



# STREET MACHINE

OLD SCHOOL STEEL ROD GETS THE HELL INTO DODGE



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FOUR-DOOR PRO STREETER

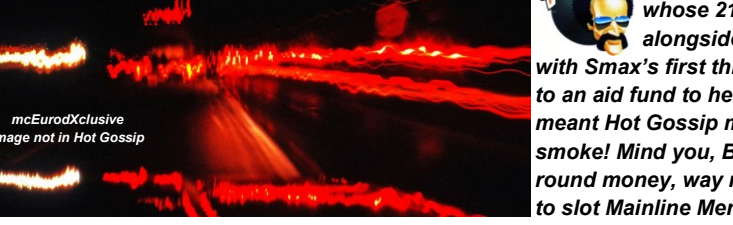
**HIGH FIVE - HIGH ROLLIN' THROUGH FIVE DECADES**

**POWERING DOWN - SEEING OUT THE SUMMER SEASON IN STYLE**

thunder run straight out of Hollywood before taking to the street for some in-car entertainment of the high-speed MillerMagic variety at the helm of my ol' Huger! Back to the track for some interesting facts about his high speed exploits that will hopefully dispel the erroneous myths found on the internet, and still perpetuated to this day (with a "news" release published as recently as last week!), concerning Sam's 3.58 thunder run in the Vanishing Point 2002/R Mustang, a never-to-be forgotten experience for the thousands of fans lining the banking that day. Down on the start line we knew from his eXplosive launch that it would be special; unfortunately there was an unseen problem, one that Sam felt in the seat of his pants, backing off to a 285mph terminal speed. Shortly later, Sam invited me to visit with him in New Jersey where, for the first time, he saw shots of that awesome pass and found them more than a tad revealing; you can read Sam's own words, published for the first time in Hot Gossip's Xclusive, only in the all new

Sam's legendary bleached thumbs up from inside Oxygen, the quickest, fastest ever canopy car takes us to an illustrated collage of fast Slam'n Sam facts...

Below its Sam on my high speed airport thunder run in 1984; caught the plane 10 minutes before take off!

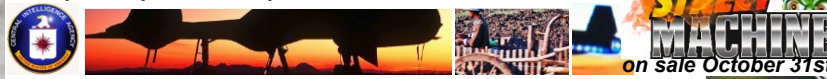


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**Smax goes 3.93!**  
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Summer may be over but it's still hot in Street Machine. November's issue leads with a sweet, old-school hot rod 1933 five-window coupe ... that's not a Ford. Then there's a Brit Pro Streeteer with V8 power, plenty of rubber... and 4-doors. Then there's a real show custom, Bedford CF that's been high-rollin' through five decades. We've all the late summer shows, including the Hot Rod Hop, A602s Autorama and Brooklands American Day, plus the season closing strip action from the NSRA's Hot Rod Drags to the STP National Finals - who won the championships? All this, plus loads more, in November's



The CIA logo is Hot Gossip's first image, but that sunrise kicks off Hot Gossip's lead story; oxcart, mock diamonds and a skunk's tail take us to a couple of gorgeous 1950s canopy clad slingshots!

Then Stig's wild 21<sup>st</sup> century 'toon heads up side-by-side FIA Euro Finals' race day NitroThunder by my ol' pal Wojtek shot from the stands. Back to earth next with my first ever bike ride into the Pod leading to some astral mind movies!

A brief glimpse of the Everglades at high speed, a slow hot rod in the Pod's dust then it's time for an original member of my Street Machine location team's first drive - before her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday! Minutes later she's driving a V8 powered altered down Santa Pod's quarter mile! My favourite drag racing pioneer, she also flew a 747! Hot Gossip indeed, enjoy this in the all new



Next up it's time for some Xclusive, never-before-published Slam'n with Sam tales as we're near the anniversary of his untimely passing back in 2002; sharing magic memories of our all-time favourite high speed legend, with a high flying in-car entertainment of the high-speed MillerMagic variety at the helm of my ol'

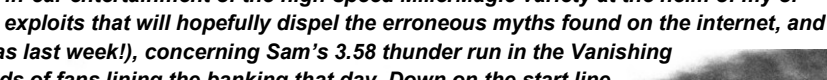
Next it's more of those amazing canopy cars from back in the '50s (then an' now), plus England's 1969 original Malibu Express along with Chris an' Claire's rebuild doing some Wild Bunch racing in 2009 and 2019

An mcEurodXclusive at right is a ReMix from Hot Gossip; Ant Hill Mob's Smax races legendary Chris Karamesines whose 21<sup>st</sup> century Lucas Oil car showed the benefits of these canopies when it fireballed alongside Smax during qualifying recently. Fans round the world were thrilled on NHRA TV with Smax's first three, a 3.93, 281 at the NHRA's Carolina Nats; especially those who contributed to an aid fund to help get him there! Smax was bumped to 14<sup>th</sup> ahead of Chris K's 4.46; a deadline meant Hot Gossip missed out on Smax spanking Brittany Force off the line in E1, but he went up smoke! Mind you, Britt ran a 3.69 low ET of the race so it was a moot point; at least he got first round money, way more than the fiver I got back in 1969! His first 3-second ride's a good excuse to slot Mainline Menace into a space (filled with caption in the mag), just for our Eurodragster readers!



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