

# JUGGERS RACING TEAM

## September 2021 NEWSLETTER



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Minutes Juggers Meeting on 08/26/2021

The monthly in person & Zoom Meeting of the Juggers was called to order by President Gary Ryan at 7:04 PM, from Round Table Pizza in San Mateo. A moment of silence was held to remember Juggers who have passed & those unable to attend.

A card was passed around for signatures to be mailed to John Leasure's family. John unexpectedly passed away while in the hospital.

Attendance: There were 34 attendees in person at the meeting and 5 via Zoom.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy reported a Treasury Balance of \$6,028.59

Safety Committee: No Report

Web Site Committee: No Report

High School Committee: No Report

**Picnic Committee:** Steve passed around signup sheet to obtain members to help with duties for the 2021 picnic at Flood Park October 30, 2021! Members were informed there will be a \$6.00 Park Entry Fee (not per person but per vehicle). That is not a Juggers fee but the Parks fee. Also, No Animals Allowed!

Steve also reported that we have the county's approval to bring members cars and Paul Risso will run the car show again this year.

President will bring **Club Wear** to picnic.

**Old Business:** Sandy Mendia ordered 50 White T-shirts for Club Members & 100 Official Supporters of Juggers Racing Team T-shirts which will be for sale to non-members.

Raina mentioned the Participation Award should allow the winner to choose what to purchase with their \$100.00 prize. That motion was made and passed.

**New Business:** No New Business.

Ted Gotelli announced his retirement and move to Santa Rosa. Andy Shiva will sell Gotelli's inventory from his shop in SSF. Ted thanked everyone for their support and donated a white 50th Anniversary T-shirt to be raffled at the 2021 Juggers Annual Picnic.

**Race Report:** Dan Borg won NHRA Sonoma Nationals Top Sportsman with a 6.39/206mph run!!!

Lodi Race: Kingdon Drags. September 10-12, 2021. Call for Preregistration.

President Gary Ryan is having a 36x28 marble slate made for names of past Juggers for the tree at Famoso Raceway, Bakersfield. It's still in the drawing stage.

Wheel Spin: Winner Jessica M. \$25.00 Gift Card

50/50: Winner Dave Haver \$63.00. The remaining \$63.00 is earmarked for the Juggers High School Program.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.

Special thanks to Cheryl Ryan for taking notes for these minutes at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

John Lewis

Secretary

**NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 7PM**

**Round Table Pizza 61 – 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. San Mateo, CA 94403**

**Please adhere to San Mateo County Health regulations.**

**Unable to attend? We will also host the meeting on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. If you are unable to join us, give the Zoom option a try. Use the same link as past meetings.**

Topic: Juggers Monthly Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82048019925?pwd=bW56cFVvNGJjemFINmM1SU1jdDhxZz09>

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# Harold Hungerford

## 1937-2021

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By Kelly Hungerford

Sometimes, there are simply no words...

It is with the saddest of sad hearts that I share the passing of my Dad on August 30th.

Dad suffered the past months from stage 4 prostate cancer. Nevertheless, he focused on family, fun, and friendship with endless stories of gratitude and friendship.

One of dad's greatest passions was family - his grandkids, wife and girls, and the never wavering hope that research would find a cure for triple-negative breast cancer.

Another was his love for racing and his race club, The Juggers.

In lieu of flowers, if you would like to donate in Dad's memory, he held these two organizations to heart:

1. Juggers Racing Team -- his team -- and all the work they do to educate and keep help Junior / High School racers enter the world of cars as a hobby or profession.

Checks can be made out to, and mailed to:

The Juggers

Note: School Scholarships

Mail to: Sandy Mendia

1175 Wilhelmina Way

San Jose, Ca 95120-5434

2. City of Hope in support of Dr. Yuan Yuan and her team of researchers and doctors working on a breakthrough treatment for triple-negative breast cancer.

Checks can be made to:

City of Hope

Attn: Cheryl Sannes

1500 E. Duarte Rd

Duarte, CA 91010

In the memo please write: In memory of Harold Hungerford for Claire Lapple

Anyone who knows dad has felt his warmth. And anyone who knows him will miss him dearly — our family grieves with you.

Dad, we wish you many happy trails and many nitro-filled nights. Your spirit be sorely missed, but never forgotten.



Kelly

**By Betty Phillips**

# Kingdon Drags

with Bill Galli, Friday 9\10\21 it was beginning to be a very hot day. We set up and unloaded, got ready for our first test run of the day. No Tree No time slips but we managed to make two runs on Friday. Saturday starts off nice we line up for our first run of the day. Just after 1PM, and surprise, we are up against Boyd, and that never happens because we are normally in different classes. So, this is going to be fun! Wayn always wondered what would happen if they lined up together at the track and this is it.

Notice the tree, this was totally heads up ProTree. Wayn with a 0.4 and Boyd 1.3 now if I had been at the finish line this shot would have looked very different. Next time up it was Jeff and Wayn. Wayn's reaction time was 0.4 and Jeff's was 0.5 and this time Wayn got the WIN light. Wayn got to go up against both Boyd and Jeff at the same meet. Nathan and Sharon Phillips arrived Late Saturday afternoon just in time to see Wayn run against Jeff. It was a very fun time, even though during Wayn's first run on Sunday the torque converter bolts broke so he was done. He made 7 runs this weekend - not too shabby. Sunday was a mad house in the starting lanes so Raina and I volunteered to help and so we spent the rest of the day telling racers where to go and Raina was helping all the newbies figure out their dial in. And yes, Gary and crew were at Kingdon also and he did his usual thing, and I am sure you will hear more about that.



# *Race Report – by Dianna Munro*

## **Race Report for September**

While we were on display in Sonoma, we got invited to go to Kingdon and do some exhibition runs. Champ was excited to go. Greg and I had been, but Steve and Champ had not. Now Kingdon is not a full-time track, it is a working airport that gets closed 4 times a year for racing. It is usually door slammers and street legal drags but once a year they advertise it as the Return to Kingdon. I heard it was the place Big Daddy Don Garlits got his first win on the West Coast.

We were invited with the Nor Cal Nostalgia group to do exhibition runs on Friday and Saturday, what a treat. When you get invited to exhibition that means when the group is ready to run, all of the other classes in the lanes get to sit and wait. What a change, usually it is us sitting and waiting for the 'Big Boys' to run, this week, we were the 'Big Boys'! We pulled out, staged, ran our race and were back in our pits before the lanes were moving again. WOW! It feels awesome to be the SHOW!

Friday was supposed to be old school arm drop, which has now been replaced by starting the cars with a flashlight on a phone?? Whatever.... It was first call. We rolled through the water box, Champ hit it and boy did he light them up! It got a little squirrely, I might have saw the writing on the side of Pure Adrenaline.... but boy did he lay down some rubber! They line up, the starter motions them forward, then flashes a light on his phone. He is gone!!! I go get to him at the runoff and he is grinning from ear to ear! Says it was a little sketchy but it was fun. We are rolling back to camp and Champ asks me, "Do you know my time?" I laughed and reminded him some dude just flashed a light on his phone and you left... you got there first, you went really fast and won! We get back to the pits and I find out that the crew chiefs are going to take a hit in the car just for fun. What a treat!

Steve and Greg go through a really quick crash course of how to burn out and shift Pure Adrenaline into high gear taught by the Champ. Next thing you know, they are taking turns with pretend dry runs practicing what they were taught. After a little bit, I strapped in Steve O and we pulled him out. Steve was like a little kid who stole his dad's car, a little scared but ready to smash the gas and lay down some rubber. Steve does his burn out, lined up, waited for the guy to flash the light on the phone and he was gone. We went to pick him up at the top end and could see him smiling from almost a ¼ mile away. We towed him back and then it was time for Greg to get in and light 'em up. It was a little weird to strap in my husband, but I made super sure he was nice and secure. I cinched them down and towed him to the line. I was shaking in my shoes. What an experience these guys were able to have this weekend! Greg rolled through the water box, Champ gave him the sign and he hit it! He lined up, got the flashlight from the starter and was off! We made it to the top end to pick him up, he was on Cloud 9, who wouldn't be? I sent a picture to the kids and Jessica posted it on Facebook, it almost broke the internet. LOL! His phone rang off the hook for the next couple of hours. After all of that excitement it was time to call it quits for the night and get some rest.



Saturday, we pulled up against Sabrina Pecora's 7.60 car for an exhibition run. The cars leave, Champ might have been making his lunch before he left but by the time he did leave, he hooked up and hauled ASS down the track.

Next thing we see, the win light on our side!!! Hell Yeah! I guess she spun the tires and Champ stomped it, it was our 8.2 to her 9.2.... What a run!!! He knew he crossed the line before she did. He asks me, how what that??? That was haulin' the freakin' mail. We go on to make a couple more runs, all a little faster than we normally shoot for, but this was all for fun!

There were plenty of other Juggers on the property having fun. Wayne, Betty, Raina, Boyd with his team and the guy with the BEAUTIFUL Chevelle... I think his name is Jeff. (I am horrible with names) but look at that pretty car. Boyd and Wayne were lucky enough to line up against each other. Boyd broke loose and spun the tires and Wayne came really close to taking the stripe.



We get up on Sunday for the advertised bracket race and it looks like half the people have left... What are they thinking? If there is a trophy and prize money available we are NOT leaving! They call everyone for a practice run before eliminations. I go ask what lane we can stage in and they tell me that there is no one in the class for Champ to race and there will be no singles. No one to race?? What? I take the scooter and check everyone's sticker, the only people that had a red sticker where all the people doing exhibitions on Friday and Saturday. None of them stuck around for the bracket race. They were all packed up going home??? We went to the Drivers' Meeting and they confirmed there was no one in our class to race.... Too bad so sad! We will take the win! We watched the rounds go by. I saw Betty and Raina volunteering in the lanes, keeping the races running smoothly. Kingdon is an all volunteer group and by Sunday they were in need of volunteers. We told them next year we could probably get some Juggers to help run the lanes and the water box... Yeah, the water box... (I'll tell you about that in a minute.) We watched Boyd secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



It was a BYE to the Trophy!!!! In the end there were 2 Jigger teams in line for photos! The winner's circle was across the staging lanes. The photographer snapped a photo, and we were off. We got back to the pits and took our own team photo! What weekend! It was well worth all the sweat!



Now the water box story.... Long story short, the water box was being run by volunteer newbies. Every time we went up, we had to ask for water, it was not because of a water shortage, or that the water was being pumped by a generator you had to pull the cord to start every time. Just that the volunteers were at their first drag race ever and had NO IDEA! On the first run on Saturday when I asked the guy to lay down some water, he looked at me and says, "Ain't that enough already???" I tell him NO! He shrugs his shoulders... (Mind you today they are now leaving the generator running instead of starting it every fourth set of cars.) The ground was barely dark from the water, definitely not enough to even moisten the tires. The street cars might not care about the water box but you gotta have water for the big tires! I walked over to the starter and say "Dude, we need water!" He looked at me like I am not the water guy?? I pointed to the water guy, who was just standing there, whistling Dixie, and shrugs his shoulders again. The starter motions to him and shouts, "Put Down More Water!" The guy nods and starts spraying. Yippee! He learned that when someone asks for water start spraying.

The track management was happy to hear that we would be coming back next year and bringing a couple of volunteers.

Now a note on Wednesday night drags. I hear that Weasel, Steve Rivero, Timmy Barron, Larry and Judy have been out there most Wednesdays kickin' butt. Steve has been doing extremely well, getting closer and closer to bringing home a win. I don't have any pictures or firsthand stories from Wednesday nights because I can't make it out. It is not that I overlook Wednesday nights either, remember my race report is my biased perspective from whatever I can remember after a weekend out in the sun, having fun! We are proud of all the Juggers that go on Wednesday night and set great examples for the younger kids.

I also encourage anyone that would like to see themselves in the race report to submit pictures to me or the newsletter with a story or two and they can be added. Everyone is also welcomed to make a race report for any event you did not see me at. We love to hear the stories and see the pictures.

Next month, the Governor's Cup at Sacramento Raceway! Spoiler alert, Juggers in the winner's circle!!! Pictures to come!

*-Dianna Munro*





## Jugger Daniel Borg Wins Wally at Sonoma Nationals

For the second running in a row, a Jugger has won Top Sportsman at the Sonoma Nationals. Daniel Borg of San Francisco won the quickest and fastest door car class in the Sportsman category. In the Final, he beat veteran Ed Olpin with a margin of victory of .0114, mostly by Dan's better reaction time. See the time slip for the details.

In the 4 races prior to the final, Dan beat tough competitors Ted Kelner, Frank Rodrigues, Mike Hiatt and Dean Hall.

Dan thanked Dave Haver and all his friends, family and Juggers who were there contributing to this win.

The race was not held in 2020, but in 2019 Jugger Steve Galileo also won in Top Sportsman.

Congratulations Dan!!!



**CAN YOU HELP?**

To All,

If anyone can help Henrik at Gasoline Magazine with photos and any old stories it would be greatly appreciated. He is currently writing an 80-page article regarding drag racing history of California featuring Fremont, Fresno/Raisin City, Half Moon Bay, Sacramento Raceway, Sears Point, Redding, and Famoso. Thank you.

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Long live print!

- Ronnie Mankin



# The Juggers Annual Picnic 2021

## October 30<sup>th</sup>

### Flood Park, Menlo Park

### See Steve O'Brien for details

**IMPORTANT DATES & RACING / CAR SHOW CALENDARS LINKS – 2021**

Juggers 2021 Meeting Dates			
January 28th	April 22nd	July 22nd	September 23rd
February 25th	May 27th	August 26th	November 18th
March 25th	June 24th	October 28th	December 16th

\*meetings are the 4th Thursday, except Nov. and Dec., when they are the 3rd week instead.  
Meetings are held in person at Round Table and also on Zoom.

									
John L.	Pascu	9/10		Tyler	Finale	10/1			
Ray	Fraschieri	9/11		Henry	Olsen	10/8			
Bill	Meyer	9/13		Doug	Hammed	10/9			
Willy	Scott	9/13		Jeff	Lankford	10/11			
Gary	Luck	9/14		Ben	Kruse	10/14			
Fred	Seib	9/15		Mike	Schauer	10/20			
Harold	Hungerford	9/16		Jeff	Brochheuser	10/21			
Carl	Bianchini	9/17		Dave	Haver	10/24			
Betty	Phillips	9/17		Don	Bird	10/27			
Bill	McGuinn	9/22		Daniel	Guerrero	10/27			
Steve	Ribero	9/22							
Ron	Nunez	9/28							

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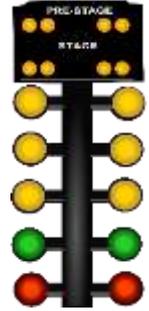
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