

Drag Wars 2009 Results



Drag Wars 2009, at the Grande Prairie Airport Aug 21-23, was staged to be the best event to date. All the elements were in place. A new batch of volunteers' courtesy of the Grande Prairie Rotary Clubs partnership, the weather was forecasting 20+ degrees and no rain and at the last minute one more jet car and a 2 seater dragster came on board as headlining acts.

For an event plagued with rain delays in the past the prospect of great weather motivated the crews and the event was ready to go almost a full day prior to normal.

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To kick off this years event Craig Anstead from Paradise RV took 2 media personalities for a ride in the 8.5 second 2 Seater dragster. Their screamson live radio brought the fans out to the track.

At 5 pm Friday night the gates opened like floodgates for racers and fans alike. The Autotrac Alignment King of the Street began with over 200 cars streaming in the gates. A record for Drag Wars. Over 1200 fans stayed until 10 oclock at night to watch the hundreds of street cars try their hand at drag racing. Many of the cars were new cars and drivers that were testing out the sport.

King of the Street	
Best Reaction Time	Glen Unger
Best ET	Jason Logan
Best Burnout	Kurt Robinson

Saturday dawned with over 220 race cars registered on the race side and 160 show and shine cars. Even with such a high car count all the racers got 3 time trials to be ready for bracket racing the following day.

One of the new events at Drag Wars was the Old School Heads Up sponsored by Jim Hartum Trucking. Based on the hugely popular Pinks All Out with a twist. To keep it fair, the Heads Up was an 1/8th mile flag start. 3 Indexs were chosen based on times only at the 1/8th mile. The biggest index had a spread on .5 seconds which in the grand scheme of things did not matter in the end. The racers chosen embraced the event with the spirit in which it was intended. The fast cars wanted in on the action so they asked to put a Q16 jackpot together and the all threw in 20 bucks and raced the 1/8 mile too. Congratulations to Daryl Steinbach , Kelsey Dufresne , Philip Emke winners of the Old School Heads Up, and Junior King of Hill Daylen Miller & Junior Jackpot Shelby Hagen.

Sunday was regular Bracket Racing Eliminations. The competitions was fierce but in the end winners were: Advantage Valve JR class Daylen Miller ,Lube-X Street Class Dane Lucas , Prairie Mall Bike and Sled Class

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Darwin, Street and Strip Pro Class Rob Plamondon, Northern Performance Super Pro Jason Miller , Quick 16 Jason Miller

Headlining Acts wowed the crowds all weekend. Thanks to the YIELD RCMP program and Blue Line Racing brought their Police Race Cars. They take race car to the track and now wants to use the sport to help prevent other kids from making a serious or fatal mistake.

Smokin Gun, Anger Management and Insanity competed in the Under the Sun Big Rig Shootout with unofficially Insanity the last truck standing!

The Janeshewski's raced each other all weekend in their jet cars Heracne and Rollin Thunder, and Silver Fox put on some quick passes. The Murphy's with the Wheelie Fun Wheel stander wowed the crowd with all 4 tires off the ground sending sparks all the way down the track. The Death Squad stunt bikes came back with a very entertaining show. They drove all the way from LAS Vegas to be here as they enjoy GP and the fans so much. They are off to Indy for a national competition. Most of the headliners will be heading to Drayton Valley for the race there Sep long weekend!

All in all over 10,000 fans, racers, and volunteers made their way to the GP airport over the 3 days and took part in one of the biggest shows in Western Canada.

It will be some time before the numbers are fully known but as always 100% of the proceeds will be going back into the community through the volunteer groups and the Rotary Clubs.

Great Job to everyone!

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Winners

Autotrac Alignment	King of the Street	
	Best Reaction Time	Glen Unger
	Best ET	Jason Logan
	Best Burnout	Kurt Robinson
Ruffneck Racing	Saturday	
	Junior King of Hill	Daylen Miller
	Junior Jackpot	Shelby Hagen
Jim Hartum Trucking	Old School Heads Up	Daryl Steinbach
		Kelsey Dufresne
		Philip Emke
Sunday		
Advantage Valve JR class	Daylen Miller	1
	Jared Anstead	2
	Lexie Reading	3
Lube-X Street Class	Dane Lucas	1
	Jamie Bailey	2
	Bobby Bailer	3
Prairie Mall Bike and Sled Class	Darwin Franke	1
	James Easton	2
	Jason Bezovie	3
Street and Strip Pro Class	Rob Plamondon\	1
	Dave Rutherford	2
	Dennis Sandboe	3

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Northern Performance Super Pro	Jason Miller	1
	Marlin Chase	2
	Jake Schmidt	3
Quick 16	Jason Miller	1

<u>SPECIALTY AWARDS</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
LONGEST DISTANCE	BILL CUNCANNON	1982 PORSCHE 911 SC TARGA	A&W
BEST FORD	BRIAN WITTY	1967 FORD F100	RUTHERFORD OIL
BEST DODGE	GORD PEEBLES	1970 DODGE AAR CUDA	REED ENERGY GROUP
BEST CHEVY	KENTON SCHULTZ	1970 GMC C10	DONE RIGHT DETAILING
BEST IMPORT	BILL CUNCANNON	1982 PORSCHE 911 SC TARGA	CURRY JEWELLERS
CLUB CHOICE	KENTON SCHULTZ	1970 GMC C10	DROPSICLES
PEOPLE'S CHOICE	KELSEY DUFRENSE	1967 CHEV CAMARO	MT ACTIONS
SPONSORS CHOICE	NEIL SANDBOE	1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD	A&W
BEST OF SHOW	DUSTY & JOYCE STEVENS	1931 FORD MODEL A	DON GOLDEN

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<u>CLASS</u>	<u>1ST</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>3RD</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
STREET ROD	DUSTY & JOYCE STEVENS	1931 FORD MODEL A	CRAIG SAUVERWALD	1936 PLYMOUTH COUPE	KERRY JONES	1934 3 WINDOW COUPE	LAWN 2 LAWN SERVICES
ANTIQUE	GEORGE BRUNEAU	1931 FORD MODEL A	GORDON TAYLOR	1966 CHEV CORVAIR	DAVE WHITE	1949 CHEV BUSINESSMANS COUPE	CURRY'S JEWELLERS
CLASSIC	VERN & ELAINE ZUMBUSCH	1957 CHEV BEL AIR	NEIL SANDBOE	1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD	DONNA HARTUM	1949 MERCURY	SUPERTINT
MUSCLE CAR PRE 68	ED MCKENZIE	1967 CHEV CAMARO	BRUCE BROWN	1967 PONTIAC FIREBIRD	DALE CARLSON	1968 CAMARO SS	ALBERTA CLASSIC APPRAISALS
MUSCLE CAR POST 69	DAN LESLIE	2005 FORD MUSTANG GT	BILL BESSENT	1969 PONTIAC FIREBIRD	EDDIE SANDBOE	1969 SHELBY MUSTANG	CITY CENTRE AUTOMOTIVE
UNRESTORED OR ORIGINAL	GARY BROWN	1965 BUICK RIVIERA	TAMMY HANSEN MCKAY	1957 CHEV 150 UTILITY	DWANYE BULLOCK	1968 PLYMOUTH SATELLITE	ROTARY CLUBS OF GRANDE PRAIRIE
SPECIAL INTEREST	HENRY PIEPERS	1977 FORD FALCON	MARC DOAR	2005 DODGE MAGNUM	GRAYSON CARTIER	2008 KEWORTH W900	QUALITY FLOORS
BIKE	MARK LANE	1925 BSA SS7H	CLIFFORD TANGEN	1983 HONDA CB750SC TURBO	MAURICE CHENARD	1989 HD FLH CLASSIC	PRISM GLASS
FULL-SIZE TRUCK	HARLEY JONES	1952 FORD F1	CAMILLE COMEAU	1972 CHEV CHEYENNE	PAT RICKEY	1951 FORD PICK UP	BLASTAWAY ENTERPRISES
FULL-SIZE TRUCK CUSTOM	KENTON SCHULTZ	1970 GMC C10	BRIAN WITTY	1967 FORD F100	MIKE MALCOLM	2007 GMC SIERRA	T-WEST DEVELOPMENT CORP.
MINI TRUCK	KELLY PURVIS	2001 FORD ESCAPE XLT	NATHAN BRISCO	2000 CHEV S-10 EXTREME	DAN ARBERRY	1994 CHEV S-10	WESTLUND OILFIELD SUPPLY
SPORT COMPACT CAR	BILL CUNCANNON	1982 PORSCHE 911 SC TARGA	MARC DOAR	1993 BMW 325i	MATT COOPER	1993 NISSAN 240 SX	MIKE'S LUBE AND CLEAN
UNDER CONSTRUCTION	MARC COMEAU	1967 CHEV C10	ROB BALCOM	1992 FORD F150 FLARESIDE	CHRIS BORDON	1992 CHEV C1500	PRISM GLASS
4X4	JOE SCHELL	1955 CHEV 3100	MARC DOAR	2002 JEEP TJ	KURT ROBINSON	1972 CHEV C10	CANADIAN SUBSURFACE