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NOTES FROM THE PRO MOD REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

by Jim Luikens

After several years of trying, Billy Glidden recorded his first Pro Mod win at the NHRA J&A Service Pro Mod Drag Racing Series presented by Smithfield Foods and Western Beef event in Englishtown. It came at the same track where his well-known father, Bob Glidden, won his 85th and final Pro Stock national event exactly two decades earlier. Billy's first win was recorded in a Ford Mustang after three different Chevrolet-bodied race cars had won the first three Pro Mod events of the 2015 season.

Glidden's victory was a popular one because knowledgeable fans respect the heroic effort that Billy and wife Shannon put in to run their car primarily without any outside help. The winner's circle photo looked like old times as only two people graced the photo, unlike the herd of team members that make up most modern victory lane pictures.

In addition to the win, Billy picked up the Larry Jeffers Race Cars Best Reaction Time award. Amazingly, it was the third time this season that Billy has earned the award in the four Pro Mod races that have been contested so far.

Mike Castellana experienced an up-and-down weekend in Englishtown. On the plus side, he debuted a car and sponsor in front of his friends and fans at his home track, but on the downside, he recorded a DNQ when a best run of 5.984 left him 20th on the final qualifying sheet, four positions outside the starting field.

Castellana's new sponsor, Smithfield Foods, a global food company and preeminent pork supplier, has enjoyed success in other forms of motorsports and



Mike Castellana

Mike Janis and his Janis Superchargers team had an excellent weekend. They had advanced to the second round at each of the first three Pro Mod races so far this season and earned the No. 1 qualifying

position at the most recent event in Atlanta. Janis made it two No. 1s in a row in Englishtown when his 5.775-second elapsed time bested all comers. In fact, his run was only .003-second off the all-time series mark of 5.772, which was set at the same track by Melanie Troxel in 2011.

One race that had everyone talking was the first-round contest between Troy Coughlin and Pete Farber. Coughlin won the race when his 5.821 barely outran Farber's 5.826. It is believed that it was the quickest side-by-side run in NHRA Pro Mod history. For most events, 30 starting spots in the form of 28 regular positions and two provisionals are granted. At this race, a total of 29 racers entered, including three first-timers: Chuck Little, Harold Martin, and David Hance. It is estimated that there are another eight to 10 cars that would be competitive in NHRA competition.



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1. Mike Janis, Lancaster, N.Y. ('13 Camaro) **5.775, 250.41**
2. Don Walsh, Wixom, Mich. ('14 Camaro) **5.799, 254.14**
3. Bob Rahaim, Grosse Pointe, Mich. ('15 Corvette) **5.843, 249.07**
4. Steve Matussek, Olathe, Kan. ('68 Camaro) **5.849, 250.74**
5. Troy Coughlin, Delaware, Ohio ('15 Corvette) **5.853, 254.14**
6. Rickie Smith, King, N.C. ('15 Camaro) **5.856, 249.44**
7. Kevin Fiscus, Jacksonville, Fla. ('12 Mustang) **5.861, 250.32**
8. Danny Rowe, Laguna Hills, Calif. ('68 Camaro) **5.861, 251.06**
9. T.J. Coughlin, Delaware, Ohio ('13 Corvette) **5.877, 250.92**
10. Eric Latino, Port Perry, Ont. ('69 Camaro) **5.884, 244.03**
11. Khalid alBalooshi, Doha, Qatar ('69 Camaro) **5.905, 247.38**
12. Pete Farber, Baldwinville, Mass. ('69 Daytona) **5.907, 250.04**
13. Bill Glidden, Whiteland, Ind. ('10 Mustang) **5.908, 240.51**
14. Jim Bell, Edmonton, Alta. ('69 Camaro) **5.925, 238.22**
15. Mike Knowles, Grand Junction, Colo. ('67 Mustang) **5.927, 245.94**
16. Gerry Capano, Greenville, Del. ('63 Corvette) **5.944, 239.70**

ALTERNATES: Shane Molinari - 5.951, 251.53; Clint Satterfield - 5.959, 249.67; Kenny Lang - 5.979, 246.66; Mike Castellana - 5.984, 242.54; Dan Stevenson - 6.000, 243.15; Chip King - 6.003, 243.81; Jay Payne - 6.031, 243.02; Doug Winters - 6.043, 239.10; Steven Whiteley - 6.088, 245.76; Chuck Little - 6.181, 242.02; Harold Martin - 6.298, 234.09; Willard Kinzer - 6.578, 218.80; David Hance - 12.216, 86.89.

PRO MOD CHAMPION BILL GLIDDEN

5.850-250.74 JANIS (.019)	6.009-246.48 JANIS (.095)	5.898-252.66 WALSH (.073)	5.829-247.57 WALSH (.050)
5.954-233.64 CAPANO (.038)	6.022-244.34 JANIS (.041)	7.060-163.91 WALSH (.123)	5.936-247.25 KNOWLES (.050)
5.888-232.87 ROWE (.045)	6.315-243.59 T.J. COUGHLIN (.044)	5.924-247.20 FISCUS (.083)	5.913-248.89 FISCUS (.083)
5.880-251.20 T.J. COUGHLIN (.029)	5.923-243.24 GLIDDEN (.045)	5.897-252.33 WALSH (.136)	5.955-244.38 LATINO (.043)
5.901-250.13 MATUSEK (.043)	6.020-238.26 GLIDDEN (.036)	NO-SHOW RAHAIM	5.910-219.44 RAHAIM (.081)
5.885-245.72 GLIDDEN (.016)	5.941-236.09 GLIDDEN (.045)	6.426-235.10 RAHAIM (.085)	5.948-230.25 BELL (.083)
5.821-255.68 TR. COUGHLIN (.091)	8.611-114.44 TR. COUGHLIN (.321)	6.502-235.27 SMITH (.050)	5.895-249.35 SMITH (.042)
5.826-250.46 FARBER (.101)			8.898-98.13 ALBALOOSHI (.060)

LOW E.T.: 5.775 - JANIS
TOP SPEED: 255.68 - TR. COUGHLIN