



2009 POINT'S SERIES

GOLD CUP RACING dates back to 1971 when Firebird awarded Track Championships for the very first time. Fast forward to 2009 and we couldn't be any more excited than we are right now for the forthcoming season. It has all the makings of being one of the best ever. We take pride in offering Gold Cup Championship racing on a variety of dates for Super Pro, Pro, Snow/Bike & Sportsman, in addition to our two Junior Dragster eliminators. We'd like to pass along our appreciation to marketing title partners Boise Muffler and Auto Body Paint & Supply for endorsing the 2009 Season-End Championship. At the same time, special thanks to eliminator sponsors: Kidd Performance & Dyno, Performance Solutions, United Oil, Woody's Outdoor Power and Meadow Gold for their commitment to the Firebird racing community.

In addition Firebird will send 56 racers Labor Day weekend to the Summit E.T. Finals in Woodburn, Oregon. The top 56 racers from Firebird will compete against race teams from Washington, Oregon, Montana, British Columbia, Alberta, and Utah for the Division 6 championship.

Gold Cup racing starts in April and continues through October.

Good luck to everyone pursuing Gold Cup titles in 2009. If this past year is any indication of what great drag racing is all about, we can't wait to see how the new season unfolds in the coming weeks and months.

Your friends, **The NEW CREW**

2009 GOLD CUP PURSE

Super Pro Eliminator (Entry fee: \$55 - 7.00–12.99)

Guaranteed Purse based on number of entries:

\$750 to win, \$300 runner-up, \$100 semi, quarter \$40 (39 & more)

\$650 to win, \$300 runner-up, \$100 semi (33–38 entries)

\$550 to win, \$275 runner-up, \$80 semi (28–32 entries)

\$450 to win, \$225 runner-up, \$60 semi (23–27 entries)

\$400 to win, \$200 runner-up, \$50 semi (19–22 entries)

\$350 to win, \$150 runner-up, \$40 semi (15–18 entries)

\$300 to win, \$125 runner-up, \$30 semi (12–14 entries)

\$250 to win, \$100 runner-up (9–11 entries)

(8 or fewer entries will be Compensating Guaranteed Pro-Rated Purse)

Pro Eliminator (Entry fee: \$35 - 7.00–13.99)

Guaranteed Purse based on number of entries:

\$500 to win, \$250 runner-up, \$60 semi, \$45 quarter (56 & more)

\$450 to win, \$200 runner-up, \$50 semi, \$35 quarter (50–55 entries)

\$400 to win, \$175 runner-up, \$50 semi, \$25 quarter (44–49 entries)

\$400 to win, \$175 runner-up, \$50 semi (38–43 entries)

\$375 to win, \$175 runner-up, \$25 semi (33–37 entries)

\$300 to win, \$150 runner-up, \$25 semi (28–32 entries)

(27 or fewer entries will be Compensating Guaranteed Pro-Rated Purse)

Sportsman Eliminator (Entry fee: \$25 - 13.00 & Slower)

Guaranteed Purse:

\$100 to win, \$40 runner-up, \$25 semi

Snow/Bike Eliminator (Entry fee: \$30 - 7.50–14.99)

Guaranteed Purse based on number of entries:

\$200 to win, \$80 runner-up, \$40 semi (20 & more)

\$125 to win, \$50 runner-up, \$30 semi (13 – 19 entries)

\$100 to win, \$40 runner-up, \$20 semi (9 – 12 entries)

\$75 to win, \$30 runner-up (7 - 8 entries)

(6 or fewer entries will award plaques to Winner & Runner-Up)

In the event that adverse weather or unfavorable economic conditions drastically reduce entry counts in SP, Pro or SB, purses may be pro-rated accordingly.

Trophy (Entry fee: \$25 – 11.00–slower)...Champion wins an eliminator award, plus first round winners (who defeat an opponent) win a trophy, too.

**2009 Boise Muffler/Auto Body Paint & Supply
GOLD CUP POINTS YEAR-END BONUS**

KIDD PERFORMANCE & DYNO SUPER PRO ELIMINATOR

CHAMPION..JACKET..ROC..\$1500.00..TROPHY

2nd Place..ROC..400.00..TROPHY

3rd Place..ROC..250.00..TROPHY

4th Place..ROC..200.00..TROPHY

5th Place..150.00..TROPHY

6th Place..TROPHY

7th Place..TROPHY

PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS PRO ELIMINATOR

CHAMPION..JACKET..ROC..\$1500.00..TROPHY

2nd Place..ROC..400.00..TROPHY

3rd Place..ROC..250.00..TROPHY

4th Place..ROC..200.00..TROPHY

5th Place..150.00..TROPHY

6th Place..TROPHY

7th Place..TROPHY

UNITED OIL SPORTSMAN ELIMINATOR

CHAMPION..JACKET..ROC..\$400.00..TROPHY

2nd Place..ROC..150.00..TROPHY

3rd Place..ROC..100.00..TROPHY

4th Place..ROC..TROPHY

5th Place..TROPHY

6th Place..TROPHY

7th Place..TROPHY

WOODY'S SNOW/BIKE CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPION..ROC..JACKET..\$400.00..TROPHY

2nd Place..ROC..150.00..TROPHY

3rd Place..ROC..75.00..TROPHY

4th Place..ROC..50.00..TROPHY

5th Place..TROPHY

ROC=Race of Champions Qualifier at the Team Finals

MEADOW GOLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

LIGHTNING CHAMPION..JACKET..\$150 SAVINGS BOND..TROPHY

2nd Place..\$100 SAVINGS BOND..TROPHY

3rd Place..TROPHY

THUNDER CHAMPION..JACKET..\$150 SAVINGS BOND..TROPHY

2nd Place..\$100 SAVINGS BOND..TROPHY

3rd Place..TROPHY

BOISE MUFFLER/AUTO BODY PAINT & SUPPLY GOLD CUP ELIMINATORS
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KIDD PERFORMANCE & DYNO SUPER PRO ELIMINATOR...For all vehicles running 7.00-12.99, optional staging-full tree (.5 tenths-electronics permitted). Dial-in's (*as outlined above*) are required to fall within these ET breaks. Firebird will run eliminations utilizing the Compulink Crosstalk program. Both top lights will fire at the same time in eliminations, which will allow the faster car to cross-over on their side of the Christmas tree, since a shield is in place from the top bulbs down. As the quicker car, if you do not wish to crossover, place an "N" after your dial (i.e. - 8.25N for the faster car) and the Christmas tree will countdown in standard sequence.

PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS PRO ELIMINATOR...For all vehicles running 7.00-13.99, optional staging-full Christmas tree (.5 tenths-electronics not permitted). Dial-in's (*as outlined above*) are required to fall within these ET breaks.

UNITED OIL SPORTSMAN ELIMINATOR...For all vehicles running 13.00-slower, optional staging-full tree (.5 tenths-electronics not permitted). Dial-in's (*as outlined above*) are required to fall within these ET breaks. Per Division 6 policy, starting line two-steps are not permitted in the Sportsman class.

WOODY'S SNOW/BIKE ELIMINATOR...All bikes and snow machines running 7.50-14.99, optional staging-split tree (.4 Pro or .5 Full-electronics not permitted). The Pro Snow/Bike class will run off the split tree at Firebird. The Snow/Bike Points Series will be contested at all Gold Cup race dates (note: Summer Motorcycle and Sled Drags will offer points per round won).

MEADOW GOLD JUNIOR ELIMINATORS

MEADOW GOLD JUNIOR DRAGSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS
Firebird will offer two categories and a pair of Junior point's titles this season. We will be offering the **Junior Lightning** class for dragsters 11.99 or quicker, and a **Junior Thunder** class for dragsters 11.00 and slower. Trophies will be awarded for first and second in each class at all the Junior events. Note: All Junior Teams must attach Dial-In Boards to the car, so that it is clearly visible to the Tower.

ELAPSED TIME PARAMETERS

Ages 8 and 9 (Minor 12.90-Up)*; dial-in restricted to 12.90 or slower at any event. A birth certificate is required for a 'first year' 8 year old competitor unless participant has, in hand, a valid NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League participant card and Jr. Drag Racing League membership card. Any racer running quicker than a 12.70 ET at any time during an event will receive one warning. If the same racer runs quicker than a 12.70 ET again at the same event, car and driver will be disqualified for the remainder of the event. Any racer running quicker than a 12.50 ET at any time during an event regardless of car (whether in competition or testing) will be immediately disqualified for the remainder of the event. So be extra careful in experimenting with new engine/equipment at any event. The above penalties will be imposed regardless of whether the infraction(s) occur during time trials or eliminations.

Ages 10 to 12 (Major 8.90-Up)*; dial-in restricted to 8.90 or slower at any event. Any 10- to 12-year old racer running quicker than an 8.70 ET at any time during an event will receive one warning. If the same racer runs quicker than an 8.70 ET again at the same event, car and driver will be disqualified for the remainder of the event. Any racer running quicker than an 8.50 ET at any time during an event will be immediately disqualified for the remainder of the event. The above penalties will be imposed regardless of whether the infraction(s) occur during time trials or eliminations.

***Upon request, any new Junior racer who has never competed before will receive a driver orientation of the starting line, finish line, and shutdown area to better acclimate the new driver to the eighth-mile racing distance.**

Age 13 to 17 (Advanced 7.90-Up); dial-in restricted to 7.90 or slower at any event. Breakout rules apply. Any racer running quicker than 7.70 ET or faster than 85 MPH at any time during an event will be disqualified from the event. To race at the advanced level (down to 7.90 ET), Firebird requires minimum of one full year of Junior driving experience. If a driver has no previous experience in Jr. Drag Racing, the driver must successfully demonstrate driving proficiency (singles).

Flags are mandatory on all Junior Dragsters when ever they are being towed or moved. Flags may be removed in your pit area and at the head of the staging lanes near the starting line. They must be replaced in the recovery area as you arrive to retrieve your Junior entry.

“SIX-PACK ATTACK!”
SUMMIT E.T. FINALS TEAM FIREBIRD QUALIFIERS

TEAM FIREBIRD... A total of 56 racers will qualify to compete for Team Firebird at the Summit E.T. Finals on Sept. 4-6 at Woodburn. Registered racers will earn points throughout the season, with the final qualifying stop set for August 16. At the conclusion of this event, qualifiers will be accepted to join our Team from each class as follows: **SUPER PRO-14, PRO-22, SNOW/BIKE-4, SPORTSMAN-8, HIGH SCHOOL-2, SPORT COMPACT-2, and JR. DRAGSTER-4.**

For those of you who may not have competed before, the Summit E.T. Finals is one of the most prestigious NHRA sportsman events of the entire season. The race offers more than \$40,000 in prize money, along with contingencies, NHRA Gold Cards, and NHRA Wally trophies.

DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS... The qualifiers for the Race of Champions (“a special race within a race” on Saturday) will be comprised of the top 4 finishers in SP, PRO, SNOW/BIKE and SM. This R.O.C. on Saturday pits the top finishing racers in the Northwest Division. Should a tie occur following the final event on August 16, the following tie-breaker method (if necessary) will decide the finishing order. First tie-break: number of Gold Cup races you have competed in, second tie-break: most number of wins during season, Third tie-break: most number of runner-ups.

SUMMIT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS... Each champion during Saturday’s Race of Champions will earn a spot in the Summit National Championships in Pomona, CA, in November. All winners (SP, PRO, SNOW/BIKE & SM) will earn \$3,500 for making the trip to the Finals at the L.A. Country Fairplex. All four racers will have an opportunity to run for \$5,000 to win in all four classes. One racer from each of the 7 NHRA Divisions (7 racers per class) will qualify for this season-closing race.

GOLD CUP POINTS RACE INFORMATION

POINTS... The Gold Cup Championship Series is offered at selected dates throughout the 2009 season. These events are set-up with 16 pts. for entering/qualifying and 10 pts. per round won. To calculate your points, should you win a 6 round event, you would give yourself 16 pts. to enter and 60 pts. (6 rounds), then add the two together for a race total of 76 points for that event.

To earn entry points at a Gold Cup event, the registered driver/rider must purchase an entry at the front gates, go through tech, have tech card processed, and subsequently follow around to the start-line with the intent to race on that day/weekend of Gold Cup competition. Should misfortune strike and you break, you will still receive your entry points. If you break prior to this, no points will be awarded. In addition, if you break as noted above and do not appear in the first round of eliminations (where round pts. are officially tabulated), you will need to secure a "Broken Points Card" from Pit Control, fill it out and turn it into a Firebird Tech Official, so that your entry points can be credited.

PREMIUM POINTS... Racers at the NAPA Ignitor in May will receive a fixed 31 premium points; at the Pepsi Nightfire in August racers will be awarded 31 pts. per day (4 total days); and racers at the Halloween Classic will earn a 31 prem. pts. for racing on Sat. (and continuing into Sun.). Each premium point's day will also count towards your Championship Attendance Points (explained below).

CHAMPIONSHIP ATTENDANCE POINTS... Based on the number of times you race at Firebird this season, you'll be rewarded with bonus points applying to your registered category based on: 3 events - 25 pts., 6 events - 25 pts., 9 events - 25 pts., and 12 events - 25 pts.
I.e. If you attend 12 races, you will receive a 100 point bonus total.

PAYOUT/POINTS TIEBREAKER SYSTEM... In odd-lot quarter and semi finishes, driver(s) closest to their dial-in (without breaking out) in the round previous earn next round money. In determining the driver receiving this odd-lot money, it is calculated by: over dial-in (1st), under dial-in (2nd), foul start (3rd), and cross centerline/hitting barrier (last). At the Ignitor and Halloween Classic, payout is made to each finalist/round finisher earned (not a round back). Points are based on the number of rounds won and not by this odd-lot calculation method.

LADDERS FOR ELIMINATIONS... Using the Compulink timing system, ladders will be established by a variety of options. Ladders may be created based on reaction time of winning racers or how close a racer runs to his or her dial-in. We'll mix it up throughout the season to add a little variety to our ladder system.
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MEADOW GOLD JUNIOR POINTS SERIES

POINTS...The Junior program is set up for kids 8 to 17 years of age/ The Junior Championship at Firebird will follow the same layout as our companion Gold Cup program. Regular events will offer 16 pts. to enter, 10 per round win. The only difference is in the bonus races, which will be set-up to reward participation in the following manner: 3 events - 25 pts., 6 events - 25 pts., and 9 events - 25 pts. Registered Juniors will also qualify to compete as a member of Team Firebird at Bandimere Speedway at the NHRA Western Conference Nationals. Qualifiers will be based on point accumulation. In addition, Juniors (the top two in each division) will earn a spot on the Firebird Team to compete at the Summit E.T. Finals on Sept. 5 at Woodburn. *Note: If you choose to race for a different team (than Team Firebird) at Bandimere Speedway, you will not be eligible to compete as one of the four who race for Team Firebird at the Summit E.T. Finals in Woodburn.* All Junior point's races are outlined in the Schedule.

FIREBIRD REGISTRATION/COMPETITION NUMBER

REGISTERED DRIVER...By becoming a registered competitor at Firebird (fee: \$30), you will be eligible to earn points throughout the Gold Cup Series in Super Pro, Pro, Sportsman, Snow/Bike, and the two Junior Dragster categories. Additionally, your registration will allow you the opportunity to earn season-end money from Boise Muffler and Auto Body Paint & Supply (Woody's Outdoor Power in the Snow/Bike Series and Meadow Gold in the Junior Series) at the Award's Banquet. Awards will also go to the highest finishers in SP, PRO, SB, SM, JL, and JT. You will automatically receive a Firebird Permanent Number (if you don't already have an NHRA Number). You'll receive a registration card and decals, which are required to earn points.

If you qualify as one of the racers for the Team Finals, plus four Junior and two Sport Compact competitors who will represent Team Firebird this August, you'll receive one of the official Team Firebird shirts for the Summit race.

TRACK INFORMATION

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Firebird is Located 5 Miles north of Highway 44 on Highway 16 approximately 10 minutes northwest of Eagle, Idaho.

To learn more about the sport of Drag Racing and what it takes to compete, we highly recommend picking up a 2009 Handbook at the first event you attend this year. The Handbook not only contains pertinent details about "How to go Drag Racing", but also provides an in depth look at the rules and procedures surrounding our sport. The 2009 Handbook is free of charge. In addition, we recommend securing a 2009 NHRA Rule Book. These books can be purchased for \$10 at the Firebird Sport Shop.