

## Geisler & Buzzetti break nearly 4 year old track records

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February was the month of new track records. While most of the country is dealing with snow, Arizona and So-Cal racers gear up for perfect racing weather. Cool air temperatures and bright sunshine bring the best possible time to run fast. Charlie Buzzetti and Rich Geisler both took advantage to run some fast laps.

February 6,7 Arizona Region visited Firebird Raceway's Main track for the first time in non-night race in years. Strong competition mean the nearly 4 year old track record for 2006 was in line to be broken. Darren Griffith was the old track record holder at 1:12.773 and on had to defend his pace. Right off the bat it was clear the track and the drivers were fast with multiple racers turn practice laps under 2006 record. By the end of the weekend 4 of the 9 drivers set fast race laps under the old track record. Paluch with 1:12.679, Griffith with 1:12.367, Newmark at 1:12.283 and the new track record went to 2009 Az Champion Rich Geisler with a 1:12.144. Rich finished with weekend a win and once second place.

Farther west on the same weekend 2009 National Champion Charlie Buzzetti armed with a new car set his sights on nearly 4 year old Willow Spring track record held by Jim Marks at 1:37.665 from 2006. Rain plagued the Saturday sessions, but also ensured cool moist air perfect for making hp on Sunday. Charlie and way with the 944 spec class victory by over 20 seconds and in the process nearly took 1 second of Mark's record with a 1:36.776.

Congratulations to Charlie and Rich on obtaining their places on the 944 spec wall of speed!