

2008 NATIONAL 36hp LAND SPEED CHALLENGE
(Top Speed Racing)

Small Wonder was a popular book about the history of the Volkswagen through the sixties and a small wonder is what the Beetle became. Have you ever wondered about your Bugs performance, how fast it would really go? The NATIONAL 36hp LAND SPEED RACING CHALLENGE was organized to encourage you to take your vintage 36 horse engine powered Volkswagen Beetle land speed racing and find out. Designed originally to go 68 miles per hour in 1954, these mighty little engines have since taken the Beetle to speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour in modified form and powered all out race cars above 129 miles per hour.

Now in its fourth year, the 36hp Challenge is gathering steam, with interest from around the world, interest in challenging those record speeds set back when the 36hp engine was young, records which to this day have never been exceeded. That is the CHALLENGE!

New for the 2008 season is increasing recognition from the organizations that provide the racing venues where Challengers go for their record setting attempts. The four categories of the 36HP Challenge will be their own official record classes in the East Coast Timing Association (ECTA) events this year with ECTA specific safety guidelines outlined in their 2008 rulebook, and the Utah Salt Flats Racing Association (USFRA) website, www.saltflats.com, our west coast host is now providing direct 36hp Challenge information and USFRA 36hp specific guidelines (complete with 36hp entrant photos) for those wishing to race on the historic Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah in their exclusive 130 Mile Per Hour Club category.

Can your bone stock Beetle beat Bruce Cooks new Stone Stock record of 68.502 miles per hour? Can your Judson Supercharged Beetle capture Dick Beiths 1961 record or your Okrasa or Denzel equipped Bug put Melvin Ellis's 1962 record in the history books? Perhaps you are a forward thinker who would like to put today's new technology to work on a 36hp engine and beat Tom Bruchs turbocharged New Age record of 83.091 mile per hour. And maybe you would just like to spectate at one of these unique racing venues where conventional land speed racers exceed 250, 300 and even 400 miles per hour.

Please review the enclosed guidelines and 36HP land speed history and if you have any questions feel free to contact me through the email address listed at this web-site or call after 7 p.m. MST, 435-752 4359. And go to www.saltflats.com for direct links to the USFRA, ECTA, The TEXAS MILE and for other related land speed racing information.

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