

Race Wrap from the 16th Annual Quick Fuel Technology NMCA Bluegrass Nationals

(May 26, 2017 Santa Ana CA) Mother Nature tried her best to disrupt the race with several rain delays, but the NMCA staff was patient and eventually the storms passed and cars were able to get down the track at the 16th Annual Quick Fuel Technology NMCA Bluegrass Nationals Presented by Scoggin-Dickey Parts Center Featuring the Chevrolet Performance Challenge Series at Beech Bend Raceway Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky. A monumental effort was made by all to get the race in before the weather turned once again, and, incredibly, all was said and done just before 4:00pm on Sunday as winners headed to the Aerospace Components Winners' Circle.

The three power adders of the VP Racing Fuels Xtreme Pro Mod category



were all well represented, but it was Steve Summers whose twin-turbocharged '16 Camaro took top honors after qualifying on a 3.810 at 214.45 mph hit. Daniel Pharris of Sikeston, Missouri, had a few minor issues with his gorgeous new Mustang during the weekend, but it wasn't enough to keep him from squaring off against Billy Harper in the finals. There, Harper fouled at the start and opened the door for Pharris to take the win; Pharris had problems getting down the track, but got it done and made the victory official.

In Dart Pro Stock, Kevin Lawrence was the number-one qualifier on a 7.125-second hit in his '10 Cobalt. Several highly-competitive drivers all gave it their best shot in eliminations, and Kevin Lawrence and Rob Pearce were ready to run in the finals, but the two men mutually decided to pack it up early and finish the race at the 12th Annual Nitto Tire NMRA/NMCA Super Bowl of Street Legal Drag Racing in Joliet, Illinois in late July instead.

Josh Klugger of Fiscus/Klugger Racing had the field covered in qualifying and rocketed to the front of the Mickey Thompson Radial Wars field with his turbocharged '93 Mustang. The class featured many of the nation's quickest and



fastest radial-tire entries, but it was Marty Stinnett of Kuttawa, Kentucky, and Dave Adkins in the all-small-block final round as the last men standing. Ultimately, it was Stinnett who got to the finish first, and he picked up his first win of the season behind the wheel of his '93 Mustang.

Meanwhile, VP Racing Fuels Street Outlaw had a tight field take on qualifying and it was Charlie Cooper who came out ahead when he ran 4.466 at 172.67 mph in his '91 Mustang. By the end of the weekend, only Nathan Stinson and Rob Goss

were still in the game. During the last round, Goss had the holeshot advantage, but Stinson of Greenbrier, Tennessee, was far quicker in his '74 Nova and picked up his first win, as well as a new personal best 4.57 elapsed time along the way.

Next up, the NMCA E3 Spark Plugs Drag Racing Series heads to Joliet, IL on July 27, 2017 for the 12th Annual Nitto Tire NMRA/NMCA Super Bowl of Street-Legal Drag Racing Presented by Precision Turbo at Route 66 Raceway.

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