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### Seraphine Racing Report for April 2008

For the month of April the Seraphine's only had two races but had to travel over thirteen hundred miles to race them. But they were a lot of fun and great exposure for the Bar's Leak / Rislone Jr, dragster race cars. And this weekend would also be the start to four straight weekends of racing.

Our first one was April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Tucson AZ at SIR (<http://www.sirace.com/>). Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> was a fun race with a quick 32-330 race. We were only going to run the fun race but Brandon got in the quick 32 also as I will explain why. I will start out with Brenda as she went 7.90 and 7.86 in her time trials. So we dial in a 7.90 and she wins with a 7.91. Second round she wins with a 7.93 and goes onto the third round. We dial another 7.90 and she wins with a 7.97. So with five cars left and one not being the Bar's Leak car as they were grouped together for this race she loss with a off the pace 7.98. Now Brandon in the Bar's Leak car had a weird but great day. He had time trials of 8.03 and 8.00 which were slow for us but as we would go on racing the day we found out why. First round with a dial of 8.00 the Bar's Leak car wins with a 8.06. But before the run in the staging lanes he noticed that the driven on his car was bent and I let him run anyway. But when we got back and prepared for the next round I repaired it and we dial in a 8.00 flat again but it went to quick 7.96 for the break out loss. So he asked me if we could enter the quick 32 which we have never done before. But as it turned out it was a great idea this day to put the Bar's Leak car in this race. With a dial of 5.02 for the first two rounds Brandon wins with a pair of 5.03's. Then the car fell off to a 5.06 but still takes the win with his good lights. Then he had a bye run and goes 5.01 on a 5.02. But like the old saying goes you get that one lucky run of the day and that was it. So now on too the money round and he wins the race with a 5.04. It's nice to hear over the loud speaker the Bar's Leak car or the Rislone car as they (the cars) have there own personalities it seems.

So on to Sunday for the NHRA Div 7 race and the main reason were are here. Brenda's Rislone car seemed to fall off a little and would only run 8.03 and 7.98 in her time trials and took a hard first round loss with a 8.03 on a 7.97 dial. But the Bar's Leak car driven by Brandon Seraphine had another great day, for what ever reason his car picked up and runs 7.90 and 7.86 in time trials giving us something to work with this day. So he marches through the first four rounds 7.97 - 7.91 - 7.92 and then has the other driver cut a perfect light against him and wins with a 7.90 to advance to the finals. This day the Bar's Leak car would have to settle for a runner up as Brandon goes -.499 red. But he took it good as he was not crying when I picked him up as I know he wanted this one a lot. I feel this was one of his best weekends of racing I have seen from him and hope to have a few more like this in his future.

So we didn't even unload our cars but serviced them in the trailer and headed to Auto Club Dragway (<http://www.californiaspeedway.com/dragway/>) the following weekend

April 26<sup>th</sup> So Brenda's Rislone car goes 7.89, 7.85 in time trials and has us putting some weight on it to slow it down. So the first round she wins with a 7.92 and then another win at 7.95. So on to the third round with another win running a 7.91 and going to the semis but goes -.001 for the loss. Now we had two races this day as one was a make up that got blown out. But not much luck here as she took a nap and runs 7.94 for the loss. Now the Bar's Leak car was way to quick with a 7.86 and 7.83 needing a lot of weight. So first round we win with a bye run of 7.89. Next round he wins with a 7.92. Now the wind is blowing pretty good every which way and he runs a off the wall to quick 7.81 for the loss due to the break out rule. And in the second race he just flat out lost with a run of 7.95.

A few side notes Brandon is now in his first year of running track for his school, and is having a great year as far as his grades go. Brenda took her DMV test for a driving permit and missed only two so she is now driving on the streets of California.

And one last thing I know I have said it before but thanks for everything you have done for our race team to make us able to represent Bar's Leak / Rislone and our race team in the most professional way anyone could. We also are doing a big display of the Bar's Leak and Rislone products along with our annual BBQ for our non racing friends this weekend at the Andy Robles Memorial race this weekend. This is a flyer for the race in the link below.

<http://www.jrdrags.com/forums/showflat.php?Cat=0&Number=118096&an=0&page=0#118096>

It was cool to see Bill (Rislone A/F) and **Jeff Bohr (Bar's Leak TAD) race each other on T.V last weekend.**

And FYI as of now we are not planning on going to Denver this year as the cost last year were just a little more than we want to spend this year. As of now we will be doing thirty to forty or more races on the west coast in three different states.

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