## VP Racing Fuels extends NHRA Summit Racing Series Race of Champions

VP Racing Fuels Midwest has extended its sponsorship of the Race of Champions at the NHRA North Central Division's Summit Racing Series Finals.

The popular and exciting special race within a race for track champions will be held Friday, Sept. 12, opening day for the 2003 NHRA North Central Division Summit Racing Series Finals at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

A total of \$4,000 in bonus purse will be posted in the four bracket categories of Super Pro, Pro, Sportsman, and Super Pro Motorcycle. Additionally, each participant will receive special qualifier decals and a VP Racing Fuels cap. Each of the four champions will also be presented a special NHRA Wally trophy and champion's jacket.



The 2002 VP Racing Fuels Race of **Champions presented by CPM** Racing Fuels winners were honored at the annual Land of the Winners Awards Banquet in January. Receiving their jackets from NHRA's Jay Hullinger, far left, and VP's Jay Farnsworth, far right, were Randy Wolfe (Super Pro, Bunker Hill Dragstrip), Chris McMahan accepting for Troy Bogner (Pro, Route 66 Raceway) and Tom Florey (Super Pro Bike, Route 66 Raceway), and Deanna McGee (Sportsman, National Trail Raceway).

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This form is for use by drivers of <b>non-licensed</b> Super Stock, Super Street, Stock, ET Bike, ET, Sport Compact, ATV, and Snowmobile classes only. All vehicles with an NHRA index or ET dial-in of 9.99 or quicker (6.39 for 1/8 mile) are required to have a valid NHRA drag racing license. Licensed drivers will be issued a number in combination with the license. <b>ALL NUMBERS ARE ASSIGNED TO DRIVERS ONLY AND ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.</b> Each driver of a team car must have a separate number assigned. Drivers must be registered and have a competition number in each category in which they compete. Driver must be 16 years of age or older and have a valid state driver's license.				
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Les Belle received a bronze plate commemorating his 2002 NHRA Summit Racing Series Super Pro National Championship.

The 2003 North Central Division NHRA Summit Racing Series Finals will for the second time in its 27<sup>th</sup> year feature a combination of eighth-mile and quarter-mile drag racing. The eighth-mile/quarter-mile issue was again debated by the North Central Division track operators, who voted to run the 2003 event on the eighth-mile for Super Pro and Pro and quarter-mile for Sportsman, Super Pro Bike, and High School.

# North Central Division Finals set for Sept. 12-14 at IRP

The e.t. breaks are as follows: Super Pro (4.50-7.75, equivalent to quarter-mile 7.00-11.99); Pro (6.40-8.99, equivalent to quarter-mile 10.00-13.99); Sportsman (13.00-19.99); Super Pro Bike (7.50-15.99); and High School (12.00-up). It is generally thought that the Sportsman and Super Pro Bike racers have few, if any, problems adapting from eighth-mile to quarter-mile racing. The NHRA Summit Racing Series National Championship will be run as an all quarter-mile event in Pomona.

The 2003 team points will again be scored as round-win-only points. A total of \$5,000 in team championship bonus money will be at stake; \$1,500 will go to the winning track, \$1,250 to the runner-up, \$1,000 to third, \$750 to fourth, and \$500 to fifth. Winning team members will receive special jackets. A Youth Team Championship for High School and Jr. Dragster competitors will again be contested. A track's two High School students and six Jr. Dragster racers will earn points toward the Youth Team Championship.

Each of the NHRA North Central Division Summit Racing Series participating tracks will conduct weekly Summit Racing Series points events to qualify for their 48-member team. All qualifiers must compete in a minimum of three events and appear on their track's team roster. Each track team is to consist of 48 qualifiers, including a combined 40 racers, two High School drivers, and six Jr. Dragster competitors. Each participant will be required to hold a valid NHRA E.T. bracket competition number and/or license, excluding High School racers, who will be assigned a registration number.

#### 2003 NHRA North Central Division Summit Racing Series participating tracks

Beech Bend Raceway Park Bluegrass Raceway Park Bunker Hill Dragstrip Chandler Motorsports Park Coles County Dragway Edgewater Sports Park Gateway Int'l Raceway Indianapolis Raceway Park Kil-Kare Dragway London Motorplex Mid-Michigan Motorplex National Trail Raceway **Ohio Valley Raceway** Pacemakers Dragway Park Route 66 Raceway St. Thomas Dragway Wabash Valley Dragway Windy Hollow Raceway Park3

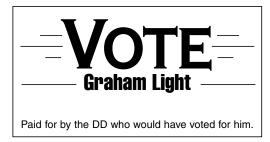
The event will feature the VP Racing Fuels Race of Champions and the NHRA Shootout Friday afternoon. A special Dialing for Dollars bonus will be up for grabs during Saturday morning's lone time-trial session in each category.

Check with your Summit Racing Series participating track for its event schedule and how to qualify.

### Department of Corrections

The 2002 Gateway Int'l Raceway champions were incorrectly listed in the last issue of *Contestant Hotline*. Our apologies, and congratulations to the champions.

S/P quarter-mile: Tim Foley S/P eighth-mile: Greg Sesti Pro: Mike Vishino Street: Ron Rathgeb Pro Bike: Noel Clark Street Bike: Dusty Katich High School: Terry Graf Jr. Dragster: Jerry Bonifield



## **2003 Division 3 remote chassis certifications**

The following locations and dates have been set for Division 3 chassis inspections. Contact the person listed below for appointment. The first day will be filled completely before the second day of scheduling will begin.

Check www.nhradiv3.com for updated chassis inspection seminars.

Division 3 chassis sites			
Date	Location	Contact	Telephone
Feb. 1	Gebhardt's Pro Cars, Jacksonville, III.	completed	
Feb. 8	Harry's Performance, Terre Haute, Ind.	completed	
Feb. 22-23	Pit Stop Performance, Oberlin, Ohio	completed	
March 8	South Holland Dodge, South Holland, III.	Dennis Hirschboeck	(708) 333-1060
March 8	Russell Race Cars, Westfield, Ill.	Connie Russell	(217) 967-5966
March 15	Attac Race Cars, Charlotte, Mich.	Chuck Lett	(517) 543-7211
March 15	Uptown Paint & Body, Kankakee, III.	Rich Grise	(815) 933-3373
March 15-16	Kil-Kare Dragway, Xenia, Ohio	Kil-Kare office	(937) 429-2961
March 22-23	Chassis Service Unlimited, Waukegan, III.	Jim Quinn	(847) 336-2305
March 29	Kustoms Chassis, Grand Ledge, Mich.	Gary Maurer	(517) 627-3131
March 29-30	Route 66 Raceway, Chicago	Steve Lazzara	(815) 722-3800
March 29-30	Edgewater Sports Park, Cleves, Ohio	T.J. McDowell	(513) 353-4666
April 5-6	Edgewater Sports Park, Cleves, Ohio	T.J. McDowell	(513) 353-4666
April 12	Mid-Michigan Motorplex, Stanton, Mich.	Jeff Ledford	(989) 762-5043
April 12	Bluegrass Raceway Park, Owingsville, Ky.	Phil Copher	(606) 674-6100
April 19	Bunker Hill Dragstrip, Bunker Hill, Ind.	Darlene Daniels	(765) 689-8248
April 19	Thompson Performance, Taylor, Mich.	Mike Moitke	(313) 386-1865
April 26	More Power, Sparta, Mich.	Dick Esch	(616) 785-8888