

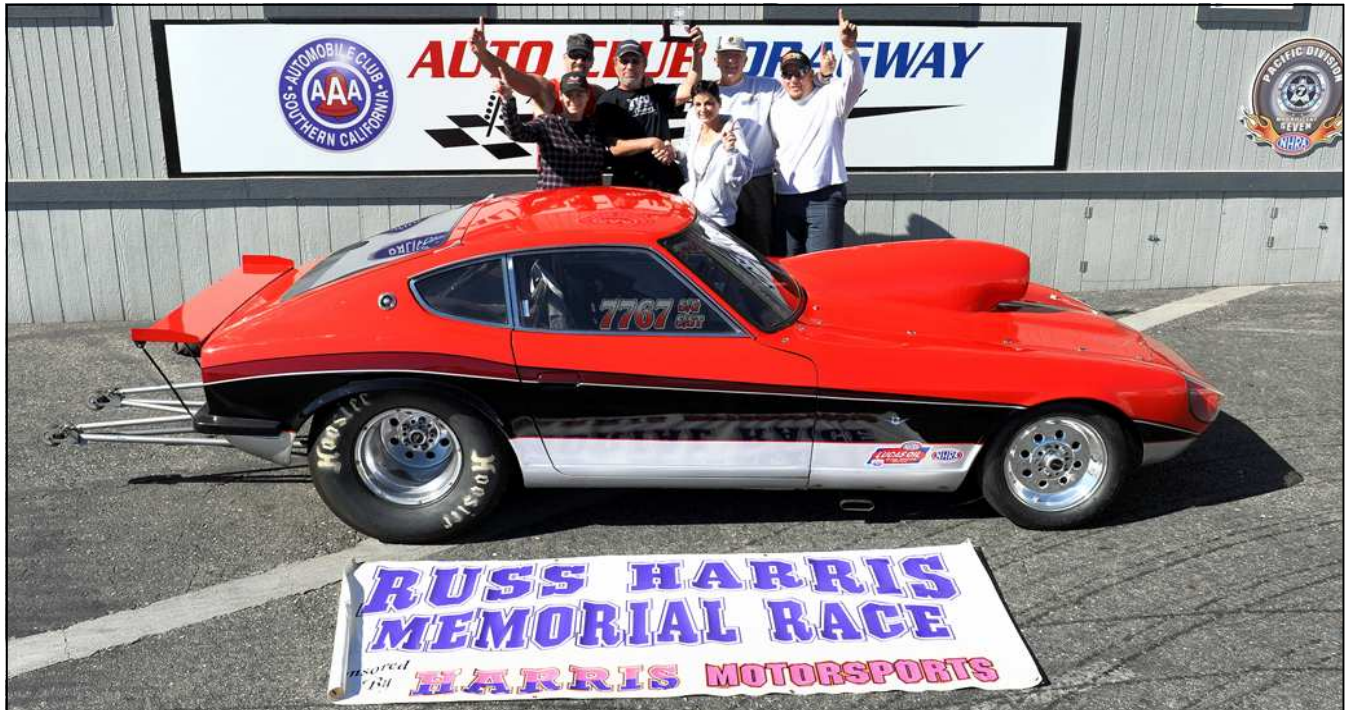
# SoCal Pro Gas Elapsed Times



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## Manogue wins 2015 Pro Gas opener at Fontana



Mike Blodgett Jr finished second in the season opening race, losing to Keith Manogue in the final round.



Arizona racer Keith Manogue with the "Russ Harris Memorial Race" winner's trophy.

# Manogue stops Blodgett in Russ Harris Memorial Race Pro Gas final at Fontana

By Bob Johnson Auto Club Dragway February 1, 2015

Keith Manogue opened the 2015 Southern California Pro Gas Assoc., by winning the Russ Harris Memorial Race at Auto Club Dragway, Fontana, Calif. Manogue defeated Mike Blodgett Jr., in the final round, his first event win with the revitalized small-block Chevy-powered '73 Datsun 240Z. The event was sponsored by Harris Family Motorsports. A double race was sched-

shot to nail down the number one spot, while 2014 Pro Gas series runner-up Randy Balough was the second quickest qualifier with a 9.914, and Randy Kersey was third with a 9.916. Joe Galati and Winternationals Super Gas champion Steve Williams rounded off the top five going into round one.

The third round of eliminations saw Brad Pierce survive a double-breakout race with Tanner Hiatt, Brenden Herem stopped Vince Campa, reigning series champ Val Torres Jr., defeated Bob Harris, and Keith Manogue, Mike Wiblishouser, and Blodgett advanced as there round opponents didn't make the call.

In the quarterfinals, New River, Ariz., racer Manogue defeated Herem's '69 Camaro, Blodgett Jr., edged 2013 Pacific Division Super Gas champion Wilbishouser, and Torres Jr., beat Pierce. In the semifinals, Manogue got by Torres as the '14 champ drew a .005 red-light, and Blodgett advanced on a bye run.

Manogue won his Pro Gas first race with his '73 Datsun, posting a 9.908, 145.42 mph to Blodgett's .019 too quick effort with his Chevy Vega. Keith had a .026 better reaction time.

The 2015 So Cal Pro Gas series continues at Auto Club Dragway with the K&N Pro Gas March Meet on March 7, and an unsponsored race on Sunday, March 8.



uled for the Pro Gas season-opening weekend, but with a huge turnout of competitors entering Auto Club Dragway the weekend before the Winternationals at Pomona, race organizers settled on running just one event and cancelling the second race.

Nearly 50 cars entered the event and qualifying was limited to just one run. Ray Cordeiro of Santa Barbara was right on his number with a 9.908 second, 168mph



Keith Manogue stopped '14 Pro Gas champ Val Torres Jr., in the semifinal, 9.909, 148.94 to a losing 9.866, 163.16.

Special thanks to  
 Les and Jeanette Harris,  
 and Bob and Kelly Harris  
 For sponsoring the 2015  
 Russ Harris Memorial  
 Race



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## “Russ Harris Memorial Race”



Mike Blodgett Jr., used a 9.916 to beat Mike Wiblischer's 9.919 in the quarterfinals. Blodgett had a .009 better light, also.



Number one qualifier Ray Cordeiro clocked a 9.908 at 168.35 with his Corvette, but lost to Brad Pierce in round two.



Keith Manogue got the better of Brenden Herem's '69 Camaro, as Herem was .003 too quick and broke-out in the 4th round.



Good to see Ron Doyle out with his Pro Gasser. Doyle lost in the first round to Bobby Harris.



Bob Earleywine was the 14th best qualifier with his '69 Camaro, but lost in round one to Mike Wiblischer.



Steve Williams qualified 5th with his Corvette and won two rounds. Just a warm-up for this Winternationals win at Pomona.

This is an abbreviated Pro Gas Newsletter due to the cancellation of Race #2. A full newsletter will be published after the March 7-8 races at Fontana, including points, etc. The Saturday March 7 race will be sponsored by K&N and Lucas. The Sunday race is un-sponsored at this time.

Next Race: March 7 and 8, 2015  
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