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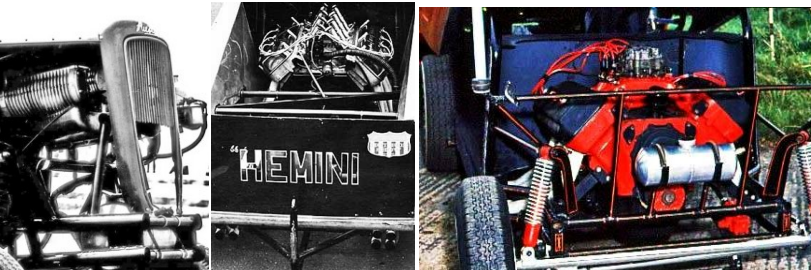
FLIGHT OF VANTASY

A HOT WHEELS PARALLEL UNIVERSE

THE FLY THAT ALL THE SPIDERS ARE SCARED OF

Street Machine's new October issue leads off with a Hot Wheels-style home-brewed Model T van that has all the hallmarks of a Seventies show custom - Jag IRS, stainless side pipes, V8 with crazy chimney-stack intakes, vertical steering column etc - but actually gets driven! There's also another Seventies throwback, the chopped mid-motored lunacy that is The Fly - still crazy after all these years. Then there's our kind of hybrid - a 105E Anglia with a screaming Mazda turbo four-pot and four-wheel drive, and a patina Beetle that's so low it collects cats-eyes. There's a report from the last of our 2018 Lazy Sundays at the Victory Wheelers' Stanstead House bash, the NSRA Hot Rod Supernationals, the Retro Rides Gathering and the Knuckle Busters at the Barns, the last No Prep Nationals at Rockingham, and Andy Willsheer's words of wisdom from Hockenheim's NitroOlympX. And we look back at the Street Machine World Of Wheels show from 1980! Plus all the usual stuff and plenty more besides in October's Street Machine - on sale now.

Mike Collins fires up October's Hot Gossip with the a couple of first generation, injected nitro burning funny cars, a unique Rambler and one of six Mustangs custom built by Holman-Moody for Ford. And they're totally different - apart from both having doors! Unlike Invader, a hemi powered Vauxhall Viva, our first flip top funny car style racer, apart from its fitted carpet! A couple more wild examples of British hot rodding ingenuity are a blown Austin Ruby and [Hemini](#) - aptly named as you can see below! (B&W pix JB DragRod)



This tough trio move us into MC's main ingredient, the 1968 BDR&HRA Drag Racing Championship headed by Tudor Rose and Commuter in a "Best of Five Match Race!"



There's also the awesome battle between Geronimo and Motovation to become our first Nitro Champion - it provided an incredible final round that could never happen today! Hot Gossip's back page is pure NitroThunder topped by an awesome two-car, NitroFire filled shot from BDRHoF Media Award winner Andy Willsheer from the 2018 FIA Finals where Santa Pod fan favourite [Anita Mäkelä](#) totally dominated with Low ET (a new [FIA record of 3.870](#)), Top Speed at 312.44 (on a 3.872 bye run!), and the race's only string of full pulls to become a 3-time FIA Top Fuel Champion! Here's an Exclusive shot of the team and Street Machine's favourite chicken farmer in action for our Eurodragster readers...



EASTERN ANGLIA - 4WD TURBO 105E SAYS FUCHU TO FORD MOTORS



PATINA DUB - LOWER THAN A BUG'S BELLY!



Courtesy SantaPodTV
Anita's Saturday night full pull, 3.94@300!



Congratulations to Tommi and the team for giving Anita the best performing car on the FIA tour!



For the first time in drag racing history the current Top Fuel champions (Brittany Force, USA, Anita Mäkelä, Europe and Kelly Bettes, Australia) are babes! Way t'go ladies Data & pix [Top Fuel Australia](#)



Photo courtesy Anita Mäkelä Facebook



Photo by Wojtek

Sadly 2017 FIA Champion Duncan Micallef (seen here at the FIA Main Event), didn't have much fun this year, coming fourth behind RFM team mates (Antti Horto 2nd and Liam Jones, [who won the NitroOlympX](#) over Anttil), but the upbeat Maltese Lion still had the warmest of smiles for fans. Let's hope our Nitro Warriors enjoy their break, and return refreshed and ready to kick off a ground pounding 2019 season in May!

October issue on sale now!