

Hetrick, with a good 1.09 took the next one from Larry Pyle of the Arcers with a 1.31. Pete Zimmerman took the next one from Ron Scholz. Ray Yates had a quick 1.07 to beat Eric Otto of the Arcers, with a 1.27. Riley Davis's 1.13 just edged out John Cukras's 1.16 and Frank Varanelli singled with a 1.20. The start of round two saw Joe Merrill with a 1.11 down Paul Shaver with a 1.17. Bob Nord's 1.12 shut down Gary Venem's 1.15. Gary Hetrick's 1.08 was too much for Pete Zimmerman. Ray Yates 1.09 downed Frank Varanelli's 1.19 and Riley Davis singled at 1.16. The cars remaining for the start of round three were all pretty evenly matched and there promised to be some good racing ahead. Bob Nord, who is one of the fastest men in this area on the buttons, proved to be as consistent as ever as his 1.12 e.t. and a good hole shot beat Joe Merrill's better 1.10. Hetrick, with a small lead off the



Part of the pre-race activities included registration of cars, time trials and tune-up runs, gear and tire changes, minor adjustments and a lot of bench racing as usual.

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line and a 1.09 beat Davis's close 1.10. Yates singled with a 1.09. With three cars remaining, Hetrick won the toss of the coin and singled at 1.13. This left Yates to face Nord. In a way, Yates couldn't lose this race as he also built the car that Nord is racing, and gave Hetrick quite a bit of help in building his car. Yates knew Nord was super quick on the buttons and try as he might he still couldn't get an even start with Nord. Matter of a fact, it was so bad that Nord won with a 1.13 to Yates much better 1.07. This left Nord and Hetrick. It's really uncanny how no one can beat Nord on the buttons, and Hetrick was no exception. Nord pulled Hetrick off the line and although Hetrick was pulling on him it looked as though Nord had enough of a head start to win. About 3/4 of the way down Nord's car pulled a wheel-stand and Hetrick's car shot past for the win with a real great 1.055! Hetrick won fuel dragster class, the largest and toughest class of the meet.

Eric Otto took the final round of unlimited class over Ron Scholz. Otis Austin's stock class winner was matched against Jim Handy's gas class winner. Austin proved to be just a little faster on the lights and won little eliminator with a 1.55 to Handy's close 1.57. Nord was up to his old tricks. He lost a possible win in fuel dragster class when his rail jumped the slot, and then in the middle eliminator runoffs he was first off the line but his roadster jumped the slot. You might just say this wasn't Nord's night. I don't want to take a thing away from Joe Merrill's altered that won middle eliminator though, as on this run it ran a 1.35, which was the only car to break one of the existing records at J & J's during this meet.

Gas top eliminator started with Denny Lynn's Cox powered comp. coupe class winner winning the toss of the coin and making a single run, but it looked like he might have blown the engine when he turned a 1.43 e.t. Ray Yates mod. roadster

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Ray Yates, (right) with a slight hole shot and a quick 1.06 e.t. beats Bob Whitaker, who had low e.t. among the fellows from the Frisco area. Bob ran a 1.09 elapsed time.



Final run in fuel dragster class paired Bob Nord, (right) who had a small lead at start, but jumped out of the slot giving win to Gary Hetrick. Gary's rail posted a 1.05 e.t.