



## 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 & standards, see the NHRA rulebook & our website for more info.

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### Race Entry Fees

**\$125 (includes \$10 Race Director's fee)  
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### Next Race

October 11th & 12th at Fontana CA.  
For 2008 there will be 9 races at Fontana; best 8 count for points.  
Check the website for updates,  
www.super-eliminator.com

## **Engle and Meziere Win Race #7 & #8 ENGLE BEATS SPIEGEL FOR POINTS LEAD, NEWCOMERS MEZIERE & GIBBY FACE OFF IN RACE #8 FINAL**

The Auto Club Dragway at Auto Club Speedway, (August 9th & 10th)- So Cal Super Eliminator veteran Mark Engle and first time SE racer Don Meziere won the seventh and eighth races in the K&N Super Eliminator Series. Engle defeated Andy Spiegel to win race #7 sponsored by **K&N Filters**, and in race #8 on Sunday, sponsored by **PJ Trailer**, Meziere drove the Meziere Enterprises dragster to victory over #1 Qualifier Vince Gibby.

Chris Diycio led qualifying on Saturday with a 7.903 to earn the **Clay Smith #1 Qualifier Award** of a \$100 gift certificate. The **JE Pistons 7.90 Club \$100 gift certificate** went to Eddy Fischle, who was the closest first round loser to the 7.90 index with an 8.129, and Brian Schroepfer took the **Salt Creek Grille "Trash the Champ" award** of a \$100 dining certificate when he defeated previous race winner Todd Sternberg. In the first round, Chris Diycio defeated Tom Dufur who broke the throttle cable after the burnout, Engle began his march to the final by defeating Kenny Upton in a close double break-out contest, Andy Spiegel benefitted from Dave Kembrowski's redlight, Todd Sternberg unleashed a fine .006 reaction time to earn the **Starfighter Motorsports "Who Got the Light?" award** of 5 gallons of racing fuel but lost to Brian Schroepfer when he broke out, and new SE racer Vince Gibby beat Eddie Fischle who had problems with his shifter and had to leave the line in high gear. In round two, Engle took the win when Gibby red-lighted, Spiegel parlayed a .029 second advantage on the starting line into a win over Schroepfer, and Diycio took the competition single to advance to the semis. In the semis, Spiegel showed that he was ready for anything with a .002 light and a 7.936 to overcome Diycio's .032-initiated 7.910, and Engle ran a 7.921 on the bye. In the final, Engle used a .020 to .025 starting line advantage to take the win from Spiegel when both cars broke out, 7.885 to Spiegel's 7.876. In addition to the winner's purse, Engle also received the **Clay Smith Engineering winner's bonus**, plus contingency awards from **Mike's Transmission** and **Continental Converters**.

In Sunday's race, qualifying was led off by Vince Gibby to earn the **Clay Smith #1 Qualifier Award** of a \$100 gift certificate, and the **JE Pistons 7.90 Club \$100 gift certificate** went to Upton, who was the closest first round loser to the 7.90 index. In a very fast first round, Gibby benefitted from Russell Suyenaga's break-out 6.983(!), Fischle used a 7.915 to get around Spiegel who broke out, Kembrowski unleashed a .011 reaction time to earn the **Starfighter Motorsports "Who Got the Light?" award** of 5 gallons of racing fuel and beat Diycio who broke out, Engle dodged a bullet when Schroepfer went red first (-.007 to -.017), Sternberg broke-out but survived when Upton went red on the tree, and Meziere began his trip to the final in a double break-out contest with Dufur. In the second round, it was Gibby over Fischle when both drivers broke out, Engle beat Kembrowski with a 7.935 to a 7.938, and Meziere over Sternberg in another double break-out. In the semis, Gibby showed his strength with a 7.904 on the bye and Meziere combined a .007 light with a safe 7.925 to dispatch Engle's 7.894, netting Meziere the **Salt Creek Grille "Trash the Champ" award** and setting up the final between two first-time Super E racers. In the final, Meziere used a huge starting line advantage (.025 to .079) to take the win, 7.941 over Gibby's 7.946.

**K&N Performance** sponsors the entire 2008 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](http://www.super-eliminator.com)) for details.



Mark Engle defeated Andy Spiegel to win SE race #7, sponsored by K&N Filters

# K&N SUPER ELIMINATOR SERIES 2008 SEASON REVIEW

## K&N Super Eliminator Series Points

Racer	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	Total	Racer	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	Total
Mark Engle	10	31	85	31	31	43	85	53	0	369	Pat Jones	10	31	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	83
Eddie Fischle	10	85	42	64	53	32	31	42	0	359	Mera Silvia	0	0	0	0	42	32	0	0	0	74
Tom Dufur	10	53	31	85	64	43	31	31	0	348	Corey LeClair	10	31	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	72
Dave Kembrowski	10	53	31	53	85	32	31	42	0	337	Guy Johnson	0	0	31	31	0	0	0	0	0	62
Chris Diyco	10	42	64	42	0	32	53	31	0	274	Rich Swatman	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
Kenny Upton	10	31	42	31	31	64	31	31	0	271	Mike Solina	10	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Team L. Diyco-Sternberg	10	64	0	0	0	85	31	42	0	232	Mike Walsh	10	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Team Spiegel-Chennault	10	31	42	42	0	0	64	31	0	220	Jeff Derencin	10	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	41
Brian Schroepfer	10	42	31	31	0	0	42	31	0	187	Eric Gibby	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Vince Gibby	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	64	0	106	Travis Broguiere	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	31
Don Meziere	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	85	Russell Suyenaga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	31

### Clay Smith Cams Winner's Bonus

Race #1.....
Race #2.....Eddie Fischle
Race #3.....Mark Engle
Race #4.....Tom Dufur
Race #5.....Dave Kembrowski
Race #6.....Todd Sternberg
Race #7.....Mark Engle
Race #8.....Don Meziere

### Clay Smith Cams #1 Qualifiers

Race #1.....
Race #2.....Eddie Fischle
Race #3.....Rich Swatman
Race #4.....Dave Kembrowski
Race #5.....Tom Dufur
Race #6.....Dave Kembrowski
Race #7.....Chris Diyco
Race #8.....Vince Gibby

### JE Pistons 7.90 Club Winners

Race #1.....
Race #2.....Mark Engle
Race #3.....Eric Gibby
Race #4.....Kenny Upton
Race #5.....Corey LeClair
Race #6.....Mera Silvia
Race #7.....Eddy Fischle
Race #8.....Kenny Upton

### Salt Creek Grille "Trash the Champ" Award

<u>Race #</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1.....	Andy Spiegel	
2.....	Team Spiegel/Chennault	Tom Dufur
3.....	Eddie Fischle	Mark Engle
4.....	Mark Engle	Tom Dufur
5.....	Tom Dufur	Dave Kembrowski
6.....	Dave Kembrowski	Tom Dufur
7.....	Todd Sternberg	Brian Schroepfer
8.....	Mark Engle	Don Meziere
9.....	Don Meziere	

### StarFighter Motorsports - Who got the Light Award

5 gallons of fuel for the best reaction time in round one, win or lose

<u>Race</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Reaction Time</u>
Race 1.....		
Race 2.....	Tom Dufur	.004
Race 3.....	Kenny Upton	.007
Race 4.....	Dave Kembrowski	.012
Race 5.....	Mera Silvia	.015
Race 6.....	Kenny Upton	.004
Race 7.....	Todd Sternberg	.006
Race 8.....	Dave Kembrowski	.011

### 2008 SO CAL SUPER ELIMINATOR RACE SCHEDULE

<u>Location</u>	<u>Event/Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>
Fontana, CA	Race #1—Parcorp (BLOWN OUT)	April 12
Fontana, CA	Race #2—Engle Cams	April 13
Fontana, CA	Race #3—Charles Johnson Roofing	May 31
Fontana, CA	Race #4—Burkhalter Pool Plastering	June 1
Fontana, CA	Race #5—Parcorp / Pat Jones Racing	July 5
Fontana, CA	Race #6—Team C Performance Center	July 6
Fontana, CA	Race #7—K&N Filters-Larry Winters Tribute BBQ	Aug 9
Fontana, CA	Race #8—PJ Trailers	Aug 10
Fontana, CA	Race #9—Hahn International	Oct 11
Fontana, CA	Race #1—Parcorp SE Finals (re-run)	Oct 12

event completed

### LARRY WINTER TRIBUTE RACE & BARBECUE

After Saturday's race, K&N's Steve Williams once again hosted a great barbecue for all the Super E racers and friends to honor Larry Winter, who was present to enjoy the festivities. Steve brought out the K&N trailer and cooked up a storm, entertaining about 100 hungry racers, crew, family and friends. Thanks again for a job well done, Steve!

# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM RACE #7 & #8

photos by Jeff Rochon and Tom Dufur



Mark Engle won his second race of the year with help from crew chief Ed Silberman and sponsor Chris Jarczewski



In his first SE race, Don Meziere beat young Vince Gibby, another first time SE competitor in Sunday's final round



The Meziere clan was out in full force to help Don celebrate his victory



Steve Williams brought out the K&N rig to host the Larry Winter Tribute barbecue



Steve Williams with track director Beth Rice, his daughter Shelby and wife Janet



SE president Rick Dessinger lending a helping hand with the food preparation at the Larry Winter Tribute barbecue



Dave Kembrowski gets a hand from his nephew Johnny



Brian Schroeffer, with wife Kelly, James Burkhalter and race director CJ Sofka, won the Trash the Champ award Saturday when he defeated Todd Sternberg in round one



Mark Engle's secret to success must be that killer hamburger with all the trimmings



Kenny Upton and Andy Spiegel with Larry Winter's daughter Tracy



Vince Gibby and his dad Tom had a good day Sunday, qualifying #1 and going all the way to the final round

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