



40 YEARS

# STREET MACHINE

WIN! A JET WASH! Machine Mart

WIN! AMERICAN SPEEDFEST TICKETS!

POKES OUT CATS EYES!

SUPER CHARGED!



Steve Saunders' photos

Original 1978 Storyboard and the two babes who made my first Street Machine gig more than just fun! Back to reality - an Xtreme crop of 2nd generation AA/FD racer Adam Sorokin on the line at Famoso gets Hot Gossip off to a wide open start after a few words on the raceway's legendary past. A brief look at Adam's Heritage Championship wins, then it's backstage at the track's 61<sup>st</sup> March Meet to introduce my first "Top Fuel Intern" - something I'd never heard of! Happily,

## WIDE ANGLE!

V8 POWERED 105E HAS BEEN WORKING OUT

## ON THE QUIET MORE-DOOR MOGGY MAKES SUPER SLEEPER



words & photos mike collins

World's fastest Small Block Chevy!



World's quickest & fastest AA/FD!

FREE STYLIN' - PLYMOUTH COUPE STREET ROD MIXES IT UP

MUSCULAR MYSTERY - GM COUPE LEAVES 'EM WONDERING

cool, positive, and maybe he even looked at the camera as he said "Yes, that I didn't know about ear protection back in the '60s!" And many hours on the start line at Famoso during the past decade mean mine've taken a beating so I feel the same, and those extra rock an' roll years before being Nitro'd out of my mind mean my hearing's kinda shot to put it mildly! So please, especially if you're young and it's your first time at the track, be sure to fit plugs, for convenience, or ear defenders if you really wish to take care of them. Ol' Nitro Nostril's was told this by his local GP, so the real deal folks - a Hot Gossip Xclusive! No matter what you chose to fit, do it before they fire the first pair next time at the Pod - it'll be worth it, trust me! Check out the soft focus fans behind the shot of NitroKitty's AA/FD at right and you'll see they're stuffing fingers in their ears despite being way back from the NitroPower! And here endeth the lesson. A happy smile from NitroKitty for Hot Gossip readers, and the reason for her joy, you'll find in our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue out April 25<sup>th</sup> Actually Mendy's smile puts a period on quite a "heavy" page - she even gets "down and dirty," while our interns learn of the ultimate highs and lows Top Fuel racing has to offer! Then we lighten-up big time with Nitro Mike's wild PT Cruiser in full sparking mode before we learn the Top Fuel intern programme, created by Bob McLennan, introduces students to our sport (in the best possible way!), and also honours his father, Champion Speed Shop founder Jim, a pioneer drag racer with more connection to today's CSS fuel car than you'd imagine! Meanwhile, here's a MegaXtreme crop of Andy getting down to the nitty gritty, among shots of our Top Fuel interns at work even after the race! Then it's fun time with Xtra Xtreme crops of hi-heels an' fishnets, Ferris wheels an' a fuel car, the dude behind it another reminder - protect your ears! Hot Gossip's back page is full of big, wide-open Fuel Coupe PowerPix and few words as you'll see when you get your copy of Street Machine's May issue! Thought I'd close with a trio of totally different Xclusive mcPix HandCut for [eurodragster.com](http://eurodragster.com)



All my lil' green pals loved Jana!



It's a full frame left, so you know how Xtreme this crop is! Rian Konno getting in the zone...



Although Cacklin Critter's back up babe's wearing some sunburn along with her skimpies...

...soft focus hoodies beyond let you know it was cold, relatively speaking!

And our promised "short shower" came with hail stones!



In truth Matt Melendez drove Cacklin' Rose to victory, his 5.691 at 242.32 the second quickest win of E1! My bad!

Eurodragster's Hot Gossip ReMix fires up in 1968-part one of the story behind my first DragRod cover, zaps to unique 21<sup>st</sup> century side-by-side NitroFire (not this clip!), back to '68 for the ultimate street race, to 1975 words from Big Daddy! 2018 high speed pix an' facts, 1968's untold tale of our wheelie Stingray's cover shoot! Boxing Day's Brighton's cruise an' many hyperlinks to relive the tales! And a short farewell to an old pal...

DRAG RACING & HOT ROD

TONY'S T SOOPA COUPE

MOTIVATION 1968 Drag Racing Champion!

Bootsie, our first Nitro Champion