

D2R 4441

A Look into Glen Helen 2016



D2R descended on San Bernardino, CA the weekend of July 11th for the 5th annual 4Wheel Parts Glen Helen Grand Prix along with over 100 other teams and drivers. Practice and qualifying occurred on Friday, and the main event Saturday at 4:45pm PST in front of approximately 3,000 spectators in person, and 12,000 on the live coverage.

The course was very technical compared to past years including two short, high speed sections where the car reached a top speed of 98.7 mph. The short course featured jumps for Lisa to catch good air and corners she drifted sideways around in front of the grandstands. The approximately 3.5 mile loop did not give very many opportunities for passing and included many sharp, passenger side, hairpin turns - most downhill in nature – one that occurred immediately as you landed from a blind jump. There were about 5 blind jumps in total, including two on steep hills.



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The 4441 car ran great in practice and qualifying. The fastest lap in practice determined starting position for one of 2 heat races Friday afternoon. D2R qualified 13th during practice, and started 7th in the 2nd heat. Like mentioned above, the track was very tight and opportunities for passing were not that great. Everyone in our heat held position during the prelim race, and we finished where we started – finishing just one second behind the leader, just to reiterate how limited passing really was.

Prelim 2 --- Moto 1 Results						
Place	Name	Nbr	Brand	Time Scanned	Laps	Transponc
1.	Tom Wayes	321	OTH	11:19:11.117	6	8833218
2.	Levi Shirley	81	Ult	11:19:37.462	6	3198188
3.	Gary Jr Ferravanti	17	Ult	11:20:05.727	6	2317680
4.	Jason Blanton	996	Ult	11:20:12.853	6	8733115
5.	Paul Horschel	19	Ult	11:20:20.902	6	3005993
6.	Jt Stephens	4454	Ult	11:20:26.267	6	4590239
7.	Darren Henke	4441	Ult	11:20:46.401	6	2784647
8.	Mike Bou	54	Ult	11:21:56.381	6	8859712
9.	Jon Cagliero	27	Ult	11:22:04.283	6	2217941
10.	Corey Kuchta	4464	OTH	11:22:13.964	6	6046394
11.	Kenneth Goodall	7779	Ult	11:22:21.679	6	4892823
12.	Marcos Gomez	4486	Ult	11:23:04.930	6	8791947

During the main which was a 2 hour Grand Prix style race, we started in the 6th row off the line and worked our way up two positions in the first four laps. In lap 4, after an off-camber blind jump, the car suffered a broken passenger side A-arm and pulled into the hot pits for a fix. The team was able to make the fix in under 10 minutes and we were back on course. The 4441 car ran very solid during the race, allowing Darren to make multiple passes, taking chances anywhere possible, including a pretty epic pass right at the starting line. Most of our time was made up in the high speed sections and on the short course. Toward the end of the race, D2R worked its way into 4th position. With about 20 minutes remaining in the 2 hour race, the car suffered a bulk head failure during a landing on the short course. It was able to drive in to the hot pits from the course for the pit crew to do a visual, and the damage was too massive to finish the race. The team ended up finishing 27th overall, really a very bitter sweet ending of the weekend for the driver, co-driver, and team.





The finish at Glen Helen moved D2R down in the overall standings for the season, pushing the team to 16th place out of 140 teams overall. The team did generate a lot of media during the race, primarily because of the assault the 4441 car took on the rest of the field after coming out of pit stop 1, where it passed nearly every car on track with the exception of the top three leaders at the time. Our social media pages benefited fans with live updates including a short 2 minute video of the heat race – posted same day. If you haven't seen it, please check it out on our FB page, posted on July 10th- <https://www.facebook.com/DSquaredRacing> - or we can send it to you. Likes on our fan page increased from just over 5800 to almost 6300 in just the weekend, and we saw similar spikes on Instagram and our other social media outlets.



Lisa is currently in Reno getting the bulkhead fixed and reinforced, and will be returning to Colorado the week of August 3rd for race prep to begin. The car will be participating in several local events including a car show hosted by Oskar Blues Brewing Company the weekend of August 8th.

The next Ultra 4 race is the 250 mile desert race in Fallon, NV that will occur on August 29th. We understand the race will start in the afternoon, and portions of it will be raced in the dark. In the past this race has featured a 41 mile loop that racers must complete 6 times within an 8 hour period. We are really looking forward to this race – the bulkhead is getting rebuilt and reinforced, D2R will going through the 4441 car to ensure it is at 100%, and we are ready to continue the assault that started at Glen Helen.

We want to thank you again for your support and reiterate our commitment to do our best and represent our sponsors with the loudest and best voice possible!

All the Best,

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