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Vince Campa wins 2016 Southern California Pro Gas Championship



Mike Lang
2016 Southern California
Pro Gas Shootout
Champion

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Ray's Notes.....

Hi Everyone,

I'd like to start off by Congratulating **Vince Campa** for winning our **2016 So Cal Pro Gas Championship**. Vince not only won three out of the 7 races he entered, but also went to the quarter finals in three other events. Congratulations to **Dave Meziere and Aaron Kinard** for each winning 2 races and to Kevin McClelland for coming in third place behind Dave.

I would also like to thank all the racers, sponsors, our board of directors and the staff at **Auto Club Dragway** for a great race season. I think everything went pretty smoothly even with the one rain out. We have a great bunch of racers that all come to win, but most importantly to have a good time.

None of this would be possible without the support of our great sponsors. I cannot say enough about **Les and Jeanette Harris**. They not only sponsor our first race of the year but they also provide a free trip for two to Hawaii for our champion every year. I don't know of any other racing association that does that. Also, **K&N Filters, Lucas Oil and Meziere Enterprises** have been long time sponsors and do so much for the sportsman racers.

When K&N found out we didn't have a sponsor for our last race they gave us money to sponsor the race plus some extra to put towards our Shootout. I would also like to thank two new sponsors, well known by all the racers, **Rodger and Karen Comstock** and **Mountain View Performance**. Speaking of Mountain View Performance their Pro Stock car has really come on strong and we are all rooting for

them in the Countdown. Contact Dave Beckley at Mountain View Performance for all your motor or chassis needs. We also had two old friends, **Kings Hawaiian Bread** and **B&B Electric (Gary Ross)** combine to sponsor a race. **AutoMeter** again helped us out with our Shootout.

Our season seemed like it was over to soon this year, so next year we are trying to schedule a 10 race (5 weekends) series.

On a personal note, by now most of you know that I crashed the Corvette, just past the finish line at our last race. I would like to thank all the Fontana personal, safety people and our friends at the track that helped take care of Kitty and the car after the incident. I came out without a scratch or a bruise, which says a lot for the safety equipment that **NHRA** requires and for **Sarmento Race Cars**.

After getting the car home and taking it apart we found that the right heim joint on the rack and pion steering came apart from the right steering arm. The wheel was no longer attached to the steering and just turned out to the right. Please make sure to check all your heim joints to make sure you have large enough washers to keep the heim from falling out.

We will be working on the Banquet soon, so if you know of anyone who can help out with the top 10 merchandise or raffle items, please contact a board member ASAP.

Race Safe--Ray Cordeiro

CAMPA WINS PRO GAS CHAMPIONSHIP

Vince Campa had a spectacular year driving the MPT '34 Chevrolet Roadster in the Southern California Pro Gas series, winning nearly half of the races he entered, and finishing runner-up in the season-ending Pro Gas Shootout. Vince



credits MPT, Lucas Oil, K&N Filters, AR Racing, Dice Converters, Goodyear Tires, and Pro-line Wraps for his hugely successful year. Vince would also

like to thank his mom Rose and dad Beto, wife Jessica, and big bro (big bean). Special thanks to Richard and Ryan Diosdado, but my biggest thanks has to go to my dad, without him none of this would be possible. Special thanks must go to Harris Family Racing for their wonderful Hawaii grand prize, and to the SoCal Pro Gas family.



Meziere wins K&N Filters/Lucas Oil Pro Gas Finals

By Bob Johnson Fontana, Calif. August 6, 2016

Dave Meziere has had a great season racing the Southern California Pro Gas Assoc., series this year, driving his NHRA Pacific Division Championship Chevy Cavalier to three final rounds—including two wins—and finishing second in the series points standings. Vince Campa was the only racer in the way of Dave taking the series title and an all-expense paid trip to Hawaii compliments of Harris Family Racing. He finished two rounds behind Campa, who had three event wins during the season.

Bob Hefley of Napa, Calif., was the top qualifier for the 'finals, driving his '02 Corvette to a 9.904 timing heading into eliminations. Randy Fabbro was next .008 off the mark, and Mike Lang ran 9.909 for the third spot.

Quarterfinal racing began with Don Ruble Jr getting a .003 win over Gene Carter, Campa used a better light to beat Kevin McClelland, and Meziere got a big starting line advantage over Mike Boner for his win going into the semis. In the semifinals, Ruble ran 9.906 on a bye run, and Meziere beat Campa—who had sewed up the championship on the previous round win—9.93 to a 9.98. In the final, the Meziere Enterprises entry logged a .007 light and 9.931 for the win, with Ruble finishing second at 9.927.



Dave Meziere used a .007 light to defeat Don Ruble Jr in the K&N Filters/Lucas Oil-sponsored Pro Gas Finals.



Dave Meziere finished off the Pro Gas points season with a win at Fontana. Dave finished second in the points championship.



Bob Hefley of Napa, Calif., made the trip to Fontana again, and qualified number one with his Corvette.

Mike Lang wins 2016 Pro Gas Shootout

By Bob Johnson Fontana, Calif. August 6, 2016

Mike Lang of Northridge, Calif., won the 2016 Southern California Pro Gas Shootout, defeating Vince Campa in the final round at Auto Club Dragway. The annual shootout, sponsored by K&N Filters, Lucas Oil Products, Autometer, Cordeiro Motorsports, and B&B Electric, featured the top eight qualifying cars in the series.

The first round of eliminations began with Lang defeating '15 series champion Mike Blodgett Jr., Paul Wiechmann advanced as Greg Martin broke-out by .001, Kevin McClelland defeated Brenden Herem, and Vince Campa won a double break-out contest with Gene Carter.

McClelland had a .002 advantage at the start in his semifinal match with Lang, but broke-out by .012, and Campa advanced as Wiechmann wasn't able to make the call as his '00 Corvette suffered mechanical failure. The final round was decided at the starting line, as Campa lit the red-bulb by .005 seconds, with Mike Lang taking the shootout title with a final round 9.889, 159.66 (.019 reaction).



Mike Lang put his beautiful '57 Chevy Corvette into the Pro Gas Shootout winner's circle as he defeated Vince Campa in the final.



Mike Lang defeated Kevin McClelland in the Shootout semifinal.



Lang won the 2016 Shootout defeating Vince Campa in the final round.

Special thanks to
K&N Filters, Lucas Oil Products, Autometer,
Cordeiro Motorsports, and B&B Electric
for sponsoring the 2016 Southern California Pro Gas Shootout

Campa, Meziere win July Pro Gas races at Fontana

By Bob Johnson Fontana, Calif. July 9-10, 2016

Dave Meziere and Vince Campa won the July Southern California Pro Gas Association races at Auto Club Dragway, with Meziere taking the Saturday afternoon race, with Campa adding another victory to his 2016 accomplishments on Sunday. The win was Campa's third of the season, and will take the series point's lead into the K&N Filters/Lucas Oil finals in August.



Dave Meziere won the Meziere Enterprises-sponsored sixth race of the 2016 Pro Gas season, defeating Evan Kowalski in the final.

Aaron Kinard won the first two races of the Pro Gas season, and looked like an early favorite to capture the 2016 championship. Those chances evaporated when he missed two races for family reasons. During the July 9th race, Kinard put his familiar '63 Corvette roadster in the number one qualifying spot, and went to the quarterfinals where he had one of the tightest races of the year, with Meziere winning the .002 margin-of-victory race with Aaron. Meziere was .001 better at the Tree, .013 to a .014, and got the win light with a perfect 9.900 to Aaron's 9.899.

Meziere went on to beat Vince Campa in the semifinals—Campa missed the Tree badly while Meziere clicked another .013. Evan Kowalski got to his second final of the year by

defeating points contender Kevin McClelland. While not as tight as the Meziere/Kinard race, the final was decided by a mere .005 seconds, with the Meziere Enterprises '05 Cavalier getting the win with a 9.932 (.007 reaction time) to Kowalski's 9.936 (.008 reaction). Great racing with the event sponsored by Meziere Enterprises.

The Sunday event saw Dave Meziere nail down the number one qualifying position, but his great weekend of racing ended in the third round when he lost a .007 margin-of-victory contest to Steve Parsons. In the semifinal, Vince Campa used a .006 light to stop Parsons, and Travis Balough got by Melvin LeForbes when he broke out. In the final round of the K&N Filters/Lucas Oil-sponsored race, Campa used a .008 light and 9.914 to end Balough's final round hopes, losing with a .026 light and 9.917 time.



Vince Campa picked up his third win of the season when he won the July 10 K&N/Lucas Oil-sponsored race, beating Travis Balough in the final.

2016 SoCal Pro Gas Points

Final

Pos	Name	Points
1	VINCENTE CAMPA	4293
2	DAVE MEZIERE	4145
3	KEVIN McCLELLAND	3375
4	AARON KINARD	3148
5	EVAN KOWASKI	2930
6	MIKE LANG	2675
7	MIKE BLODGETT, JR	2659
8	TRAVIS BALOUGH	2629
9	BRENDEN HEREM	2550
10	DON RUBLE, Jr	2538
11	RAY CORDEIRO	2535
12	PAUL WEICHAMNN	2448
13	MIKE BONER	2437
14	MATT TREADWAY	2435
15	STEVE PARSONS	2307
16	GREG MARTIN	2155
17	GREG BONDS	2129
18	GENE CARTER	2052
19	RANDY FABBRO	1932
20	LARRY BRADSHAW	1927
21	RODNEY SCARLETT	1915
22	DOUG SEDMAK	1829
23	CHARLIE WAGGONER	1823
24	RANDY BALOUGH	1531
25	RYAN HEREM	1530

Pos	Name	Points
26	RANDY BOWERS	1512
27	GREG VENTURA	1214
28	KATIE HEPLER	1205
29	MEL LeFORBES	1203
30	JOHN ROSS	1017
31	JOHN PARRINO	1014
32	JIM ISRAEL	1006
33	PETE ZAK	919
34	RANDY KERSEY	915
35	NOAH PACATANG	904
36	KEVIN HOUMARD	814
37	BRAD PIERCE	722
38	KAREN COMSTOCK	720
39	DENNIS SATO	712
40	GREG VINING	710
41	BOB MENDENHALL	708
42	VAL TORRES	704
43	DAVE GOTTS	517
44	DAVEY ADAMS	502
45	STEVE WILLIAMS	502
46	BOB HARRIS	401
47	JOHN PHILLIPPINI	401
48	RICKY DEUSCHLE	401
49	ED DeSTAUTE	400
50	ROBERT GALVES	400



Evan Kowalski wins Pro Gas Bonus Race

By Bob Johnson Fontana, Calif. August 7, 2016

With the Southern California Pro Gas regular season ending on a Saturday, the association offered its racers an opportunity to race on Sunday for a non-points unsponsored race. Most of the competitors joined in for the event in which Evan Kowalski took the event title with a final round win over Matt Blodgett.

Kowalski defeated Mel Jones to open the quarterfinals, Pro Gas Shootout champion Mike Lang defeated Dave Meziere, Napa-based racer Bob Hefley used a 9.902 to best Ryan Herem, and Blodgett stopped Kevin McClelland. In the semifinals, Kowalski defeated Lang 9.911 to a 9.918 and Blodgett advanced as Hefley broke-out with a 9.888. Kowalski had a .008 better light than Blodgett, and won with a 9.904 to a losing 9.889.



Evan Kowalski ran a 9.904 in the final round to defeat Matt Blodgett who broke out with a 9.889 in the final.



Evan Kowalski ran a 9.911 in the semifinal to stop Pro Gas Shootout champion Mike Lang.



Kevin McClelland lost to Matt Blodgett in the quarterfinals, but finished the regular season in third place.



Evan Kowalski had a near-perfect elimination day with his Corvette, running between 9.904 and 9.918 all day.

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