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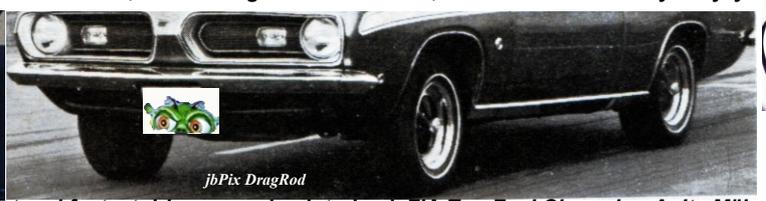
and a hole shot that won the quickest side-by-side fuel coupe race on the planet - and it happened at Santa Pod! Naysayers exist to this day, but we have National Dragster's racing stats that show it lasted 'til taken by the Cragar 5-second Club's 7th member in 1981, and for the first time we've details of the record that we beat! All this and more in October's all-new Street Machine on sale now

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Just like today's tabloids there are no bare chested babes on Hot Gossip's page three which leads off with a new record from Commuter!



And then yours truly is back in the saddle again, racing a fresh Cuda 340s at the Pod's new Spring Match Race with the first publication of a tale filled with new B Modified records that sees the firing of a couple rule changes you'll never believe, including one that's even worse than the movie Fast Company's "Slow ET gets lane choice..." - and you'll never guess who it was aimed at! We also get to meet the freshly imported Camaro mentioned in the intro, and just like the one I drove on my first full-bodied power-pass at the Pod, it's a real ball buster, and its likable owner became a completely innocent player in the on-track drama; but we laughed about it then, and still do to this day - enjoy!



Apart from the fact I love this logo, the 1981 record setting fuel coupe race happened at the Gatnationals!

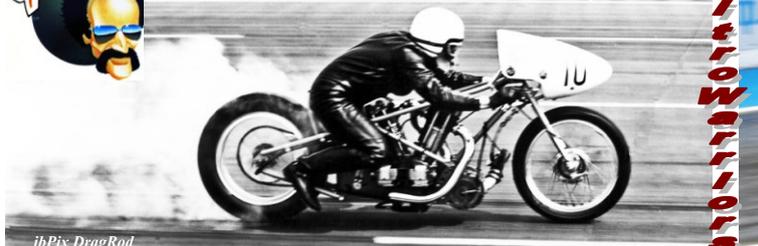
Hot Gossip's back page is 100% NitroPower from our quickest and fastest drivers, our back-to-back FIA Top Fuel Champion Anita Mäkelä and her team kicking it off, with Power Chicken providing some fuelish humour from my slightly warped mind! As you're probable aware our TF ET and Speed records belong to babes, with Maja's new record busting 3.806 ET at a 315.52mph in the Islander's fueler also Top Speed, Low ET of the event at the Pod's September showdown!



India thundered to a 318.95mph Speed record at Tierp earlier this year (3.817), in the Erbacher's Monster Energy car and I believe that's faster than Urs' down the 1320! Anita's kissin' close too with 315.66 from the same race and 3.821 (at 313.52 mph), at the FIA Finals; that's 4-out-of-6 races she and Tommi have won this year- totally AA awesome. The new Hot Gossip has PowerPix of the those cars in action and more in October's Seems that Power Chicken and my eagle are flexing their muscles; luckily they're in text boxes or we'd be in trouble with RSPB - it'd make a mess of the page too!

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Here's Alf Hagon, our original NitroWarrior who I watched take a hammer to a bent push-rod, replace it and set a new track record moments later! This awesome 21st century speed machine's too sophisticated for that...



The October issue of Street Machine opens with a cool chopped, dropped, louvred, smoothed, V8-powered full Kustom... Austin? Yes, it's the British equivalent of the Led Sled Merc - an Austin Atlantic. Then there's a '68 Mustang fastback, super-sano and detailed to the absolute max, and not a Lt Bullitt in sight. Then there's a little home-brewed beauty that mixes traditional hot rod with a British sports special of the Forties. There are show reports from the massive NSRA Hot Rod Supernationals, Retro Rides Gathering, Worthing Sunny Sunday and more, then Andy Willsheer went trackside for Santa Pod's season finale FIA/FIM Euro Finals. All this and so much more fill October's Street Machine, on sale Thursday, September 26th

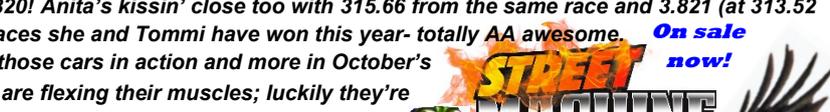
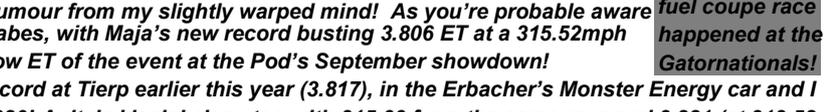
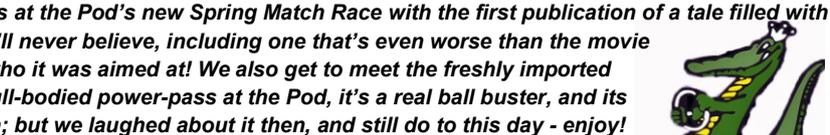


Most race fans've heard of Jungle Jim, but not Jungle Clare! Yet his hole shot at Pomona in 1969 led to one of NHRA's "60 Great Moments" during its 2011 60th anniversary that opens October's Hot Gossip, interrupted briefly by a phone call

from Her Majesty's Customs and Excise about the import of a Camaro to race in the UK before heading back to the US to meet young Clare whose introduction to blown, injected NitroPower during early FX days was getting lucky with the...



This leads to a tale of early funny car racing, with a QR Code for an awesome best of three 1969 match race, a look at an original Mustang legend from then and its 2019 grandson, morphing into a 21st century mix of 330mph NHRA Big Show Camaro's and a slower, better lookin' 1969 first gen sibling from Famoso called Happy Hour! Time out for big upsets, 335mph action at the US Nats with the old adage "anyone can win a drag race" not only true, but kinda cool for an Alaskan rookie!



Thought you'd enjoy seeing some other old bikes too, but first let's check out this wild pass from Fast Fil, his 3.708 five hun' quicker to the 1/8th and at 207.62, over 2mph faster than his earlier record run of 5.662 @ 246.72! To me it seemed like he was really on a charge as the Top Fuel bike blasted past under its blade of NitroFire...



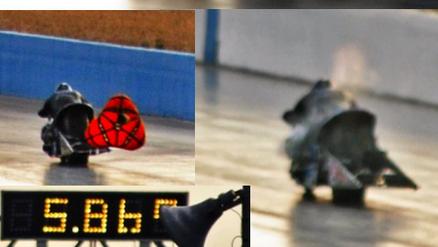
Think I asked 'em how long it was, and no one knew – guess I should've asked its rider, and also what d'you do if the sucker gets outta shape?!

More than a lifetime apart, but the mind-sets the same; hang on, get there quicker, faster - and first!



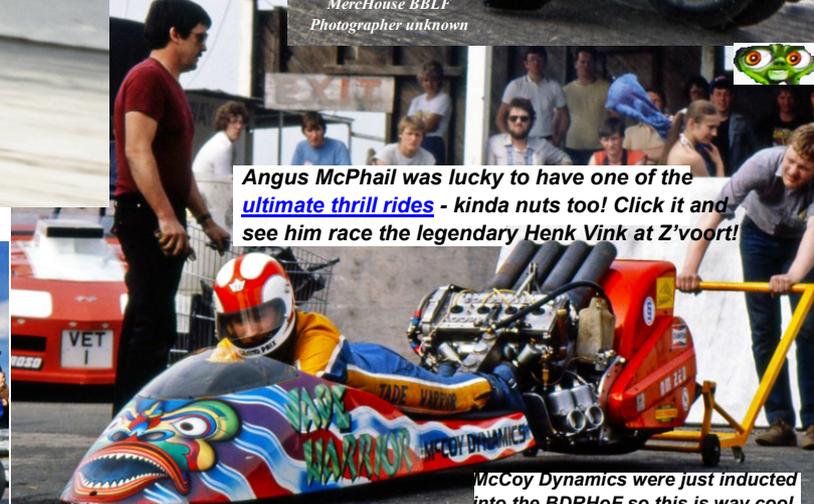
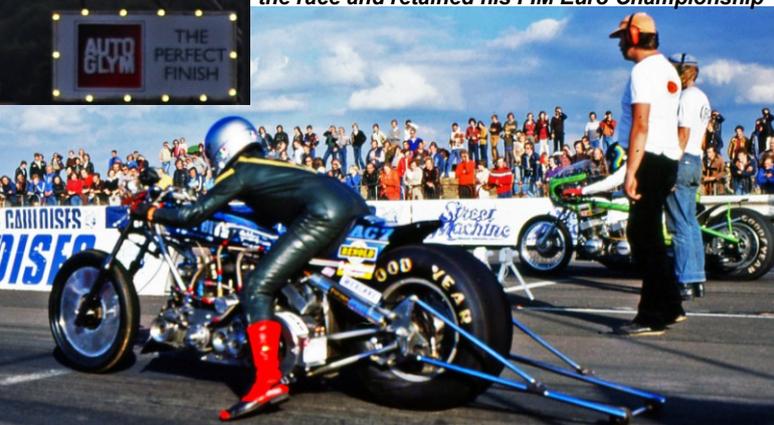
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But there was a glitch, the NitroBlade stayed lit, then the nose came down way early...

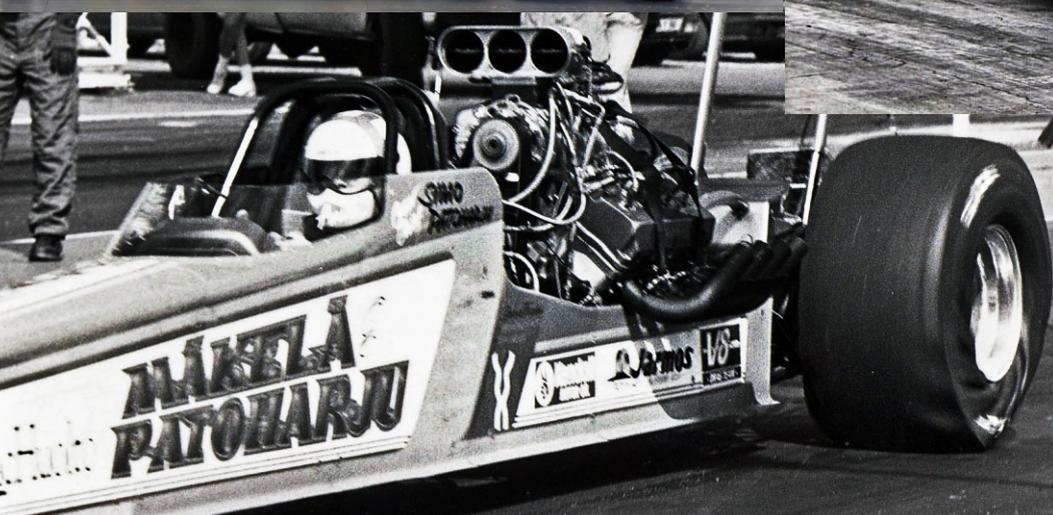
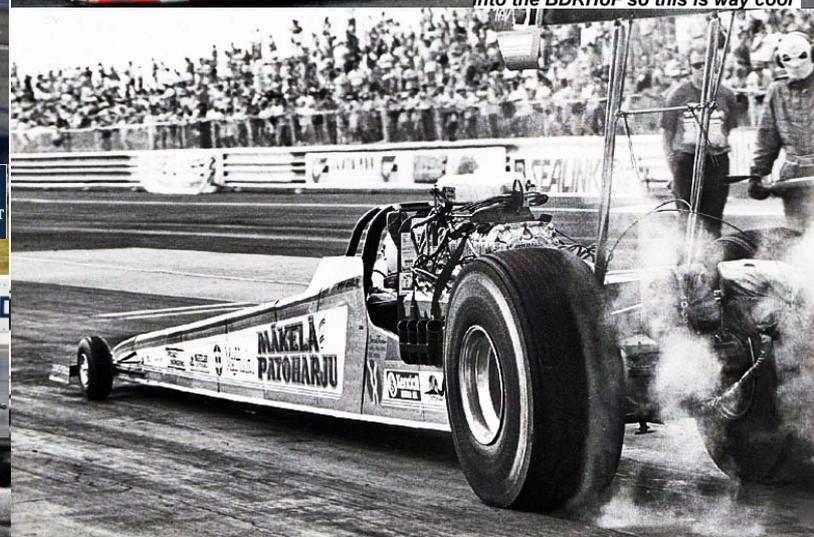


Fil made one full-pull Sunday, a 5.70 at 244, won the race and retained his FIM Euro Championship

Angus McPhail was lucky to have one of the ultimate thrill rides - kinda nuts too! Click it and see him race the legendary Henk Vink at Z'voort!



McCoy Dynamics were just inducted into the BDRHoF so this is way cool



Here's our reigning NitroQueen, 4-time FIA Top Fuel Champ Anita Mäkelä in one of her Top Alcohol cars where she won a fistful of National titles and 2-Euro Championships! Anita loved these images, me too; the slicks are workin' in both of 'em, a good burnout giving instant traction, maybe she even won the race! Headless people fill the shot at left, and even swathed in smoke prior to backing up after burning out, her Levin Iglut fuel car looks fine parked by the Street Machine banner so it seemed cool to slot it in, giving a nice morph from the Top Fuel Bikes with Jonny Munn on John Hobbs' recently retired Hobbit, a tad behind the green bike, unless t'other dude red lit! Oh well, can't win 'em all; Anita and Tommi won 4 of 5 finals in 2019 - close enough for rock an' roll, especially after being inducted in the BDRHoF! Congratulations to Team Haapanen, with best wishes for any plans they've got for 2020 including coming back to make some good ol' NitroThunder on the FIA Top Fuel trail!

