



# Topeka Time

## FFW Blasts Into Kansas Again

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Kansas is known for corn, tornados, and a lost girl and her little wiry dog named Toto. FFW's second year in Topeka made us all think that we, also, were in the land of Oz. Weird weather played havoc with the racing and car show. The rain began early in the morning with dark and gloomy skies that turned into blue skies in the afternoon, giving just enough light to get the event in the record books.

Kevin Marsh and Chuck Samuel dusted off their mountain-motored Escort and grabbed the top spot in Probe PRO with a 6.417 @ 221.05. Erica Ortiz continued her assault in the six-second zone qualifying with a 6.889

@ 201.79. Samuel meet Dan Saitz in the finals and neither driver was able to do more than nurse the throttle down the strip with Samuel getting the win with a 10 flat.

Conrad Scarry and crew finally got their bad blue ride together and going straight to qualify number one with a 7.028 @ 208.33 in ProCharger Street Outlaw. Brian Carpenter made the trip down from Minnesota in his fabulous red twin-turbo small-block Mustang and qualified number two with a 7.101 @ 201. The duo met up in the finals with Scarry taking a win to the year-end finals in Dallas.



Matt Jones and Daniel Bott continued their wrestling match in CFE Street Bandit. The Bott boys keep nipping at Jones' heels, closing in each event. Topeka was one of their best shots coming runner-up again with an 8.916 @ 155.63 to Jones' 8.889 @ 152.21.

Ronnie Wilson hurt his engine in Precision Turbo Street Renegade qualifying, but was able to survive Dan Schoneck and Brian

Felder in his beautiful white Fox Body powered by a nitrous injected small block. Wilson, despite a broken ring, laid down a 7.844 @ 172.21 while Felder came home with an 8.412 @ 167.86.

Jeremy Martorella was the solo car in Borla Street Warrior once again. He was happy to make demonstration runs for the crowd in his UPR-sponsored Glidden-powered red Mustang.

In BFGoodrich Drag Radial, Hale Camerman and Jamie Sarver were the only cars to make the long haul to Topeka. Unfortunately for Sarver, he broke the rear gear and was unable to make repairs for the show down against the wicked black Mustang of Camerman who qualified number one with an 8.396 at 178.14.

Mark Anderson blew in from Winston Salem, North Carolina, in his 1991 GT and qualified number one in Superchips Street Stang. He faced off against Craig Shepard, hailing from Powder Springs, Colorado. Anderson's long trip to the heartland paid off with a victory.





PJ Justus came almost as far as Anderson, also making the trip from North Carolina in her 2005 Mustang GT. She qualified number one in FRPP/RPM Outlet Ultra Stang, with an 11.965 @ 115.06. Points leader SD Wheeler decided to skip the frequent flyer miles he has been accruing, and drive to Kansas. He should have stuck to the air, as Justus was able to run an 11.861 on her 11.86 dial-in, while Wheeler went 15.947 on his 15.82 dial-in.

PJ's husband Don Justus unloaded his white Lightning into the number one spot in JDM Tough Truck with a 10.804 @ 124.50. Don kept his Lightning striking all the way to the final round where he got past Robert



Chuhran with a 10.70 versus an 11.850.

Chris Parisi once again came to FFW to race, and race he did. Not just in Bama Chips Four Six Frenzy, which he won against Phillip Bush, but also in Tough Truck, Mod Comp (driving his dad's car), Quick Ford, and Fast Ford.

David Gates took home the money in Quick Ford, defeating Mark Dawgs. Mark Anderson won Street Ford, pulling double

duty in his 1991 GT defeating Tobey Allison from nearby Riley, Kansas. The winner in Fast Ford was Joe Smith in his 8-second '98 Mustang.

The finals in Dallas should be quite a show with several points races still to be decided. Conrad Scarry has a chance to steal the championship away from Tim Lynch in Street Outlaw. However, they both have to show up and race to make that happen.

