute Race....	May 19-20
Race #3/Charles Johnson Roofing .....		June 9
Race #4/Spiegel Racing Engines/Engle Cams.....		June 10
Race #5/Team C Performance Center.....		July 7
Race #6/Mondello Performance/Engle Cams .....		July 8
Race #7/ <b>AVAILABLE</b> .....		Sept 15
Race #8 SE Finals/PJ Trailers.....		Sept 16

# Current Points

Team/Driver	Race #								Total	Team/Driver	Race #								Total
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8			#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	
Andy Spiegel	85	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	148	Jeff Derencin	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	
Kenny Upton	64	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	Aaron Kinard	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	
Team L. Diyco/Sternberg	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	Cameron Feere'	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	
Pat Jones.	53	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	Randy Scott	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	
Team C. Diyco	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	Phil Miller	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
Mark Engle	42	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	Harold Owens	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Shane Turner	31	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	Dave Kembrowski	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Brian Schroepfer	31	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	Justin Davis	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	
R. Swatman	31	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	Chuck Swift	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Team Dufur/Dessinger	31	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	Scott Drake	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Team Gates - Guy	31	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	61										

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