

We had a pretty busy month of May. With four race weekends with nine races, and all the way from the southern tip of California to the far northern tip. We could have thrown a rock into the country of Mexico and three weeks later thrown one in to the state of Oregon from each race track.

We will start out at Team Possibilities at Qualcomm stadium in San Diego May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. (<http://www.teampossibilities.com/>) We were to race three races two Saturday and one Sunday with the second one Saturday a makeup race from a rained out race the month before. So going into this race Brenda in the Rislone Jr. dragster was first in points, so she gets two time trials and runs 6.66 both times and we dial in a 6.66 for first round and she goes .492 red. So for the next race we got one time trial and she runs a 6.65 and we are happy as the car is good. So this little girl went on a mission and runs 6.71, 6.69, 6.67, 6.66 for wins to put her in the finals and runs 6.65 to take it all in the finals. So now all the winners of the four age groups run in a race called the king of the hill. And the Rislone dragster runs another 6.65 to go for the king of the hill for the day but the other car has a perfect reaction time and nothing Brenda can do but settle for runner up. Then Sunday we get three time trials and where the car runs good but the Rislone Jr. Dragster goes out first round and we leave in second place in the points.

Now Brandon's Bar's Leak Jr. Dragster had a good first race. His car runs 6.79 and 6.78 for time trials. So we dial in a 6.77 and he takes the win with a 6.78 and wins the next three rounds to put him in the finals and takes the runner up spot. The second race he decides to take a nap on the tree for the loss. So on to Sunday the Bar's Leak Rear Main Seal Repair car has three good time trials but goes out first round to end a pretty good weekend in my eyes.

So now we find our self at Auto Club Dragway in Fontana Ca May 10,11<sup>th</sup>.

(<http://www.californiaspeedway.com/dragway/>). This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Andy Robles Memorial race on Saturday and a Div 7 race Sunday. Every year we invite all of our friends for a big BBQ in our pits as this is the closet race track from our home we race at. But it seems we have more fun than racing good at this event which I wish we could do both as there is a thousand dollar saving bonds up for the winners in each class and a Wally for the king of the hill. But the fun with friends is just as good. This weekend also had a 330 race which somehow involved us as Brandon was asked to drive one for the first time. We didn't make the show but he had a good time as he ran a 4.62 for the quickest pass of his life so far. So now we are on to the race for the Bar's Leak & Rislone Jr dragsters. Saturday will be short and sweet as Brenda in the Rislone car runs 7.97 and 7.93 for her time trials but goes out first round with a losing 7.90. Then Brandon in the Bar's Leak car runs 8.08 and 7.86 but losses with a too

quick 7.87. So I ask both of them if we aren't racing could you please light the BBQ and have fun with your friends for the day. And they did as there were a lot of things to do for the kids throughout the drag strip. So now we fast forward too Sunday for the Div 7 race as we are all by ourselves now and in race mode. So Brenda runs 8.00 and 7.94 for her time trials so we dial in a 7.90 and she takes the win with a 7.91. But second round she is a little late on the light and runs a too quick 7.84 for the loss. Now on to the Bar's Leak Rear Main Seal Repair car driven by Brandon Seraphine. Little does he know but this will be one of the great races of the year for him and his race car. He runs 8.04 and 7.96 for his time trials so we dial in a 7.92 and he wins with a 7.94 and then wins the next round with a 7.92. Now third round with both drivers getting good light Brandon's .005 takes the win with a double break out running 7.86. So he takes the next round with a 7.93 to advance to the finals. Both cars dial in a 7.90 for a heads up race and the Bar's Leak Rear Main Seal Repair car takes the win with a 7.91 to the other cars to quick 7.89 with the crowd going wild. (LOL).

So now we travel over six hundred miles to the next race in Redding California May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26 for a Div 7 race both days. (<http://www.reddingdragstrip.net/>) Now there is also a race at Team Possibilities this weekend and I will tell you if it weren't for the points I would have stayed home as fuel prices went up for Labor day and the weather was not looking good up north. And I will tell you the way the weekend started out I was thinking we made a bad mistake going north. But when we go up there every year we get to stop at a friend's ranch and spend a few hours with them and it makes it fun, and also got to see a friend I have not seen in five years in Redding. So no matter what happens it has been fun to see old friends. So we wake up Saturday to rain and it rains all day and they call the race for the day and hope we can get both races of Sunday even though it's suppose to rain until Monday. So all the kids go to the movies or the mall and have a great time anyway. So on to Sunday the day does not look as bad as Saturday as there is no rain but looks ugly outside. We get to the track and are ready to go and Brandon's Bars Leak car is having problems today and can only run 8.19, 8.16, and 8.18 in time trials and then gets a bogus red light first round but really didn't matter as the car would have broke next round anyway. I even duct tape both front tires on both cars as we have had problems at this track the last three years and still had problems. But things work in strange ways to where everything works out okay in the end. So Brenda in the Rislone car runs 7.92, 7.94 and then losses first round with a good 7.93. But I have never gone from zero to hero as most of the time we do just the opposite. But today would be just that. We get one hit between races and Brandon's car flat broke with a run 12.67. So I go to work on it and do a few things which I think might fix it and tell him I think it's fixed but you will have to win this one for us. So we dial a 8.00 thinking that it's fixed and he pedals and brakes to a perfect 8.00 for the win. So with all the numbers I have I know the car will run 7.90 with no problem. So we dial in a 7.90 and he wins with a 7.88 and then wins the next round

with a 7.86. So now we are going to the finals but have no weight tank as we had taken it out and there is no time to put it back in so we borrow a couple ankle weights for three pounds to try to slow it down. But when the other car goes .000 on the lights we ran a quick 7.83 for a runner up spot with the Bar's Leak Rear Main Seal Repair car. And I will tell you we are very happy with this as we left with the points lead still. Now the Rislone car had a even better second race as this drive decide it's time to race. Brenda went 7.84 on her time trial but I knew she can drive when she wants too so I left it the way it was. So she wins with a 7.91 and then a perfect 7.90 to advance to the finals and runs a 7.94 for the win and moves up to third place in the point's to our surprise. So we are very happy we made this trip as things turned out pretty good.

So our next race is in Barona Ca May 31 and June 1<sup>st</sup> the weekend after the Redding race (<http://www.baronadrags.com/points.shtml>) with June first being another Div 7 race. So we didn't even unload the cars and just serviced them in the trailer and only did Brandon's car as Brenda could not race Saturday as she had a high school cheer car wash fund raiser that her and my wife had to go to, and then they were to join us the next day. So I am only going to give you have of this report as Sundays race is in June and I will include that with next month's race as there is only one Jr race next month and then we go at it again for the next few months. But between now and the Fontana race when Brandon drove the 330 car there were some people watching him that day and I guess they liked what they saw and knew we were going to be at Baron racing and asked if Brandon might be interested in testing one of their two 330 cars while racing. Now I really wanted him to concentrate on his car as we are in the points lead for this track and Div points, but how am I suppose to say no to him as it's his dream to move up and not only that it's an honor to be asked to drive for someone in this class. So I said yes like any dad would have. So I will give you a quick rundown on the 330 car as he made about six passes during the day Saturday with a best 4.50, and then ran about the same about of runs Sunday. Then he was asked to come back this Friday for some more testing with the other car and I am pretty sure they will asked him to race it June 14<sup>th</sup> at a 330 race. Now on to the race with the Bar's leak car. So we get three time trials and we have car problems again as it runs 8.06, 7.98 and 8.09. So we dial in a 8.11 and I tell him to do what he does best and drive the wheels off it and he wins with a on the brakes 8.13. So I put a coil on the car and believe it or not he had a reaction time of .003 the round before which gave him the bye run and he runs a 7.88. So third round we dial a 7.90 and he pedals to a 7.99 for the win. So with a dial of 7.92 he wins with a 8.03 to advance to the finals. So we dial in a 7.92 and he cuts a good light but the other driver has a .014 and runs 7.91 on 7.90 as we ran a 7.96 as the Bar's Leak Rear Main Seal Repair car takes the runner up while still leading the point's battle.

A little about the kids and family now away from the race track. Brenda made the varsity cheer leading squad this year moving up from the JV team she was on last year. She will be a flyer again which I think is just as wild as car racing if not more. I tell her she needs to take the girls that are her bases out to lunch once in awhile to keep them happy so they don't drop her. Brandon is in his first year of not playing baseball after playing for nine years but is doing okay as he rides his skate board a lot and works on his grades a lot more, he did all the sports that his school offered this year also (baseball, basketball and track). He was also chosen with eighty four other kids out of the whole school to be in the lap top program next year at his school which is a great honor in itself. With two weeks left in the school year it looks like both of their grades will be great. With my wife Debbie starting a new job this year after being with a company for thirteen years her vacation time is not built up enough to make the trip to Denver this year. And Brenda has a cheer camp that week anyway and with the cost of fuel the only way Brandon and I would go is if we get an offer that we can't pass up, and I don't really see that happening.

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