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See you at the Races!!!!!!!

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## QSAC West 2004

Before we get started on the information for the next season, we have a note from Larry Cross who's wife recently passed away. Larry our prayers and thoughts are with you and Dion, in this rough time.

Dear Fellow QSAC Racers and friends.

Words cannot express our families gratitude and appreciation for your support by attending the services for Evelyn. I am sure that even though some of you never met her you found out she was a very special lady, after all she put up with me for almost 40 years. Jeff Miller and Jim Dooley said it best "on the track and sometimes off, we are competitors, we yell, argue but when something like this happens we are there for one another. All the flowers, cards, emails and calls have been encouraging. Dion and I thank you so much.

Larry Cross

### After the Banquet

With the last race of the 2003 season ending I was getting ready for the year end banquet. Hauling the trophies and the party glasses Tammy made for the table settings in the banquet room. Looking around the room hoping everything was set up just right.

The event started off with the buffet, followed with Bill and Steve with there funny business. We had a lot of laughs and a lost of serious talk also. We had a lot of people to thank for a lot of things.

Last year Robert Kennedy said "you people are my family and I love all of you". Robert I think a lot of the racers feel like we are a big racing family. I know it's hard for some of us to show how much we care about our friends. Tony I know how hard it was for you and I think we all remember Warren in our own special way. Remember we are a racing family and would do all we can to help each other.

Sorry to get off the track, I just had to say how I feel about all of you.

Meanwhile back to the banquet, Bill and Steve read off the finishing order for each class, gave out the checks and trophies. The QSARA Club was presented with a nice plaque from the two scoring sweethearts for the work we did on the scoring tower. All the members of QSARA want to say thanks to the girls for that and for all there help all year.

At the end of the event the two gals Tammy and Diane had to pass on the very prodigious SIGN ART AWARD. They talked about this guy that helped out, smiled, shook hands, hugged all the girls and always had a good time. And then the big surprise, They called my name to pass on the Sing Art Award to. I got a big lump in my throat and couldn't hardly talk. I was so surprised, happy, honored and it was just so hard to believe this award was handed to me. I can't thank the girls enough for this very nice award.

I would like to thank all the members of QSARA, QSAC West and all the sponsors for the help on the Boulder City R/C Speedway track. With your help and support we will continue to build and improve the track so we can all enjoy 1/4 scale racing together and enjoy the friendship and being with our racing family.

Thank You much **Bud Cort**

## Notes from you Editor

**Well** it's almost time for the new season to start, Below I have included some information that I got from QSAC as well as the information your board of directors provided for me, if you have any questions please contact one of your board members, Numbers and contact info on the front page.

**Thank You** I would like to thank all of you who contributed to the bucket to help me with stamps and copies for the newsletter , it will help a lot. **Tom**

**The Water is flowing** at the Boulder City track, I understand the Guys have gotten it done!!!!

**Congratulations** are in order for Stacie and Alex Lutkus, during the Fires, Stacie gave birth to there first child a little girl named Paige, Good going guys we hope to see all 3 of you soon.

**Directions To Kingman** Take Interstate 40 east thru to Route 66 ( Andy Devine ) or Exit 53. Go North Approx 5 miles on your left. Past the Airport.

### Some of the QSAC National Changes

**Rules addendum for 2004** has very few major changes. Some highlights:

- 1) Single National Championship Race
- 2) Eastern, Central, and Western District Championship Races
- 3) Zenoah G230RC-B allowed in all classes
- 4) No timing rules for any engines. Flywheel keys may be removed.
- 5) In all classes that use the WYK-32 carburetor, another carburetor will be allowed the WYK-51. This is a direct replacement for the WYK-32 from Walbro. Same carburetor with a different stock number.
- 6) The oil used at National and District Championship Races will change to Amsoil Series 2000 Synthetic Racing Oil.
- 7) Each class will vote at the time of sign up and registration for "single car qualifying" or "pill draw" – AND- "invert the field" or "run straight up".
- 8) If you paid for a mailed newsletter with your 2003 QSAC membership you will receive \$5.00 credit to be used for your 2004 QSAC membership with a mailed newsletter.

### QSAC West

**This will be a 7 race series with one throwout**

**Turn Marshall's:** Heat races will be the first 3 finishers to the infield  
Main races will be the last 3 finishers to the infield  
( It is the drivers responsibility to have a replacement person if needed )

**Tech Impound:** The first 4 finishers of the main events in the point races will be impounded for Tech. inspection. **Read your 2004 Rule Book.**

NO driver will be permitted to drink alcohol while they are participating on the track.  
Thank You and Happy Holidays from the 2004 QSAC WEST Board Members

## 2003 Race Results

<b>Grand National</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Race 7</b>
1	John Ferguson	1152	168	180	192	192	200	192	196
2	Bob Bates	1128	196	200	188	188	168	180	176
3	Steve Mylar	1124	180	188	196	176	192	184	184
4	Tony Evans	1120	172	184	184	196	184	168	200
5	Rudy Flores	1096	192	192	180	180	176	176	164
6	Ron Schoeb	1064	176	168	176	200	180	164	160
7	Jim Silvay	896		176	172		172	196	180
8	Tony Neisinger	596	200	196	200				
9	Denny Andrews	560		164			196	200	
10	Todd Jonas	544					188	188	168
11	Jay Kimbrough	520		160	168				192
12	Mike Kinley	360	188	172					
13	Mike Fleek	356				184		172	
14	Dan Schuck	340	184	156					
15	Jim Dooley	188							188
16	Chuck Beeman	172							172

<b>Super Truck</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Race 7</b>
1	Jim Dooley	1196	200	200	188	200	196	200	200
2	Chuck Beeman	1180	196	196	192	196	200	196	196
3	Ross Rettig	952	184	192	180	192	192	192	
4	Allen Hess	936	192	188		184	184	188	
5	Steve Ballew	932	188	180	196		188	180	
6	Dennis Andrews	556		184	184	188			
7	Garry Owen	360		172					188
8	Steve Rule	200			200				
9	Tony Johnson	192							192
10	Jay Kimbrough	184					184		
11	Rob Kiemele	176		176					

<b>Open Wheel</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Race 7</b>
1	Chuck Beeman	1164	192	196	176	200	196	196	184
2	Dave Hart	1144	168	192	184	192	180	200	196
3	Ron Schoeb	1140	188	188	196	184	188	192	188
4	Tom Hughes	1082		172	188	168	174	180	200
5	Jay Kimbrough	976			200	196	200	188	192
6	Steve Mylar	938	196	200	180	188	174		
7	Bud Cort	732		176		180	192	184	
8	Dennis Andrews	692	172	184	172		164		
9	Gordon Ellwood	552			192		184	176	
10	Denny Andrews	532	176	180		176			
11	Don Foos	364	200			164			
12	Bob Bates	336				172	164		
13	Jim Dooley	324	164			160			
14	Ken Jones	184	184						
15	Don Helsel	180	180						
16	Ken Higdon	164					164		

<b>Sportsman</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Race 7</b>
1	Rob Kiemele	1172	200	200	200	200	188	184	
2	Lance Cote	1164	188	188	192	192	200	196	196
3	Robert Kennedy	1100		172	180	176	180	192	200
4	Terry Betterly	1096	164	180	176	184	184	180	192
5	Mike Beacham	1092	180	168	184	188	168	188	184
6	Frank White	1084	168	176	172	196	192	176	172
7	Robin Young	1064	176	192		180	172	168	176
8	Shawn Mc Crea	516					164	172	180
9	Dennis Andrews	396					196	200	
10	Todd Jonas	392		196	196				
11	Gordon Ellwood	360	172						188
12	Larry Cross	356	184			172			
13	Junior Jones	196	196						
14	Don Helsel	192	192						
15	Dave Hart	188			188				
16	Ed Kincaid	188				188			
17	Mike Fleek	184		184					
18	Frank Root	176					176		
19	Jason Haring	164						164	
20	Tim Schoeb	160					160		
21	Jeff Miller	0				0			
<b>Super Truck</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Race 7</b>
1	Jim Dooley	1196	200	200	188	200	196	200	200
2	Chuck Beeman	1180	196	196	192	196	200	196	196
3	Ross Rettig	952	184	192	180	192	192	192	
4	Allen Hess	936	192	188		184	184	188	
5	Steve Ballew	932	188	180	196		188	180	
6	Dennis Andrews	556		184	184	188			
7	Garry Owen	360		172					188
8	Steve Rule	200			200				
9	Tony Johnson	192							192
10	Jay Kimbrough	184						184	
11	Rob Kiemele	176		176					
<b>Novice</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Race 7</b>
1	Dion Cross	1152	200	196	192	200	168		196
2	Lester Clapper	1124	196		184	196	184	176	188
3	Rusty Hall	1116	192	184	188		176	184	192
4	JB Buford	932		188	200		172	188	184
5	Troy Schossow	768		192	196	188	192		
6	Andrew Hopkins	760				192	188	180	200
7	Russ Poole	748		180			196	196	176
8	Luke Jonas	580					200	200	180
9	Tony Johnson	372					180	192	
10	Harold Burkett	200		200					
11	Jeff Connello	176		176					
10	Troy Seymore	172							172

**2003 SuperNats Video Available!!** If you missed the race, or if you just want to see yourself on video, it is available and well worth the modest price. Great action from the heats to the main events! A true enthusiasts video, as though you were filming the action and driving your car at the same time. Hear the roar of motors and the chatter on the drivers stand. Tapes are \$10 and the dvd is \$15, and includes shipping. Takes about 7 days. Send your check to: Gale Brandner 3706 S. Everett Kennewick, WA 99337

**All**, The new G230rc"B" engines are available at Ferguson Racing, southwest dealer for LightningRC. The cost is \$275.00 plus shipping. Contact info below. Ferguson Racing John Ferguson LDJPF@Aol.com 909-556-5083 9am-9pm PST

**WSQSA 2004 race schedule**

March 20th @ 1pm (Fun Race)  
April 3rd @ 1pm (Fun Race)  
April 24th @ 7pm (Points Race-1)  
May 1st @ 7pm (Fun Race)  
May 15th (Points Race-2)\*  
May 29th @ 7pm (Fun Race)  
June 5th @ 7pm (Points Race-3)  
June 19th @ 7 pm (Fun Race)  
July 2,3 (N.W. Nationals, Money, and Trophies)\*  
July 17th @ 7pm (Points Race-4)  
July 23/24 (Tri-City 250, Money, and Trophies)  
August 14th @ 7pm (Fun Race)  
August 28th (Points Race-5)\*  
September 18th @ 7pm (Points Race-6) (N.W. Series Season Championship Pfister Farm & Aviation 125)  
\* Races will be held in Boise, contact Bryant @ gibson77@charter.net for further details.

**Hotel Information for Boulder City**

Super 8 702-294-8888	Nevada Inn Motel 800-638-8890
Starview Motel 702-293-7015	Sands Motel 702-293-2589
Light House Inn 800-934-8282	El Rancho 702-293-1085

**Hotel Information for Kingman**

For Hotels Best Western / Kings Inn Phone 1-800-750-6101, 928-753-6101, 59.40 for 1 person and 63.00 for 2 plus tax let them know you are with QSAC

Or Try the Travel Inn

3421 E. Andy Devine 928-757-7878 29.95 plus tax 1-4 people. Let them know you race the Little Race Cars.

**Hotel Information for Rialto**

1. Best Western Empire Inn 475 W. Valley Blve, Rialto, Ca 92376 (909) 877-0690 ).
2. La Quinta Inns by the Ontario Airport and the Ontario Mills Mall. 3555 Inland Empire Blvd. Ontario, Ca Phone 909-476-1112 Continental Breakfast and pets OK.

## AND LAND WHERE?????????

By Diana Weller-Ellwood

I always look forward to the Las Vegas Super Nationals, it's a lot of fun. The Las Vegas Quarter Scale Club, QSARA, always puts on a great race. Lots of sponsors, prizes, money, entertainment, and people; this year's race was no exception. **THURSDAY:** I did not arrive this year until Thursday around noon. Thinking I had the rest of the day to relax and visit with, and meet some people who were here from out of state, I was approached right away by Bud Cort, one of Boulder City Speedway's Godfathers. Bud said, "I need you to put on jeans and tennis shoes." It was 104 degrees when I arrived at the track. The last thing I wanted to do was change out of my shorts and sandals and put on jeans and tennis shoes. I asked, "Why????". "Don't ask questions, just change." "Tammy is doing the same, we need you both to wear jeans and tennis shoes. Once you are changed then we are going to take you somewhere." Now at this point several things were going through my head, none of them good. Were they so sick of Tammy and I and our scoring needs (2-55 gallon drums of prozac and 4 cases of margarita mix), or did our husbands have something to do with this??? As soon as I saw Tammy I asked her if she knew what they were up to. She said no but Bad Boy Ron Schoeb's lovely wife Pat Schoeb did. We tried to drill Pat, but she was not talking. We got in the car and they drove us a mile and half to the Las Vegas Sky Diving School. We got out of the car saying, "I hope they don't think we are sky diving". **GUESS WHAT, THEY WANTED US TO SKY DIVE.** Bud (Godfather) Cort was with us and said the club wanted to do something for us that we would never forget. My first response was, You've got to be kidding. I'm 357 years old in dog years and you want me to jump out of a plane at 15,000 feet???????????? This menopausal diva is keeping her menopausal feet planted firmly on the ground, thank you very much. Tammy and I said we are not jumping. Bud and Pat said, but this is a gift. The guys thought we would enjoy it. I started thinking, a gift, is a pair of diamond earrings or a cruise to the Bahamas, this was a message. Then my mind started to wonder, was my husband involved? Who did we p\_\_ off in the club so bad they wanted to "do us in" disguised as a "gift". The jump instructor could see I was deep in thought and said, "I've made 5000 jumps with no problems or injuries". All I could think of was the sales classes I took when I was in Real Estate. They use to tell us the more No's you get, just meant you are getting closer to a yes. 5000 jumps with no incidents, to me this means HE'S DUE!!!! The instructor started telling us the procedure. Watch a 20 min. video telling you the dangers, why does it take 20 min. to tell you, **YOU COULD DIE.** That only took 5 seconds. You then put on the jump suit, an attractive thing that makes you look like you're carrying a weeks worth of #2's around in your backside. Training on the technique of **FALLING**, and how to properly exit the plane. They should call this, the technique used by the instructor when pushing you out of the plane and trying to keep you from cardiac arrest while falling at 125 miles per hour. You will have this young hunk attached to your back while you're falling and be sitting in his lap when you land. Once he said this, I started to give it some serious thought. There were some pretty nice **HUNKS** standing around. How bad can that be? Then I got this mental picture of not landing properly, falling on our faces, knocking our teeth out..... Then I pictured Tammy and I wheeling our chairs up the ramp to scoring and having to gum our food for the rest of our lives. My husband would probably like the gumming part for personal reasons, but the rest wasn't appealing. I decided to keep my feet planted on the ground, but Tammy bought into the hunk imagine and made the jump. **YEAH, SHE MADE IT.** Her husband, Dave, called and increased her life insurance after she jumped, since he finally realized he was married to a crazy woman. And that was Thursday. By the way a big thank you to Kathy from Washington who lent me the tennis shoes. I didn't even get them dirty. **FRIDAY:** Qualifying was a disaster. But the rest of the day went ok. We got to meet our Trophy Girl, a beautiful young lady by the name of Beth. She was not only beautiful, but very nice and patient. What a trooper, she hung in there, sold lots of raffle tickets, and survived the constant drooling. Poor Beth, Friday was so bad,

she came dressed in her rain gear on Saturday, so her cloths didn't get ruined from the drool. She was a real sweetheart and a good sport. We want to thank Ron's lovely wife, Pat Schoeb, for talking her into it. Pat is not accustom to lying, but we thank her for doing such a good job with Beth. How do I know she lied? If she hadn't, and told Beth what our guys were like from the beginning, we would have had Steve Mylar dressed up in woman's cloths again as our trophy girl. Some of the guys are still having nightmares about that. Thanks Beth, you can come back any time. The racing was good. We had guys come in from Washington, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona that added some additional competition to the field, and boy those guys can race. It was great having you here, wish you could come down every month. Thanks for making the trip. One of the New Mexico drivers had to leave early and did not get to compete due to his Mother becoming ill and needing emergency surgery. We hope everything went well. We have a great field of Warriors that race on a regular basis and make our events exciting and fun to watch. Thanks guys, for putting on a great show. Of course, these are the same clowns that are now making chicken jokes and noises when I walk by because I did not jump out of a perfectly good plane at 15,000 feet. There's not enough therapy or drugs to ease the pain of having 45-50 brothers. Dear God, what's wrong with me, what did I do to deserve this??? Well there was that time when I..... SATURDAY: The day started off good. The sun was out, the driver's were ready to race, and Beth was kind enough to come back after spending a day with our guys. As Tammy and I were getting ready in scoring we were talking about the newsletter when she said "You know Jim Dooley is afraid to say anything to you for fear he will end up in the newsletter". Now Jim, you know you don't have to talk to me to end up in the newsletter. For example, you didn't tell me that you took out loans, just so you could keep buying tickets from the beautiful Beth. But when I saw DieTech, Bank of America, One Stop Loan Shop, coming to the track I knew something was up. Got ya. The HALF TIME event took place after the heat races. Ron announced after the heats, the drivers that came in last, in the heats were to pick a partner and get ready for a Pit Stop competition. The driver of the car would be the driver in the heats, the partner would be changing the tire. The driver was to take the car out bring it around, the tire changer would be set up in the center of the front stretch. The driver was to stop the car between the two taped lines set down by Ron. The tire changer was to take the right front tire off, put it back on, then the driver was to take the car around the track for 1 lap, (to make sure the tire stays on), and cross the finish line. The best time won \$50.00. Yes it was funny. My hats off to, I think it was Terry Betterly, for the best butt crack shot. Bud Cort and his son Rusty had the best time, until I made an egregious error. We were to have 5 teams. I was announcing. I was having so much fun, I called the end of the competition after the 4<sup>th</sup> team finished. Thankfully Tammy said, WAIT, Steve and Mike Kenley have not had their turn. Now Steve and Mike Kenley are two of the nicest guys in our racing family, they come to us all the way from Boise Idaho, and we love it when they make it to a race because they are awesome competitors. Plus Mike hosts a race in Boise, usually during 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, that is one of the best events we have ever been to. He really goes all out to make it a fun event and he takes good care of the racers. If you have not gone, please put it on your calendar. I guarantee you will have a great time. So back to my mistake, I FELT LIKE DO DO. So we set up the lines again and away they went. THEY WON THE COMPETITION. I have been getting hate mail from Bud and Rusty ever since. Then, just before the Grand National Main event, Larry Cross and his son Dion asked Ron if they could run a Father and Son, 20 lap shoot out, winner gets \$20.00. Ron said sure, but it will be by my rules. Well I don't think Larry was counting on this. They ran 10 laps then Ron stopped them and made them run the last 10 laps running the opposite direction on the track. Son Dion spanked papa pretty bad and won the challenge. Good show guys. Did papa Cross pay up his bet??? THE MAINS, intense racing. The Out of State boys really showed us a good time and gave our boys a race for their money. Every one who raced got paid, but I want to say CONGRATULATIONS to the big winners: Open Wheel-Rick Binnicker-

Buffalo, TX 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ron Shcoeb-Las Vegas, NV 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Dave Hart-Yucaipa, CA 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Novice-Luke Jonas-Chandler, AZ 1<sup>st</sup> place, Andrew Hopkins-Yucaipa, CA 2<sup>nd</sup> place, David Lugo-Las Vegas, NV 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Sportsman-Lance Black Flag Cote-Las Vegas, NV 1<sup>st</sup> place, Jason Herring-Pheonix, AZ 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Robert Mr. Lucky Kennedy-Kingman, AZ 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Trucks-Jim Dooley-Palm Springs, CA 1<sup>st</sup> place, Chuck Beeman-Highland, CA 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Tim Schoeb-Las Vegas, NV 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Grand Nationals-Jay Kimbrough-Irvine, CA 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mike Kenley-Boise, Idaho 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Tony Evans-Pheonix, AZ 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE SPONSORS, Lighting, WCM, The Ribbon Factory, lake Mead Lounge & Casino, Bob's Construction, Dad's Garage, Hobby Town USA, , Wold Auto Repair, Rancho Upholstering, Terry Cort, Jan Beeman, B.H. Hanson, Silver State Petroleum Service and many others, and all of those who helped in other ways make this a great time. We gave out so many raffle prizes, we had to wake people up to go and get their winnings it took so long. But the BIG WINNERS, were Dale, (a very nice guy who video taped our whole Super Nationals weekend and made the tapes available for sale, thanks Dale, good job), and our very own MR LUCKY, Robert Kennedy. These gentlemen won Quarter Scale Cars. I have given the name Mr. Lucky to Robert Kennedy because not only did he win a new Quarter Scale Car, but he also won 2 Richard Petty Ride-A-Longs. He was so excited, and we were all very pleased to see him win these goodies, he deserves it. When we got down to giving the money away, many of the guys gave their winnings back to the club. Thanks guys it is always greatly appreciated. Now why, you ask, would they give their money back to the club? Well, we were told that the bathrooms were going to be ready for this Super National event, however, due to some extenuating circumstances, they were unable to be completed. Now if you have ever had the pleasure to use one of these Port-A-Potties after**

**60-75 men have been using them for 4 days, you would understand why they were donating EVERY PENNY, to the club for the completion of the pee pee rooms. Now Tammy and I turned in our request for a fur toilet seat cover, and vanity space for the women's bathroom. Yes, you guessed it, I cannot repeat the comments we were subjected to concerning this request. Something about putting the fur toilet seat some where other than in the bathroom. Something about, putting it where the sun doesn't shine and some other places. And speaking of pottie rooms, as we were sitting around, after the weekend was over, talking, laughing, and exchanging stories, old and new. A story came up about Terry Betterly and Tom Hughes. Of course I was given big money to keep this story in Nevada, but I've spent the money now so here it is. Apparently Terry Bitterly does not let anyone go #2 in his motor home toilet, not even his lovely wife Karen. Our loveable Tom Hughes and Terry were at a race, this was a few years ago, and Tom needed a bathroom. Terry being the nice family member he is offered his motor home for Tommy's use. Well Tommy USED IT. Terry has still not gotten over the shock, his eyes still water when he sees Tom. Well needless to say, Terry does not let anyone use his motor home any more. We were all laughing so hard at this, including Tom, he could hardly tell the story he was laughing so hard. Poor Tommy was laughing and fell off the stool he was sitting on and broke one of Ron's lawn chairs. Yes, Tom was alright, but chair could not be saved. Well, I'll be expecting the hate mail to start coming in about a week from Tom and Terry. At least now I get more mail than any one else on our block. Sorry guys this story was just too good to leave out. I think we all pee'd our pants that night from laughing.**

**Well I think I've made enough enemies this trip.**

**See ya for our last race. That is unless the Hit Man fulfills his contract.**

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## THIS CHICKEN HAS BEEN USED!!!!!!

By Diana Weller Ellwood

YEAAAAAH, YA HOOO!!!!!! The last race of the year. Oh, I mean, oh darn I'm so sad this is the last race. Here we are the last race, and this is always a big one. Several people in the running for positions, and this is the make it or break it race. This year was no exception. In every class except truck there were possible position changes. This was going to be a tense day. The racing started, however, the tempers seemed to be in check for the most part and we saw some good clean racing. I almost thought we were at the wrong track. There were some upsets but all in all, the racing was exciting in a pleasant way. **Robert "Mr. Lucky" Kennedy**, did not have his new car ready that he won at the Super Nationals and could not get his car he's been running all year to work long enough to run a heat race. Then **California Dude, Rudy Flores**, helped Mr. Lucky and Robert put a car on the track, for the Main event, that was a bullet. Nevada Bad Boy **Lance "Black Flag" Cote**, and Arizona Cowboy **Robert "Mr. Lucky" Kennedy**, put on a great show in the Sportsman Main. Running neck and neck, each of them taking their turn leading the race. Our California **Gentleman Dude, Frank White**, was also turning on the heat, causing sweat beads to form on Lance and Roberts heads, but Frank had clutch problems and ending up dropping out. We were very upset because Frank was in the running for 3<sup>rd</sup>. place and we were all pulling for him. There is always next year Frank. **But wait. What's this?** Robert had to remove his car from the track for a quick repair, and Mr. Black Flag himself, who was leading when Robert pulled his car off, actually held up the pack and waited for Robert to get back on the track to continue the race. **I WAS STUNNED**. I went out to check the driver's stand thinking maybe an **alien had abducted** Lance, and was driving the car in his place. But no it was our very own Lance Cote on the stand. This has to be a first. I was impressed. Of course Lance was not impressed with his choice, Robert ended up taking first place. But all of us were truly impressed by **Lance's sportsmanship**. Little did we know this was not to be the last time we would see this kind of gentlemanly behavior by our "Get out of way or I will run you over" racers. In the Grand National Main, **Arizona Cowboy Tony Evans**, yes I said Tony Evans, slowed down to help out **John Ferguson** in the same type of situation. In this case, Tony ended up taking first and John took second, but again, **WE WERE STUNNED**. We started to think, maybe we had crossed over into **THE OUTER LIMITS**. We started questioning each other in scoring to see if we had all witnessed the same thing. What an extraordinary ending to a great year. The surprises were not over. **Tony Evans** asked **Bill Schuman**, our fabulous announcer and Master of Ceremonies at our Banquets, if he could have a couple of minutes to speak at our Banquet. Tammy and I were trying to figure out why Tony wanted to speak. Tony is a very tough competitor and not always in agreement with scoring, to put it lightly. So we were concerned.

**THE BANQUET**. To say we have a good time is putting it lightly. The only casino that we consider handling our Banquet, puts us in a room, up stairs, in the back, far from any human contact. We have to have it at a casino, they are the only ones left that will take us. Non of the restaurants want our business. Can you imagine, I wonder why that is??? I know one guy who was very happy we had the banquet at a casino. **Arizona Cowboy Jim Silvay**, won \$5,000 in the casino right before the banquet started. And yes, I did consider rolling him in the parking lot. I also had to apologize to **Jim**. After 7 months, he finally told me he was upset with me because I forgot to mention the fact that he made it to the mains in the **NCS race** we had in April of this year. Jim I am truly sorry, it was not intentional. Jim is another one our **OUT SPOKEN** drivers. We rarely hear from him, but when we do we **REALLY HEAR** from him. I am sorry, and congratulations on your Vegas winnings, it's nice to see someone you know get even. I was very worried about this banquet. All day long I kept hearing, just wait until tonight, you are getting a **BIG surprise**. When the people in our group start saying that, you better start looking for a **Bodyguard**. I thought I was in the clear when the **hate mail** started to die down. Only one mail truck, per day, is coming to our house now, instead of two. The first **BIG surprise** was **Tony Evans**. Tammy and I were shaking as Tony walked up to the front of the room. Then we fell in love with him all over again. Tony wanted 2 minutes to say **he was sorry** for the times he was less than a nice guy, and he presented Tammy and I with a bottle of **Excedrin and a very nice necklace**. Once again, **WE WERE STUNNED**. Thanks Tony for being a real **class act**. As we accepted this wonderful gift, we looked over at **Jim Silvay**, thinking, surely he will be coming up here next with something for us. I mean, if Tony got us this, Jim must have a pair of **5 karat diamond tennis bracelets** for us. But he just smiled. That's ok Jim, we still love you, I'm sure your probably still saving up for those bracelets and we will get them next year. Jim is a very good driver and I'm sure there is a **Grand National Championship in his future**. Speaking of Championships, here are your **2003 Champions: Open Wheel- 1<sup>st</sup>. Place-Chuck Beeman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-David Hart, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Place-Ron Schoeb. Novice-1<sup>st</sup> Place-Dion Cross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Lester Clapper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Rusty Hall. Sportsman-1<sup>st</sup> Place Rob Kimele, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lance "Black Flag" Cote, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Robert "Mr. Lucky" Kennedy. Truck-1<sup>st</sup> Place Jim Dooley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chuck Beeman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ross Rettig. Now, you know me, I don't want to start rumors, but Ross could not be with us at the Banquet, so **Chuck Beeman** accepted Ross's money for him. I don't know if Ross ever got his money, but **Chuck** was seen, in the casino, walking around with a **beautiful girl** on each arm. But, you didn't hear that from me. Last but definitely not least, **Grand Nationals-1<sup>st</sup> Place John "I've got the pictures" Ferguson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Bob Bates, Jr., and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Steve "Trophy Girl" Mylar. Congratulations on a great job. You are probably wondering why I call John, "I've got the pictures" Ferguson? He has been threatening me all year that if I wrote anything about him, the "PICTURES" would end up on the internet. What can I say, it worked. Our Beloved **Lester Clapper**, who is 80ish, and one of our Novice drivers who teaches the new Novice drivers how to drive defensively, was the recipient of one of the surprises. **Lou**, the gentleman that owns the track in Kingman, AZ, we race at, had a **special jacket** made up just for Lester, with his name on it and everything. It is **REALLY NICE**. Robert Kennedy presented it to****

him, and **Robert** said something that stuck in my mind, and is soooooo true. You don't have to be a first place winner to be a Champion. This describes Lester exactly. Thanks Robert for the words of wisdom, and **THANK YOU LOU**, for your generosity. You always make us feel welcome in Kingman.

Not only does **Robert "Mr. Lucky" Kennedy** have words of wisdom, but, we discovered he is a stand up **comedian**. Tammy and I saw him do this one night as we were just hanging out after a race, and decided he needed to perform at the banquet. He got up and started imitating what the drivers look like when they are on the drivers stand during a race. He was a little apprehensive about doing this at first, because he was afraid some of the guys would not think it was funny, but everyone was very amused. This is so funny, but it's one of those things you just have to see to appreciate. Nothing I write could provide you with the full effect. Thanks Robert, a good time was had by all. I think you have a **new career**. When Tammy and I were called up to present the Sign Art Award, I starting thinking, ok, here it comes, I am finally going to find out who my real friends are. Before we presented the award, **Tammy** said she had something for me. She had this **EVIL** look in her eyes, I held up a cross to ward her off, but it did no good. **My evil twin** presented me with a **chicken** that makes chicken sounds when you squeeze it, and little creatures with parachutes on their backs. Then to make matters worse, I find out that this is a **USED chicken**, yes, everyone had been playing this chicken. They were afraid I heard it when they were playing with it in Dave and Tammy's motor home. This chicken had been squeezed so much, it had every ones finger prints on it's belly. You see what I have to put up with. I can't believe my life as come down to a dysfunctional racing family and a plastic chicken. You know, It makes this really great scream if you squeeze it a certain way. No wonder my **therapist** refuses to see me anymore. Oh, that's not all. Bill presented Tammy and I with our Sign Art Awards that we get to keep. The original Sign Art Award is a large crystal eagle on a crystal platform and everyone who receives the award gets their name engraved on it. You get to take it home and keep it for a year then you have the name of the person you are going to present it to engraved on it and pass it on. In addition, they now have a smaller award made up with your name on it, that you can take home with you after you pass on the award to the new recipient. Well Bill gave us ours and we were thrilled, but I didn't pay attention to it, because I was excited about who we were going to present this years award to. But when I got back to my seat, I took a good look at it and it had a plaque on mine that read **DONNA WELLER**. I jumped up and stopped Bill in the middle of his sentence and said, "Wait just a minute, we have a problem". They were laughing and wondering how long it would take me to realize what they had done, or should I say what **TOM HUGHES** had done. He thought it would be amusing to put Donna on a removable plaque, since **RON SCHOEB**, and now everyone else called me Donna all year. Ok Tom, ya got me back for telling the story about Terry's bathroom incident. I think I finally figured out, I have no friends in this group, just sick, twisted family members. Ain't it great, life is good.

**SIGN ART AWARD.** This award is presented to the person who goes above and beyond in service to the club. This is one of the hardest things to do, to pick one person out of so many that contribute, that shines just a little bit brighter. But I think Tammy and I were right on the money with our choice. This man gives so much of himself to both the QSAC West club and his local Las Vegas club, that we cannot list all the things he does and still at every race has a smile on his face and always happy to see you. This years Sign Art Award recipient was **Mr. Bud "Godfather" Cort**. We love you Bud, you are a true **CHAMPION** in many ways.

Before I sign off for this year, I must **regretfully inform you** of yet another loss. This year has been hard on us losing Warren Stanley and having a few others off with illnesses. **Larry Cross** lost his lovely **wife Evelyn** to cancer on Dec. 5. Our hearts and prayers go out to Larry and his family.

It's time to say goodbye for now. Who knows what next year will bring. What ever it brings, I will keep you informed. Gordon and I hope all of you have a happy and healthy holiday. See ya next year.

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## QSAC West 2003 Schedule of Events

Feb 7-8	Kingman AZ	Points #1
Mar 6-7	Boulder City NV	Points #2
March 26 & 27	QSAC Western District Championship	No Points
Apr 17-18	Rialto Ca	Points #3
May 15-16	Boulder City NV	Points #4
June 5-6	Rialto Ca	Points #5
July 1,2,3	Boise	No Points
Aug 14-15	Boulder City NV Hot Aug Nights (earlier schedule)	No points
Sept 11-12	Kingman AZ	Points #6
Oct 6-9	Boulder City NV 16th Annual Las Vegas SuperNationals	No Points
Nov 13	Boulder City NV	Points #7
Nov 13	Boulder City NV Banquet	

### 2004 Racing Schedule!!!

The 2004 racing season is upon us. Our opening race day at Rialto Raceway is Sat, Jan 24th. We'll open the track at 1 pm for practice and start our qualifying heats at 3 pm. We will be running Novice, Sportsman, Open Wheel, and GN/Trucks.

Also, the **quarter scale drag racers** will be running on Jan 24th! Their track will open at 8 am and will close down at 1 pm. With minor exceptions, the drag cars will share the fourth Saturdays of each month with QROC (QuarterScale Racers of California). If you have an old straight axel car laying around, drop that illegal motor you've had sitting on the shelf in there and come on out and try your relexes on the christmas tree.

As always, spectators are free!

Jan 24th Drags from 8 till 1 pm, Oval track from 1 pm till ????

Feb 28 Drags from 8 till 1 pm, Oval track from 1 pm till?????

Mar 26/27 No drags. Regional QSAC race, Friday and Saturday.

Apr 24 Drags from 8 till 1 pm, oval from 1pm till ??