



The East Coast Gassers 2023 season once again kicked-off with a two day race at New England Dragway in Epping NH. The weather was sunny and warm and after a long winter everyone was ready to race!

Qualifying Results Day 1

Low Reaction Time	Bruce Deming	0.006
Low ET	Paul McCorkle	8.90
Top Speed	Paul McCorkle	154.02

Saturday's race was a 17 car field.

Eliminations Round One:

Race One: The first elimination race of the season was a family affair between Joe and John Lang. John went .114 red handing the win to Joe who had a .024 RT and ran 10.26 on a 10.24 dial.

Race Two: This one featured Jim Wheeler up against Skip Cowell. running 11.97 on a 11.90 index. While Skip ran a bit closer to his 11.35



dial, Jim's .058 light was significantly better than Skip's sleepy .387 and enough for the win.

Race Three: Paul McCorkle met Scott Hasko in race three. Scott went a heartbreaking .004 red handing the win to Paul who ran an 8.81 on his 8.65 dial.

Race Four: Rob Pompei and Don Fardie squared off in this one. Rob lit the red bulb (-.060) while Don ran 10.247 on his 10.20 dial for the win.



Race Five Race three pitted Ed Linus against Clayton Deming. Ed had a .154 light and broke out running 9.66 on a 9.70 index. Clayt had an .046 light and ran a 10.31 on his 10.28 dial for the win.

Race Six: Kyle Torres and Dave Grubb lined up in race six. Both racers ran about a tenth over their dial-ins but Dave's .071 RT was substantially better than Kyle's .217 giving him the win light.

Race Seven: Steve Tanzella took on Al Cocchiaro. Al had .319 RT and ran an 11.48 on a 10.99 dial. Steve advanced with a .174 RT and 10.02 on a 9.85 dial.

Race Eight: Mike Alessi and Jim Hess were matched for race eight. Mike advanced with a 9.30 on a 9.26 index. Jim ran a 13.07 on his 12.99 but once again reaction time (.121 for Mike .229 for Jim) was the difference maker. Jim also had a clutch linkage failure during this run that sidelined him for Sunday.

Race Nine: Bruce Deming had the beyond wisely used it as another time shot running 10.191 on a 10.30 dial.

Eliminations Round Two:

Race One: Dave Grubb and Mike Alessi started off round two. Dave's 9.60 on a 9.55 dial was closer than Mike's 9.34 on a 9.24 but Dave had a sleepy .636 RT which was the difference maker that gave the win light to Mike.

Race Two: Bruce Deming and Steve Tanzella went at it in race two. Bruce went .051 red handing the win to Steve who ran a 9.84 on a 9.90 dial.

Race Three: Paul McCorkle and Clayton Deming were matched for race three. Clayt ran closer to his dial but Paul's .055 RT to Clayt's .345 turned the win light on for Paul.

Race Four: In a race of Chevy II's Jim Wheeler met Don Fardie. Don lit the red bulb (-.056) giving the win to Jim.

Race Five: The final race of round two was a Joe Lang bye who clicked-off a 10.40 on a 10.25 dial.



Eliminations Round Three:

Race One: Steve Tanzella faced Joe Lang. Both racers had almost identical reactions; .19 for Steve and .20 for Joe. Steve broke out running 9.81 on a 9.87 dial. Joe was on his game running right on his 10.25 dial for the victory!

Race Two: This one had Paul McCorkle facing Mike Alessi. This was a good, tight race. Mike had the better light (.064 to Paul's .129) and ran a little over two tenths vs. his dial.dial-in. Paul ran a tenth over his dial for the win. Margin of victory (MOV) was .039.

Race Three: The final race of the round was a Jim Wheeler bye run. Jim got some RT practice and 60' data then leisurely ran it across the stripe at 11.28 vs his 10.65 Dial.



Eliminations Round Four (Semi-Final):

Race One: Joe Lang and Jim Wheeler lined up for the first race of round three. Joe ran a 10.24 on his 10.23 dial but left a bit early (-.046 foul) giving the win to Jim who ran 11.07 on an 11.40 dial.

Race Two: Paul McCorkle had the bye run and ran a consistent 8.81 on an 8.80 dial. The final round is set.

Eliminations Round Five (Final): Jim Wheeler and Paul McCorkle staged for the first final round of the season. Paul had been consistent vs his dial in all day, but both racers left early (Jim .060 red and Paul .050.) Paul took the win light running 8.83 on an 8.80 dial in. Congratulations to both!



Paul McCorkle - Top Eliminator/Event winner.



Jim Wheeler - Runner up



Sportsmanship



An excellent opening day of the season. Stay tuned for day 2!

Ray Bruno

Please excuse any errors or omissions, they are purely accidental.

