

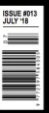
STREET MACHINE



PICKING UP SPEED

CUTE UTE REALLY HAULS

CAMO-RAM-A-DING-DONG - BAD BLOWN BUSHWHACKER



IT'S NOT YOUR COMMON OR GARDEN SHED



T ON THE BEACH - TRAD ROD FLIES HIGH

But it's not all NitroThunder, there's early muscle car action from '68 (in the wet!), and power-images of Pro Mods, the world's most awesome door slammers. You'll also find a special mini-tribute to the Mongoo\$e, Tom McEwen who passed away on June 10th...



DragRod photo by John Bennett



A couple years ago I lost 750gb of digitalised archive material - there's never been a need to mention this before, but amongst it was an in y'face image of Tom McEwen's first-of-a-kind 1957 Chevy Fuel Coupe thundering by at the 1990 Gatornationals that would've been really cool here as the Mongoo\$e drove it to a 5.76 at 263.54mph! Instead here's a couple of Xclusive shots for Eurodragster readers, the image below taken just prior to that amazing run, and an eXtreme crop from one of his always cool tee-shirts that he signed for me a couple years ago, and three fabulous related links that you'll love...



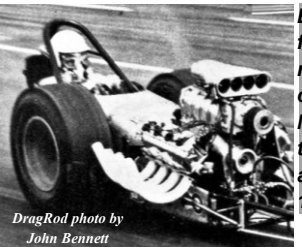
Along with the NHRA's great 92second long [mini-movie tribute to the Mongoo\\$e](#) and their "In Memoriam" image from his legendary 1978 US Nats win, I found this oh-so-smoky half-track burnout and a thundering full pull from the debut of the "[fastest 1957 Chevy in the world](#)" at NHRA's 1988 Pomona Finals. They're both magic, so enjoy, and if you've not seen the Snake and the Mongoo\$e movie, check it out - or see the heart warming tale again! It tells how two racing legends change the face of drag racing forever thanks to their unique Hot Wheels funny cars. There's plenty of track-action and laughs, with a tear-jerking ending you wouldn't believe if Hollywood had written it - but it's all true! And the awesome action footage closing the film is a must for all ol' school fuel coupe fans...



In Memoriam

TOM 'MONGOO\$E' MCEWEN 1937-2018

July's Street Machine opens with Ian 'Monkeyboy' Mather's MkIII Cortina 'bakkie' - a rare South African Cortina pick-up - over here and overpowered. With a hot 350 Chevy and small drag radials, you know it'll be a handful! Then there's a late-model Ram pick-up, a big-budget no-holds-barred build with a blown Hemi, a camo wrap, and a plush high-tech interior. At the other end of the scale, it's low-tech all the way with a tall T Doctor's Coupe on A rails, a four-banger motor and ... well, that's about it - you don't need creature comforts when you're racing on Pendine Sands! Then there's some proper British bonkers-ness, with a motorised shed. But this isn't just some publicity stunt - this 100mph+ garden furniture has four-wheel drive, a twin-turbo V6 mapped to 450bhp, and a huff of nitrous to help it achieve the title of the world's fastest shed! There are reports from the Retro Rides Weekender at Goodwood, the National Hot Rod & Custom show at Peterborough, Speedfest at Brands Hatch, the NSRA Fun Run to Great Yarmouth and Mopars at Brooklands, and for the quarter-mile fans, there are reports from Santa Pod's Main Event and the mighty Doorslammers. All this, plus all the usual stuff, plus much more besides, is in the new July issue of Street Machine, out now!



DragRod photo by John Bennett

Even without the fireball, there's a non-too subtle contrast between Micke Kågered's tall 2018 injectors and Tudor Rose's 1968 bug catcher!



Photo by Wojtek Xtreme Crop

Hot Gossip has Mike Collins celebrating 50 years of side-by-side NitroThunder at the Pod from his unique perspective, with a mix of action shots from this year's Main Event (the 55th running of the BHRA's original May race!), the first on the Pod's shiny new million pound surface and the 5th annual Big Go on the brand new track they rebuilt in 1968. Check out the difference below between the front ends of RFM's 2017 FIA Top Fuel champion Duncan Micallef's skinny machine and the wide-track stance of the Commuter AA/FD from 1968! Even more radical is the difference between the Maltese Lion's space-age head gear and that worn by 1968 NitroRookie Mike "Tik" Tikner (who made history that year in the all-new Geronimo), with his naked neck waiting to be kissed by some escaping hot fluids perhaps! You'll also read of the battle to put on Santa Pod's first side-by-side AA/FD races, with a mistake in that we read about one of 'em being lost at "a fantastic .83mph" when it should've read "180.83mph!" Oops! Those races happened on MC's birthday would you believe...

Cake by Mrs T DragRod photo by John Bennett



Ron Fisher photo courtesy [tineturvalds](#) Xtreme crop



mcSnip courtesy [nhra.com](#)

1980s photo courtesy NHRA

"Heroes live on, legends never die."

Thus read the Tom McEwen tribute on John Force Racing's funny cars at the Bristol race. Click an' enjoy their NitroThunder at 4.07 in Friday night's Q session. RIP Mongoo\$e, you'll be making fans happy forever!

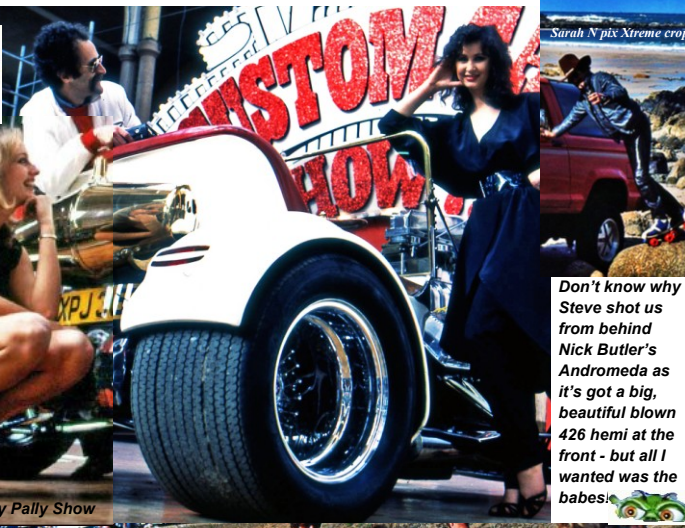




License plate, Mustangs & Andromeda by Steve Saunders



Street Machine will hit you!



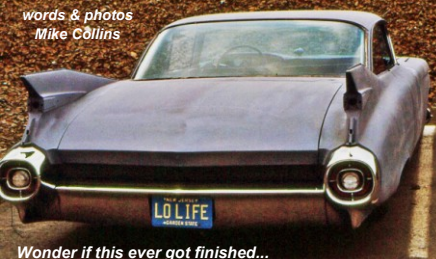
CC's 1979 Ally Pally Show

Don't know why Steve shot us from behind Nick Butler's Andromeda as it's got a big, beautiful blown 426 hemi at the front - but all I wanted was the babes!



Exclusive Power Page for eurodragster.com

Side-by-side, Mustangs on Waterloo Road, a 2.3 turbo '79 Cobra and '69 429CJ - silly but great fun!



words & photos Mike Collins

Wonder if this ever got finished...



Eurodragster's Hot Gossip edition features more rad rides from Terry Cooke's 2nd second annual Lead East in 1984 Wayne, NJ, now in its 36th year



A smaller version of this shot in Hot Gossip has a NitroAlert, but these high-energy burnouts were performed by Alcohol Funny Cars - no NitroThunder, but still ground pounding awesome...



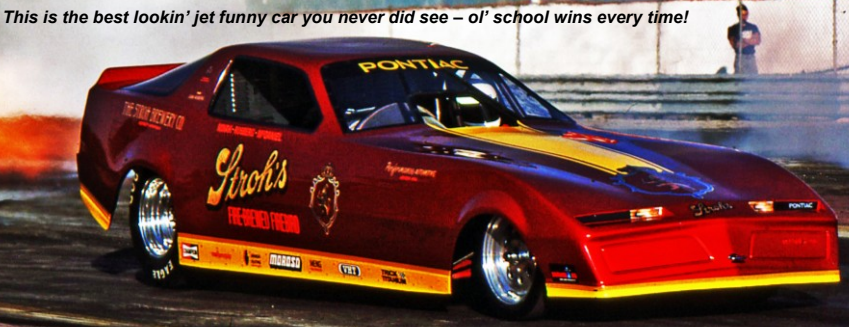
Kool kustoms ruled at Lead East



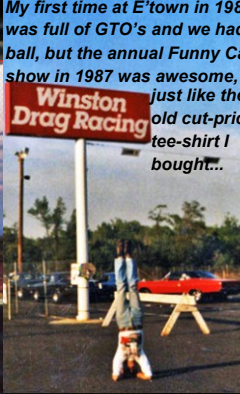
Photo by Steve Saunders



A few years later Chuck Etchells made the first 4-second Fuel Coupe pass, taking John Force and Castrol's money...



This is the best lookin' jet funny car you never did see - ol' school wins every time!



My first time at E'town in 1984 was full of GTO's and we had a ball, but the annual Funny Car show in 1987 was awesome, just like the old cut-price tee-shirt I bought...

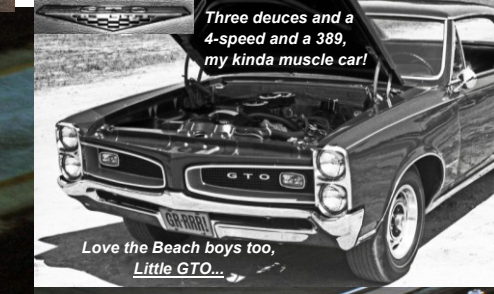


116th Annual U.S. ALL PRO FUNNY CAR Championships

Raceway Park



The power of the sound and fury from the side-by-side flame and thunder show put on by the Fighting Irish and Firebrewed Firebird funny cars was totally mind-blowing! Check out the awesome in y'face launch shot in Eurodragster's edition of Hot Gossip



Three deuces and a 4-speed and a 389, my kinda muscle car!

Love the Beach boys too, Little GTO...

