

Brandon & Brenda Seraphine Race Report – January 2008

Our first track point race for California raceway of Fontana was rained out on January 6 and postponed to January 26. So our next race would be a race with a group called SCEDA (www.sceda.com) which we committed to run with this year when not conflicting with other track races. Very unique program as the Jr dragsters run with the big cars and only thirty two Jr dragsters are allowed to run due to time. The first race of two in as many days was Saturday January 19. We will start with Brandon in his new Bar's Leak Rear Main Seal Repair car. He just turned thirteen on January 16th which allowed him to step up to a faster car which he had been looking forward to for quite some time. So for his first qualifying time he runs a 8.06 at 77 MPH and is very happy as we told him to lift on his first run as we had no idea how fast this car was going to be. We only get two qualifying runs and on his next one he runs a nice and straight 7.87 at 82.00 and says it's hard to stop, and I tell him well you are going a lot faster than ever before and will have to adjust as he does. So first round we dial in a 7.90 and he gets a great light .011 and runs 7.90 taking the win. Next round he runs a 7.99 for the win and the day is called for lack of light and we will continue Sunday morning. So next round Sunday morning with the temp around 45 degrees we were pretty lost on the tune up and could not get enough heat in the engine and we lost with a 8.21. Now with Brenda's Rislone car she runs a 8.01 and a 7.78 in qualifying and we dial in a 7.90 and she runs a 7.90 but does not take the win.

But during the day we had a visit from Scott "Lucky" Hudson from Speed Scene Racing which is a live internet show shown all over the world every Tuesday at 6 P.M pacific time. They did a nice interview with Brenda and Brandon who got in some good plugs, even Scott put in some nice plugs for Bar's Leak as he knew the product well. <http://www.speedsceneracing.com/arch.shtml>
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So, on to race number two Sunday. Brandon got to run already in the morning in his third round of racing so he was denied a qualifying run and had to go straight into racing. So he takes the win with a 7.93 on a 7.90 dial in and in the second round we lose with a tire spinning 7.99. But then it's Brenda's day in the Rislone dragster to shine. She gets one round of time trials and runs a 8.01. But we knew the car would pick up and dial in a 7.90 and she wins with a 7.99. She goes on to win the next round with a 7.95. So the third round we run another 7.95 to advance to the semis. The Rislone dragster runs a 7.957 to the other drivers 7.953 and we are parked for the day.

So our next race is back at California Speedway in Fontana <http://www.californiaspeedway.com/dragway> January 26th. We will run the race that was rained out January 6th and race number two all in one day. And let me tell you I thought this race was also going to be a wash out as it had been raining for five days before this race with Saturday the only day of no rain and to start again the next day for three more days of rain which it did.

Well being that we were here the week before we had a close tune up for both cars now. So Brenda's Rislone Jr Dragster runs 8.14 and a 7.99 in qualifying as the track was not there due to all the rain we had during the week. But before racing started Eric Lotz Director of Field Marketing for NHRA brought over Eric Wong from NBC who produces a show called Whipnotic (www.whipnotic.com) which airs every Saturday at three P.M on NBC. He wanted to know if they could wire up Brenda and Brandon and film them during the day for an upcoming episode of there show Whipnotic. So both the Rislone/Bar's Leak cars got some great T.V time, but I think the show will be more focused on the sport of Jr Dragsters. They really didn't get the chance to mention there sponsors name but sure did get a lot of video of there sponsors name. So back to racing as we dial in a 7.90 and Brenda wins with a 7.94 and wins the next round 7.95 and then 7.93 to end her day for the first race. Brandon's Bar's Leak car ran 8.22 and 8.10 in time trials so we dialed in a 8.00 but he broke out for the loss with a 7.97. So with the rain coming we go right into the next race and are allowed to have one time trail which Brenda runs a 7.94 and Brandon runs a 7.95. So we dial in a 7.91 for Brenda and she runs a break out 7.90 for the end

of a long day. So Brandon's car runs a 7.93 on a 7.90 dial in for the win. So we dial in a 7.90 and where this came from I don't know but the Bar's Leak car runs too quick 7.83 for the loss but the driver says it was a fun ride so we are all happy. Now the best part of this weekend is we are going to go over to the other side of the speedway and have our banquet for the 2007 race season. And we were looking forward to this as the Bar's Leak car driven by Brandon Seraphine is going to be awarded a third place trophy for year end points for the year of 2007 and the Rislone car of Brenda Seraphine would receive a trophy for a year end fifth place finish.

Now on to the next day we were invited to the Team Possibilities <http://www.teampossibilities.com> banquet as the top three in each class for the year end 2007 points chase are the only ones invited and rewarded as they rent a pizza parlor all to themselves. And this is a track that is run by all volunteers and is a non-profit group that puts these races on out of their own pocket. And these three people (Sonny, Mike and Bill) are not very wealthy in anyway. But something great happened to these three people this year as they were told many years ago that their plan would fail and they proved them all wrong many years later. And for all of their hard work they were reward with The President's of The United States Volunteer Service Award this year.

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And with that our Bar's Leak driver Brandon Seraphine with the other top winners of 2007 will have their picture sent to the White House. What a weekend two races in one day with two banquets. Can you say fun!

So for the third week in a row of racing on to Barona raceway (www.baronadrags.com) for their first track points race 1 and 2. Now believe it or not it has been raining all month long here in California, we have got more rain already than we did of all of last year. So with the threat of rain it was decided to run both races on Saturday instead of a Saturday Sunday plan. So Brenda is first up and runs a 8.01 and 7.93 in her time trials in the Rislone dragster. So we dial in a 7.90 but just not good enough for the win with another 7.93. Little did we know that the new Bar's Leak Rear Main Seal Repair car on its third race of the year was on its way to a great day, Brandon ran 8.03 and 7.96 in qualifying. So first round we dial in a 7.90 and the other car went red and he aired it out and ran a 7.84 for the win. So next round same dial

and he has a great light .011 which allows him to pedal to a 8.02 for the win. Third round with another good light takes the win with a 7.94 and advances to the finals. So we talk before this round as we are running another 7.90 car and plan out what we are going to do. Both drivers cut a good light Brandon's is a .012 and runs a 7.89 for the win with the Bar's Leak car. What a great first half of the day. But now on to the second race of the day as where you can go from hero to zero in a matter of seconds. So with no time trials and straight in to race number two we dial in a 7.90 for the Bar's Leak car but took to much strip running a 7.88 at 76 MPH on the brakes for the loss. We are still learning this new car and are sure it will get better. Brenda's second race didn't go much better as she had been sitting for over three hours and went straight into race two cold and ran a 7.87 for the break out loss. But all in all was a great time as we had a big BBQ after the races with all the teams and the day was a whole lot of fun. The new Bar's Leak car got great comments at all three of the first races this year, this car was done so nice and had a body on it that most people think its paint and not a wrap. I think the new design will be a homerun on all the car's that carry this design this year.

Brandon has finished with basketball this year and is thinking about trying out for track next. This being his first year in Jr. High he has never had the opportunity to play this many sports and he is having a great time. And Brenda is almost done with cheer leading for the year as there are two more basketball games left this week and she will be off until March and then it starts all over. We also signed her up for driver's Ed with AAA as she will be turning sixteen soon.

Thank you very much

Jeff Seraphine & Family