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Bremerton Raceway Racers:

The 2022 season is over. I thought I would write a recap of the season.

March – On March 12, we had our normal ETI and Chassis Certification session. We also had our First Annual Swap Meet. The weather was chilly but mostly dry and we had about thirty vendors and a bunch of buyers. We plan to do it again in March, 2023.

April – Easter weekend was our first event. Friday's TnT was cold, but we managed to run a few cars, 174 passes for the day. Saturday the rain came, but Sunday we managed to get the first points race done. About 134 cars stayed for the race. We held the 2021 Awards Ceremony on Saturday. Then the last weekend of April was a total rainout. May 1, we had a wiring issue, with a broken wire underground. Robert Smyth, Shannon Ridge, and Don Berry came out on Monday, and we found the problem and got it repaired.

May – The first weekend was Mother's Day. It rained Friday, the water rose from the ground on Saturday and after round one of Sportsman, it rained on Sunday. May 20, 21, and 22 we got off without rain. We had 180 cars on Saturday and 146 on Sunday. We finished the delayed Mother's Bracket. Karol Knight was the winner.

June – June 3 was Friday TnT. The weather held. Then June 4 and 5 it did not. So, we moved to June 17, 18, and 19. Friday was ok. Saturday was our first of two Dayfire Nationals, and we paid out over \$10,000. Sunday the rain came again, and the Father's Day Nationals had to be cancelled.

July – Fourth of July weekend. Friday was a good day. We had 145 or so cars for the TnT and then the Shootout race. The Footbrake Shootout had sixty-nine first round racers and Cooper Chun won over Jody Lang. The Top Bulb Shootout had sixty-four first round racers and Cooper Chun won over Paul Nero. The JDRL Shootout had eight racers and Ben Bryson won over Raylee Higgins. Saturday, we did not get started until noon. First round found seventy-four cars in John Kilroy Footbrake Red, sixty-seven cars in Mike Sarver Shootout Red, seventy-six cars in John Kilroy Blue, sixty-seven cars in Mike Sarver Shootout Blue, and fourteen cars in the JDRL Shootout. The buyback round was cancelled, and we ran cars until 9:24 pm. There were thirty-three cars left in the shootouts, but we did get the JDRL race done, with Abigail Cole defeating Robert Blackwell-Vendling in the final. Then the weather turned, and Sunday turned out to be dismal. The decision was made to not race. July 15 was a good Friday TnT, with over two hundred runs. July 16, we had brackets, Super Comp and Super Street and a Super Saturday Shootout. Over 175 cars showed up to race and we got done about 8:00 pm. On July 17th we had 170 cars. At the end of the day Ron Sears was leading in Super Pro, Brian McGinnis was leading in Pro, Bobby Burkevics, JR was the leader in Sportsman, Mark Biscay had the lead in Motorcycle/Sled, Charlie Burkevics was leading High School, Dustin Ridge was ahead in Junior Lightning, Dawsin Ridge had the lead in Junior Thunder and Natalie Erickson had pretty much clinched Junior Street.

August – August 5th had about two hundred passes on Friday night TnT. Saturday was a bracket, Car Club Challenge, and Super Saturday Shootout. Over 140 cars raced. Sunday, we had 125 cars. After the weekend, the points battle had really heated up. Brian McGinnis moved ahead in Super Pro, Kenny O'Keefe took the lead in Sportsman, and Natalie Erickson got the lead in Junior Lightning. Then came the National Open. Friday, we had a TnT and a Non-E and an E Gambler race. Saturday, we had the brackets and the NHRA Classes. We had 242 cars on Saturday and 248 cars on Sunday. We did not get the King of the Track done, and we did not finish Super Pro. At the end of Sunday, the 2022 Champions were finalized. Super Pro – Ron Sears. Pro – Brian McGinnis. Sportsman – Kenny O'Keefe. Motorcycle/Sled – Mark Biscay. High School – Charles Burkevics. Junior Street – Natalie Erickson. Junior Lightning – Natalie Erickson. Junior Thunder – Dawsin Ridge. Car Club Challenge – Dave Carman. Congratulations to all Champions. The last weekend of August we held the Annual Nostalgia Drags. Had surprisingly good turnout.

September – The first weekend of September was the ET Finals at Firebird Raceway in Boise. We took thirty-one racers to this race. During the day, it was never below 97 degrees. Team headquarters was set up next to RFC Martin Schultz's trailer. On Saturday evening, we had a pizza party for the team. In the ROC, Gary Howe Jr went four rounds, Kenny O'Keefe and Beau Browning went three rounds. I do not have the team standings at this time, but I think we did very well considering the short team. On Sunday, I have that Al Young and Kenny O'Keefe made it to the semi final round in Sportsman. I think we finished in fifth or sixth place. Thanks again to all the racers who made the trek and suffered in the heat. Moving on to September 10 and 11, and the start of the Fall ET Series. Saturday was also the JDRL Challenge and the All Access Challenge. It was also a Car Club Challenge and a SC/SST Association race. About 190 cars showed

up to do battle. Winners of the Wally's – Super Pro – Don Sefton, Pro – Matt Kielman, Sportsman – Brian Seaberg, Motorcycle/Sled – William Nitta, High School – Bobby Burkevics, JR, Junior Street – Natalie Ericksen, Junior Lightning – Raylee Higgins, and Junior Thunder – Beau Browning. Other winners were, Super Comp – Darral Pettitt, Super Street – Jess Dale, Junior 2nd Chance – Natalie Ericksen, and CCC – Dave Carmen. Then on Sunday, 150 racers stayed, and Don Sefton and William Nitta repeated as winners in Super Pro and Motorcycle/Sled. Other winners were Brian McGinnis, Kenny O'Keefe, Tony Arthur, David Wakefield, Max Bruch, Amelia Hentges, Karsen Craig, and Isabell Boardway. The next race was September 24th and 25th. This weekend included the Super Shifters Car Club. Winners were Jeremy Sears, Robert Steffen, Thomas Vickers, Mark Biscay, Max Bruch, Amelia Hentges, Dylen Shearer, Tyler Brown, and Lynn Bruch. Sunday's winners were Zach Zurbrugg, Larry Shoemake, Kenny O'Keefe, Mark Biscay, Hayden Carrell, Amelia Hentges, Dylen Shearer, and Tom Sullivan. At the end of the day, the fall points series was heating up. Leaders were – Super Pro – Don Sefton, Pro – Matt Kielman, Sportsman – Kenny O'Keefe, Motorcycle/Sled – William Nitta, Junior Street – Max Bruch, Junior Lightning – Amelia Hentges, and Junior Thunder – Dylen Shearer.

October – The last race weekend of the season. Would the weather hold? Well yes it did. It turned out to be two great days of racing. Fall ET Series Championship was on the line. One thing to note was that the current Super Pro and Pro points leaders were not at the race. Saturday's winners: Brian McGinnis, Brian McGinnis, Kenny O'Keefe, William Nitta, Hayden Carrell, Amelia Hentges, and Beau Browning. Sefton was still in the lead in Super Pro, McGinnis had moved to the top in Pro, O'Keefe extended his lead in Sportsman, as did Nitta in MC/Sled. Bruch, Hentges, and Shearer were still in the lead in their classes. Sunday dawned with another great weather day. Winner's: Fred Hoffman, Brian Thompson, Stephen Ryland, Mark Biscay, Hayden Carrell, Tyler Brown, and Beau Browning. After the dust settled, the ET Fall Series Champions are: Super Pro – Don Sefton, Pro – Dave Barcelon, Sportsman – Kenny O'Keefe, Motorcycle/Sled – William Nitta, Junior Street – Max Bruch, Junior Lightning – Amelia Hentges, and Junior Thunder – Beau Browning. Also, I kept track of the Junior 2nd Chance races and the 2022 Champion for that class is Ezra Taylor.

I wish to give a big shoutout to the track sponsors. I apologize if I miss any.

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I do not have a date or place for the Awards Banquet. I hope to have one soon. It will probably be in January. The pit spot renewal sheet, the pre buy tech card sheet, and the 2023 points sign up sheets are available on the website.

Just a reminder, courtesy staging is in effect at Bremerton Raceway. Be a sportsman.

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