

Summer Show & Go Meet at Paradise Dragstrip

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The North Georgia Hotrods Club and Paradise Drag Strip put on their Summer "Show and Go" Event.

Hundreds of fans were treated with forty plus vehicles in the car show, thirty plus drag cars from days go by to present, plus a parts swap meet where thousands of items were offered. Legendary Drag Racers Warren Johnson, Hubert Platt, and Rocky Platt were the Grand Marshalls of the event and were on hand at the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame booth for autographs. Johnson was driven down the track with the American Flag in the 1961 Chevrolet Super Sport Impala (1 of 453 made) with a 425 horsepower 409 engine, 4 speed transmission and 4:11 rear end. The 1961 Chevy was purchase new by Gordon Brown and raced at Paradise Drag Strip in 1961.

Paradise Drag Strip was built in 1961 and is one of the oldest running drag strips in the US with races every Sunday. Three times a year, the facility steps back in time to the 60s and 70s with high nose gassers, front engine dragsters and some of the coolest hot rods in this part of the country.

The Fall "Show and Go" event will be October 10th. FYI the event kicks off around 8:30 am with opening ceremonies around 11 am. Visit paradisedragstrip.net or www.paradise-showandg.vpweb.com for more details.



FISTFUL OF DOLLARS HENRY J



WARREN WITH THE AMERICAN FLAG IN THE '61 CHEVY



TURBO HOT ROD



DANNY'S ROD SHOP ENTRY

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Teammate Cameron Beaubier crashed out of the lead in the race. Suzuki's Roger Hayden finished second, Jake Gage third, Jake Lewis fourth and Danny Eslick fifth.

In race two, Beaubier bounced back to win with Hayes finishing second. The 22 year-old Beaubier bested his teammate by only .128 seconds. Race two was shortened due to the time it took to clear the track from the red flag incident in race one. After 10 of 18 races, Beubier leads Hayes by six points in championship hunt.

In the Supersport final was a good old-fashioned dog fight with Yamalube/Y.E.S./Graves Motorsports Yamaha's J.D. Beach coming away with a sweep of the two races, again beating Wheels in Motion/Motosport.com/Meen Motorsports' Josh Herrin and Latus Motors Triumph's Bobby Fong in a carbon-copy of Saturday's race.

Beach now leads Herrin by 10 points in the Supersport Championship, 190-180. Garrett Gerloff, who finished fourth in both races, is third in the series standings with 150 points.

Sunday's Bazzaz Superstock 600 race was all about Wheels in Motion/Motosport.com/Meen Motorsports' Joe Roberts, the youngster earning his sixth win of the season with 6.5 seconds lead. This time it wasn't his rival Richie Escalante in second place, with the runner-up spot instead going to Tuned Racing's Bryce Prince, the Californian was rewarded with a podium spot after one was snatched away from him in Saturday's race when his motorcycle let him down. Escalante was third after a bad opening lap left him in seventh place.

Roberts now leads Escalante by 20 points, 170-150. Travis Wyman is third with 133 points.

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