

GOOD INFORMATION FOR THE 2021 SUMMIT E.T. FINALS IN WOODBURN

Insight from Team Firebird racer: **Steve Reynolds**

To all the Firebird Raceway competitors planning on attending the Summit E.T. Finals in Woodburn this Labor Day, we wanted to take a moment to share a few topics of interest that may help you compete at this track.

Some of you have been before and may seem like repetitive news, but for everyone that is experiencing this for the first time, here are a few thoughts that Super Pro competitor Steve Reynolds put together as a helpful overview when competing at the Team Finals.

First, the pits can get a bit tight, and the roadways are all one way roads, so negotiating around the pits can be a little challenging. Tip: take the time to learn your way around the pits and which roads are best for getting to the staging lanes and back from the return road.

If you haven't done so, look up the racetrack on Google maps and check it out. This will provide you a good template on how to negotiate driving within the pit area roadways.

The return road is on the right side of the track and will bring you back behind the tower, then to the back of the staging lanes, so you can cross over to the pit side and return to where you are pitted.

Woodburn has two turn outs, but the first is rather close for a fast car, so if in doubt, just go to the end and exit to the right side of the track.

The tower is on the right side of the track similar to Firebird, so your dial in should be on that (right) side of your vehicle.

Secondly, one point that we need to stress—FAMILIARIZE yourself on where the finish line is. The finish line is a couple feet PAST the top end scoreboards (reader boards), so I encourage everyone to take a few minutes, find a ride on a golf cart or scooter, and go down the return road to the finish line and take a good close look for yourself.

All registration and your tech card will need to be filled out online for this year's Team Finals in advance of the event. The link is on the Woodburn site. Tech will not be conducted on-site, but by random spot checks at the discretion of the tech team.

Woodburn has plenty of staging lanes, so each team will have assigned lanes for left or right lane preference, but like most of these races, your lane is not guaranteed. Track officials will conduct coin tosses for you, and you may or may not be asked to declare which lane for the toss. They will pair you in plenty of time for you to know who you are racing.

Then you will proceed to the advance area behind the water boxes when instructed to do so.

As for the track itself, if the weather is good, you can expect to pick up anywhere from .2 to .3 tenths on ET, so most likely you will need to re-jet your carburetor for the lower altitude, which is much closer to sea level.

The race tracks altitude is 183 feet above sea level and the average DA can be around 1500-2500 ft. during events in the Spring and Fall time of year. Pending where the temperatures lands on Labor Day weekend (and the fact Mother Nature is always predictable), things can change, and it does. 3500' DA is not uncommon. From past experience, this correlates to a 2 to 3 jet size increase from Firebird, but don't take my words as gospel. You're the tuner!

Based on past experience in past years, in mid to late afternoon, (typically 4:30-5:30 pm), the track can lose some grip as the temperatures climb on the starting line and your 60' can be off by .01 or .02 numbers, so just be aware of this possibility. After the temperature starts to decline, the track comes right back to hooking up like normal and is great again, based on the past experience and input from Steve Reynolds.

Woodburn does not have a hard fast curfew (like everyone experiences at Pacific), but they discourage loud generators running past sunset, and ask not to fire them up early in the morning. They will most likely hand you a copy of guidelines when you enter the gates, so you can get familiar with their rules & procedures.

Based on past years at Woodburn, they place their waivers and wrist bands in their Sport Shop, so you can access and enter their restricted areas (and starting line).

The Sport Shop is located behind the pit side grandstands, along with a nice concessions stand. They also have food & beverage stand(s) on the right side of the track, where you can find their "World Famous Corndogs" and a few other items to eat.

I'm sure I have left out some details, so if in question, ask any of the racers attending, and I'm sure if they don't have the answer, they can direct you to someone that will know the answer and help you out.

Lastly, remember, this is a team event and we are all participating with the same goals in mind.

Above all, Have fun, good luck and enjoy the races.