

Brandon & Brenda Seraphine Race Report – January 2009

Well after a good month off January proved to be a busy month for the Bar's Leaks/Rislone team. I am sure in previous emails that most know that Brenda, driver of the Rislone Jr. Dragster was injured in cheerleading, as she is a flyer and was dropped on her head December 31. All cat scans were okay but due to headaches she was not allowed to do anything until January 22nd when she was cleared by the doctors. So she missed the first two races of the year at Auto Club Dragway in Fontana Ca. (<http://www.autoclubspeedway.com/Tickets-Events/Events/2009/Auto-Club-Dragway/Auto-Club-Dragway.aspx>) But I will tell you that the Bar's Leaks car was making up for the Rislone car not being on the track.

So Jan 3 we only got one time trial and ran a 8.14, so we dialed in a 8.00 and the other car went red and we ran a 7.89. So we had an idea now what the car was going to run and dial in a 7.90 this time but Brandon goes -.007 red to end the first day. So next day Sunday we get two time trials and have a handle on the car and the Bar's Leaks car makes it all the way to the semis with only three cars remaining, but due to time and cold the race is postponed to June. So we now forward two weeks later at the same race track but we are running a series called SCEDA (<http://www.sceda.com/>) they only invite 32 Jr's as we race with big cars and this is the only way (32 cars) to run with them to get the show done on time. Well due to time again we only got one time trial and ran a 7.92 and dial in a 7.90 for first round but loss with a two quick 7.872. Now Sunday was a different day for the Bar's Leaks dragster. Brandon took his dragster all the way to the finals by winning races by less than .003 more than once, and cutting lights as good as .001 to .034. But in the finals we were runner up in a double break out race which was very close. This is a little write up from the SCEDA site on the race.

“ In the **Terminator Blocks, Clutches, and Accessories** SCEDA Jr. Dragster Series, it was Jimmy Morosan taking the win over Brandon Seraphine. Seraphine who had the better light, but broke out by more, giving Morosan the win in the double breakout competition. In the semi-finals, it was Seraphine defeating Brett Lenarth. Seraphine had an awesome .001 light and that was all he needed to take the win. Morosan defeated Ryan Diosdado. Diosdado unfortunately went red automatically giving Morosan the win-light and the advance to the final. Honorable mentions go out to Chandler Meziere for running 9.056 on his 9.05 dial in the second round, Brandon Seraphine for running 7.908 on his 7.90 dial in the second round, and Brandon Seraphine for his .001 light in the semi-final.“

So now we go to January 23 and Brandon was going to Arizona to test the 330 car he drives and Brenda got cleared to go back to cheerleading and racing. So Brenda and I decided to follow them out with our cars (Bar's Leaks/Rislone) as they had Friday off of school. So I entered them both in the track race Saturday. And can you believe it I am by myself and these two kids go to the finals against each other. I am glad I have made many friends in this sport as I had enough help so they could race each other, but can you say GIRL POWER. LOL, Brenda's Rislone car runs 7.907 to Brandon's 7.88 with both cars on a 7.90 dial. I can tell you I have not seen Brenda smile so big in a long time. Brandon tested the 330 car only Sunday with Brenda running in the race and went a couple rounds. Our next race will be back at Speedworld next weekend being the first of eight Div 7 races of the year, and we will also be with our new team mate in the Jr Comp car, I will make sure I get some good pictures to you soon.