

Harley Shootout Rally

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Great Lakes Dragaway, Union Grove Wisconsin

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"Rain, Rain Go Away!" is what the vendors and attendees at the second annual Great Lakes Dragaway were saying and for the most part, it worked! Although threatening skies kept the turn out lower than it should have been, the ability to race was not hampered by the ominous skies. The famous quarter mile in Union Grove Wisconsin stayed dry enough for those who did turn out to enjoy some great racing on both Saturday and Sunday the 26th and 27th of August.

The entire year at Great Lakes Dragaway revved up to this final weekend as GLD featured All Harley drags every other Thursday from April to August. This final blowout featured official AMRA Racing - DBL Points Harley Shootout Race and the racers were ready and in top form. It was thrilling entertainment for the loyal group of attendees and was well worth it.

In addition to the fantastic racing, GLD had bands playing both days with the headliner on Saturday night being Jimmy VanZant, brother of famed rock-n-roller Ronnie, Van Zant from Leonard Skynard. Although the skies opened up late in the day on Saturday, Jimmy kept his word and put on a great show to the few that stood in the rain to enjoy the party.

In addition to the music and racing, there was a Burnout Pit, Dyno Drags and a custom motorcycle show that spanned 2 days pitting the top bikes from day one against each other for a chance at \$3,000 in cash awards, plus trophies - \$1,000

1st place cash prize went to Sean Mulcahy. The show was organized by Ray's M/C Show World and the outcome was a combination of Ray's judging and public vote.

There was also a bikini contest and men's and women's tattoo contests along with martial arts demos & seminars, lots of vendors and The Brew City Babes Dance Revue.

Randy Henning and his staff at Great Lakes Dragaway did a great job organizing a great event. I hope that next year the skies are clear and many many more people get to enjoy a great weekend of speed and fun in Union Grove.



Timesheet: A racer pauses at the time booth to pick up his time and speed confirmation. Not just professional teams, but stock bikes also ran.



Off the line: Racers sprint from the starting line



ReactionTime: At the end of the quarter mile both racers hit an identical top speed, but the time is what made the winner.



At the Line: Racers in matching V-Rods roll up to the starting line.

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Beer goggles: Need I say anything?



Broadway bob: A fixture at the Dragaway for generations, Broadway Bob manned his store full of trinkets and treasures.



Bikeshow: Some of the impressive rides brought in for the 2-day bike show.



Warm up: Who says Girls can't race?