

BUCKEYE

DIESEL BLAST

Diesel Drags And Pulls In Ohio

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While the National Association of Diesel Motorsports (NADM) has held events in Ohio for the past seven years, 2014 was the first year they were based at MCIR, the Marion County International Raceway. This racing facility is just about an hour north of Columbus, Ohio. This puts the track in almost the exact middle of the state. It's for sure in the middle of farm country with corn and bean fields as far as the eye can see on a clear day.

"ON THE RACING FRONT, DIESEL MOTORSPORTS HAD THREE CLASSES OF DRAG RACING ALONG WITH A COUPLE OF EXHIBITION RUNS IN A TOP DIESEL (DURAMAX RAIL DRAGSTER)."



Bruce Block was the top dog in the Unlimited class for drag racing. He turned in a 10.17 ET at 135.04 mph.

Some would say the Buckeye Diesel Blast diesel event started on a perfect fall day, with clear skies and cool temperatures in the 70s. The cool air made it a perfect day for making power, with diesel truck drag racing, pulling and dyno competitions to take place in the middle of

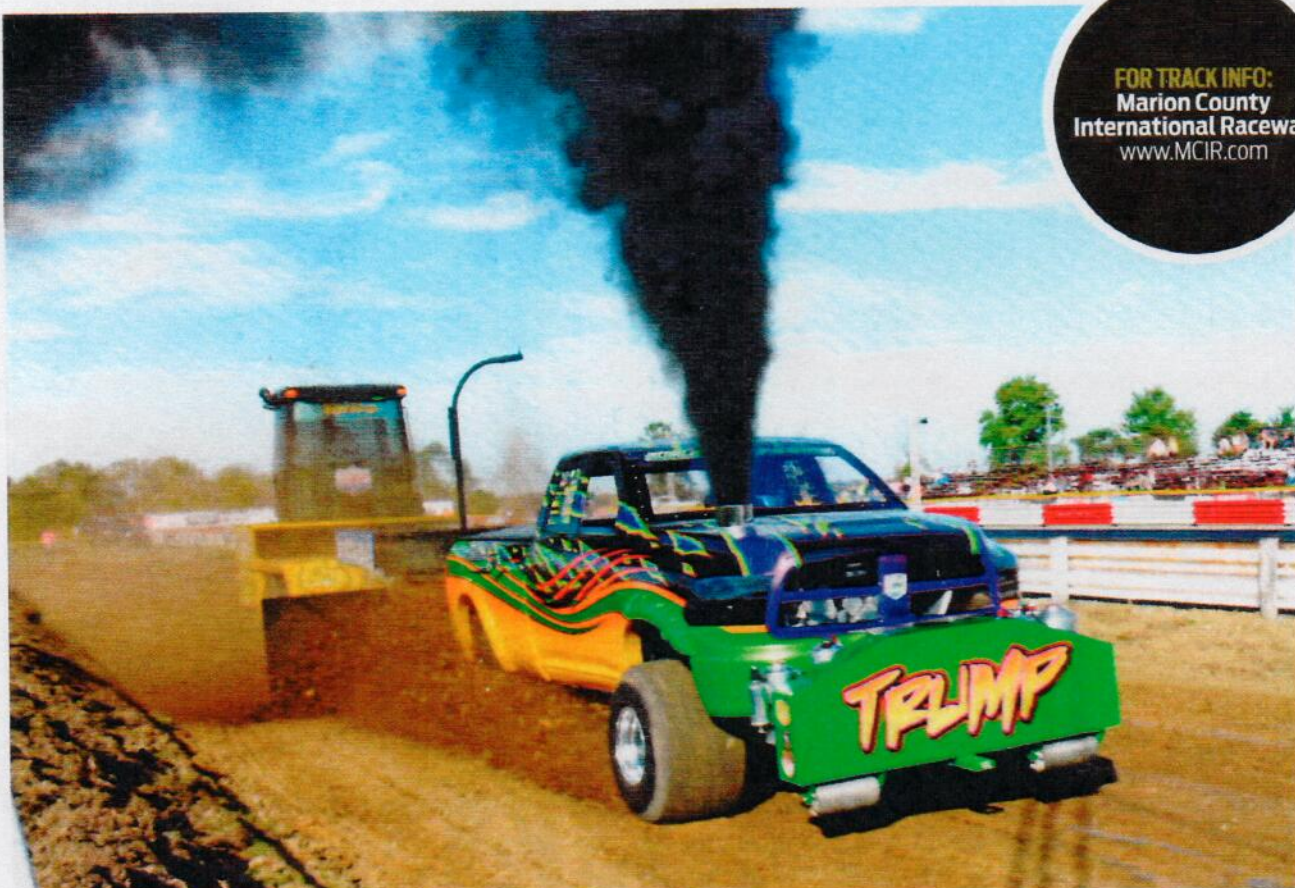
Ohio. However, as with any competition, some would take home the trophy and others would just take home the memories.

The 2014 Buckeye Diesel Blast saw more than 50 trucks racing, 55 trucks pulling, 15 in the Show-N-Shine and 12 in



Jim "Lucky Dog" Layden placed second in the Quick Diesel class with his bright red Dodge. He turned in a 12.51 ET at 115.37 mph.

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Marion County
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Shane Kellogg won top honors in the Modified Pulling class. His "Trump Truck" pulled all the way to first place.

the dyno competition. This was a full contingent of racers, ready to entertain the more than 1,700 fans attendance. The action kicked off at 9 a.m. and the racers and pullers stuck it out till the finish at around 7 p.m. The fans enjoyed watching the diesel events throughout the day, as well as the other activities. The parking lot was full of attendees' trucks as well as some of the competitors' rigs, and the dyno was running all day too. Between the breaks in the diesel action, folks enjoyed some good food and took the chance to look at the manufacturers' displays.

Firepunk Diesel, a local shop, was on hand. They, and the other vendors, such as Fuelab and Action Exhaust (a Flowmaster Master dealer) were among the many there for the diesel fans. They were all busy most of the day, answering questions about their diesel performance parts.

On the racing front, Diesel Motorsports had three classes of drag racing along with a couple of exhibition runs in a Top Diesel (Duramax rail dragster). There were also six classes of diesels competing in



Doug Brarens placed first in the Quick Diesel 12.0 index. His top speed was 102.26 mph with a 12.24 ET.

DIESEL MOTORSPORTS will once again hold the **Buckeye Diesel Blast** at the MCIR raceway. So set aside the weekend of September 25, 26 for the 2015 Buckeye Diesel Blast.. They will have test and tune for drag racers only on Friday night. Saturday will be the whole show, with diesel drag racing, sled pulling, dyno competitions and more.

For more information contact:
 National Association of Diesel Motorsports
 a.k.a. Diesel Motorsports
www.DieselMotorsports.us



Dan Toops won the Show-N-Shine in his "American Dodge." It was built in dedication and remembrance to all armed and civilian service people and his son who was a young leader in the diesel industry.



Vendors row is a good place to look for new products and ask questions of the manufacturers' reps. The crowds come and go, depending on how hot the track action is at the moment.

the pulling. These included Work Stock (street trucks), 2.5, 2.6, 3.0, Modified and Semi trucks.

No motorsport event is ever competing without a Show-N-Shine. The Buckeye Blast had the Meguiar's Show-N-Shine, with 12 trucks competing. Awards were handed out for Best Dodge, Best Duramax and Best Ford diesel trucks. There were also some pretty unusual trucks such as Doug Brarens' "Cabover Hauler" made from seven different vehicles. Unfortunately, there isn't a class for this type of rig... yet. Who knows what can happen if the fans demand it loudly enough?

At the end of the day, every winning competitor left with a check in hand. All competitors received goody bags filled with decals, literature and other cool

stuff at registration. Thanks to the Diesel Motorsports staff and the crew at the MCIR track, the 2014 Buckeye Diesel Blast was the best ever. Shout-outs also go to the sponsors who supported the event, especially Flowmaster Performance Exhaust.

This event concluded the Diesel Motorsports' 2014 regular event season. However, the 2015 season will soon be reaching its peak. More information on Diesel Motorsports events can be found on their website—www.DieselMotorsports.us—and monthly newsletter, as well as on Diesel World's new Diesel Events Calendar page elsewhere in this issue. The 2015 Buckeye Diesel Blast will be held on September 26 in LaRue, Ohio, so head on down for some diesel action. **DW**



Doug Brarens always draws a crowd with his rat rods on track and off. He also showed his new hauler, "Rustenstein," in the Show-N-Shine. Too bad they didn't have a Rat Rod class; he would have won that for sure.



Jeff Dean with his Dmax rail ran some fast times on the quarter-mile track.

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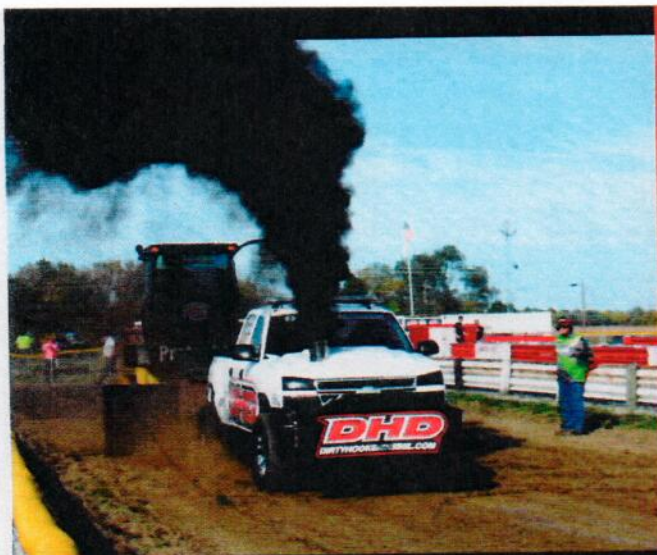
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Tony Burkhard from Dirty Hooker Diesel took first in the 3.0 Pulling class with his Duramax-powered puller.



Kirk Ulrich and his rig, "The Executioner," drove in all the way from the town of, believe it or not, California, Missouri. It was worth the drive, as he took second place in the 2.6 Sled Pulling class.



Semi trucks with a few modifications are real crowd pleasers.

FLOWMASTER DRAG RACING SERIES

Unlimited		OV/UN	R.T	E.T	MPH
First	Bruce Block	10.1731	0.8819	10.1731	135.04
Second	Lavon Miller	10.8161	0.6789	10.8161	128.56
Quick Diesel					
First	Doug Brarens	0.2792	0.7790	12.2492	102.26
Second	Jim Layden	0.5139	0.5570	12.5139	115.37
ET					
First	Lamar Kline	0.093	0.6630	12.993	103.66
Second	Bryan Rittenhouse	0.0309	0.8019	12.6691	106.13
Top Diesel					
	Jeff Dean		0.9891	8.0989	142.87

FLOWMASTER SLED PULLING SERIES

Semi Name	City, State	Make	Distance
Pat Altenbach	Lima, OH	1999 International	294.42
Mark Scott	Perrysburg, OH	1992 Freightliner	275.32
Mitchell Scott	Perrysburg, OH		271.26
Rodney Horton	Tekonsha, MI	2001 Peterbilt	258.20
Brent Hamilton	Battle Creek, MI	1995 Freightliner	256.66

MOD Name	City, State	Make	Distance
Shane Kellogg	Kenton, OH	2012 Dodge	318.11
Hunter Snyder	Carrollton, OH	1997 Dodge	299.19
Kyle Michael	Urbana, OH	2011 Chevy	289.15

3.0 Name	City, State	Make	Distance
Tony Burchard	Harbor Beach, MI	2005 Chevy	334.85
Kirk Ulrich	California, MO	2003 Dodge	331.47
John Dombos	Mantua, OH	2004 Chevy	305.02
Ryan Wilkinson	Meadville, PA	2001 Chevy	288.79
Dustin Harrison	Atlantic, PA	1995 Dodge	227.14

2.6 Name	City, State	Make	Distance
Dustin Harrison	Atlantic, PA	1995 Dodge	335.41
Kirk Ulrich	California, MO	2003 Dodge	329.81
Jordan Kinderman	Kingman, IN	2004 Chevy	325.69
Dave Lehman	Stoystown, PA	1985 Dodge	319.64
William Dvorak	Mantua, OH	2006 Dodge	316.14

2.5 Name	City, State	Make	Distance
James Etgen	Ashley, OH	2006 Dodge	297.68
Adam Ruple	Delta, OH	1995 Dodge	294.62
Justin Lighthill	Defiance, OH	2003 Chevy	292.23
Jeremy Miller	Ligonier, IN	2003 Chevy	292.04
Ryan Miller	Mt. Eaton, OH	2002 Dodge	281.48

Work Stock Name	City, State	Make	Distance
Justin Zeigler	Louisville, OH	2005 Dodge	329.25
Daniel Murray	Collins, OH	2007 GMC	302.89
Cody Robinson	Doylestown, OH	2003 Dodge	298.18
Eric Miller	West Salem, OH	2004 GMC	296.88
Aaron Gump	Shreve, OH	2005 Chevy	287.97

MEGUIAR'S SHOW-N-SHINE WINNERS CIRCLE

CLASS	WINNER	HOME	RIG
Best Dodge:	Dan Toops	London, OH	2003 Dodge
Best Ford:	Nakia Bailer	Lancaster, OH	2008 Ford
Best GMC:	Brian Smith	Spencerville, OH	2006 Chevy

DAVE'S DIESEL DYNO HIGHEST HORSEPOWER

WINNER	Truck	HP/TQ
Jaran H.	2006 Ford	782/1,225