

Brenda & Brandon Seraphine

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This is our race report for the month of August and first race after Denver for the Rislone & Bar's Leak Jr Dragster cars of Brenda and Brandon Seraphine. Our first race would be at Autoclub Dragway in Fontana Ca. And it would be with the group called SCEDA. (<http://www.sceda.com/>). I only ran one car per day with Brandon's Bar's Leak car Saturday and Brenda's Rislone car Sunday.

So with Brandon's car we only got two time trial runs as we race with big cars and time is pretty sparse at these events but fun. So first run we go 9.010 at 71.00 MPH, and second run 9.020. So we are really happy and dial in a 9.00 flat and he cuts a great light but breaks out with a 8.98 on the brakes. So on to Brenda the next day as she was in cheer camp all week and just got home Sunday for this race. Now we knew the Rislone dragster was flying in Denver so we put some weight on it but not enough as the car ran 7.75 at 83.62 MPH. So Brandon and I put more weight on it and it runs 7.886 and we are happy. So we have a straight up 7.90 dial in on both cars. Brenda cuts a .024 light but the other driver in the Lucas car cuts a .030 and the race is on and it's tight but both cars break out with Brenda in the Rislone car running a 7.873 to there 7.885. So with us having the lower break out we go home.

Now on to the last Div 7 race of the year in Las Vegas. We will start with Brandon's Bars Leak car and save the best for last this time. Saturday is a Las Vegas track point's race and they run all the cars from ten year olds to eighteen in one class. So there were eighty four cars first round crazy. So we run a 9.21 and 9.26 at 69 MPH in time trials. We dial in a 9.28 for first round and he breaks out with a on the brakes 9.238 at 66 MPH. So now with Brenda she runs 8.10 so we take some weight off and it runs a 7.92. So first round first round we dial in a 7.92 and she wins with a 7.96 on the

brakes. Second round we dial another 7.92 but the car spins the tires and falls of to a 8.03 for the loss. So I am sort of glad this day is over as we left for the track at 2 AM Saturday so there would be no traffic, and rolled in at 6.30am with the races starting at 7am. And being that it was 110 degrees all day a pool was sounding good to me. We did go back to the track for a friend's pizza birthday party later in the evening and it was still 110 degrees, so after a great night of sleep off to the track again for the last Div 7 race of the year with Brandon and his Bars Leak car in the thick of everything. All the stars were going to have to line up and Brandon was going to have to win the race with others going out first round this day to place high in the year end points. So we run two 9.10 for time trials and are in good shape. We dial in a 9.08 and take the win with a 9.12 lifting. And a few people in front of us went out first round. So we dial the same for second round but felt something funny in the clutch after the burn out and Brandon noticed it also. So he got the better light and ran it out the back door knowing it wasn't going to go as fast and only ran a 9.14 for the loss. So now on to the longest day in the year for me it seemed. The Rislone Jr dragster just seemed to want to run good and all day long. Our first to qualifying passes we run back to back 7.89's. So first round we dial a 7.90 and Brenda pedals to a 7.96 for the win light. So second round same dial in and the other car goes red and Brenda runs a 7.887 for the win. So third round it's 1.29 pm and 110 degrees and we dial a 7.90 and Brenda runs 7.904 for the win. So now we are in the semis trying to make the finals. We dial a 7.90 again and she runs 7.976 for the win. But she didn't use the brakes that much and the engine is hot. So Brandon and I are doing everything to cool the engine down and take some weight out. But by this time it's 3.17 PM and 114 degrees and we are very worn out. And this is when you sometime over look things as we did. We got the engine cooled down and were happy with everything going too the line. So we have two 7.90 cars in the finals, and then the Rislone dragster does her burn out and all is well as the engine temps are good and car is sounding strong. But as is staged with

both bulbs on in our lane I see the biggest puddle of fluid in my life under the right rear tire, first I am thinking oil but follow it back up to the fuel tank and see that the fuel tank cap is loose and pouring out. The starter can see my expression on my face but not the leak. So as I was just about to shut her off the starter looks at me and I give him the don't worry sign and let Brenda in the Rislone dragster go knowing that she is good enough that if it get side ways on the start she will get out of it. But as luck would have it Brenda cut a great light to the other car but spun the tires going straight in her own fuel and with the fuel cap coming off the car within 60 feet of the car and fell off to a 8.00 to there off the throttle 7.92 for the loss. It is funny that I do know that I still have a few more ways to lose races that I have not done yet with this being one. So Brandon and I will travel out of state next weekend to the Race of champions Saturday with Brandon representing San Diego as he is the points lead as of now and race in E.T finals the next day for team San Diego. Brenda will not be able to attend this race do to cheer leading as this was not on our schedule of races this year anyway. They both have also started school for the year.

<http://www.speedworlddragstrip.com/flyers/Jr%20ET%20Finals.pdf>

Thank you for all of your support,

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