

## KOENIG Racing VORRA Results

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The VORRA Fallon 250 night race took place July 17-18 in Fallon, NV and was held at a remote area located off the loneliest highway in northern Nevada, HWY 50. With over 100 degree heat testing the team's endurance, a quick prerun and prerace prep early Friday morning was scheduled so that we could stay in the shade by the pool the rest of the day. A second late night race course prerun ensured the drivers would know the course like the back of their hand.

Race day saw temperatures hovering at 105 degrees. Listening to the drivers meeting was almost unbearable without shade. With the first car off the line at 6pm the weather changed quickly with cloud cover, wind and thunderstorms surrounding the 40 mile track. The Koenig Racing/TOTAL CHAOS Toyota Tacoma would start 3rd off the line in Group T: a combination of classes 8, 7, 6 and 1450 for this northern series. Group T would be the biggest class this race with 12 entries. 3 of those entries equipped with smaller horse power V6's, and the remaining 9 trucks entered had higher horse power V8's. This race was the perfect test for the newly installed 3.4L Toyota motor for Koenig Racing. With less than 2 miles completed the race looked like it was going to be a long night. At RM 1.5 the steering center link broke in the truck. With no spare in the teams pit we found a replacement and quickly raced out to the truck. After repairs were made the truck had 45 minutes of down time. Mike Koenig was back on the course again pushing the limits to make up lost time. After running 3 perfect laps he handed the driving duties over to Troy Robinson for the remaining 3 laps. Running in thick dust Troy nailed a rock and got the first of 2 flats. In 9 years driving with Mike this was a first. Crossing the start line on the last lap Koenig Racing main pit radioed to Troy that the team was running in 5th just 4 minutes out of 3rd. Troy hammered down and caught 4th place only to suffer the second flat in the process. With a quick tire change and no dust to contend with he hammered on and finished the race in 5th place. With 45 minutes of down time and 2 flats only 11 minutes separated 1<sup>st</sup> from 5<sup>th</sup> place. Koenig racing made up nearly 35 minutes from the first lap down time.

Mike and Troy would like to thank their co-drivers John "Frosted Flakes" and Dan "Bam-Bam" for riding right seat providing valuable GPS readings. We would also like to thank our crew that battled the heat and hung out at their check points as well as our wives and family.

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