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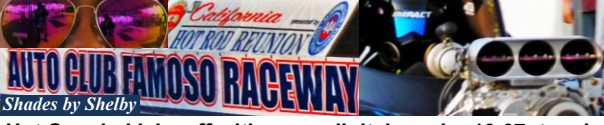


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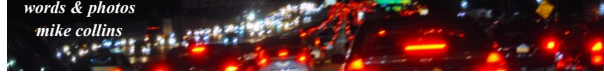
This is the 30th issue since Street Machine's return, so we're looking back 30 years to the mighty Minor that appeared on the cover of our 10th birthday issue in 1989 - still a perfect, V8-powered street rod, still looking as fresh as the day it debuted, and still with the guy who's owned it since England last won the World Cup. There's also a near-perfect replica of a long-lost, jacked-up, slot-magged show custom icon from the Seventies, and a Saunders-built shorty Mini that's found a new home way, way up north. We've got all the late-season shows, including the Northern Swap Meet and the Prescott Autumn Classic, plus the season-closing Flame & Thunder event from Santa Pod. All this, all the usual fun and plenty more, in December's Street Machine, out now!



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Wide open all the way's a great tenet!

Hot Gossip kicks off with some digital mania; 16:07, touchdown LAX; 17:17, boarding Alamo's bus the numbers seen on the back of my Nikon! A glance at my 20th century Omega saw a return to sanity, shooting this golden sunset from the same bus around six pm. An hour or so it was full dark and I'd entered the motoring madness that is the 405 freeway during LA rush-hour; anything but life in the fast lane! Happily the lights



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were mentally overcome by images of my Arizona eagle soaring an' some bitchin' FM music! We flew on auto-pilot until the lanes suddenly emptied, kinda; there were still a bunch of heavy metal trucks, all part of the tourist kick, especially around the Grapevine where they all slowed down, adding much colour to our peripheral vision as we flew past-relatively speaking that is! While standing in line at LAX I'd adjusted my mind to cruise mode and flew low an' easy, beneath the radar of any Highway Patrol Interceptors, and it worked, arriving at Bakersfield with nary a problem, dropping my bags in our Motel 6 room and soon was sat peacefully in the passenger seat of ol' Nitro Nostrils' rental ride heading for food. Digital data completes our intro; 16:02:53, Mendy Fry "stokin' up some AA/FD attitude," wanting to drive Tom Shelar's High Speed fuel car to victory and celebrate his memory... At 17:16:17, Bobby Cottrell's posse and a NitroPower swept Heidi and were also hoping for extra glory at

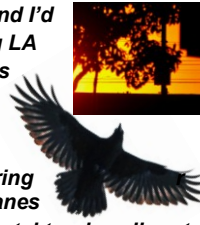
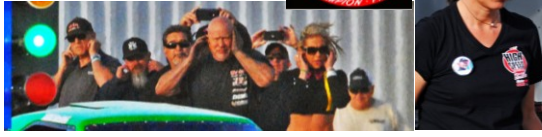
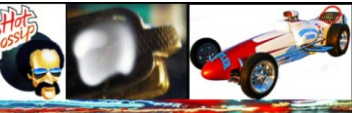


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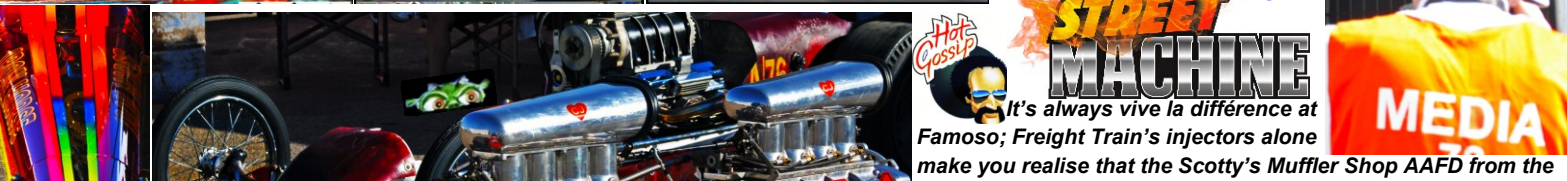
the NHRA's 28th annual California Hot Rod Reunion at the Auto Club Famoso Raceway. But that's later in the weekend; our tale begins on a Thursday morning, just after seven am. With the sun still rising beyond the freeway, it was kinda chilly too, but hey, it was California so who cares! Just pull on some clothes, stroll round to the front desk for hot coffee, and then really feel the chill on the way back! Woulda been easy to climb



back into bed, sleep late and spend a quiet day by the pool; but no, I was soon introducing our Andy to the delights of a Denny's breakfast at the Flying J. Close enough to the track to just chill out and enjoy a large plateful of Americana; you know crispy bacon an' hash browns, eggs, wheat toast and grape jelly, oh yeah! More than that the Flying J's a great place to purchase a cool box, fill it with ice, some Bud, fresh water for any emergency, and packs of white powder mini donuts in case of getting lucky at the track and some instant energy's required! Shortly later we were parked up, fully credentialed and Andy was soon busy and already on the job shooting while I moved on to enjoy the warmth strolling through the pits, taking time out to talk with some of the racers who'd helped make the March Meet so entertaining, giving them links to our Eurodragster



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early '60s really is a "shorty" - and both of 'em are true legends, wonderful to see, and hear! As was the fully restored and multi coloured slingshot that Dan Richens drove to high altitude glory back in the day, and regaled us with tales of its exploits at BDRHoF's recent Bench Race. Although there was no track action, there were some cool cars cruising the pits, maybe heading for tech inspection; met a bunch of cool racers and the like, and had our visit bookended with a pair of fuel coupe warm-ups which more than made the day! After enjoying a laugh with a two of Kern County Sheriff's department we headed off; but I thought "time out," let's do "What y'see is what you get!" so you'd see more of the event's diversity, naturally I kicking it off with a wide open, wheels off the ground fuel coupe launch from Billy "the Kid's" old school Z28; he'd won his first round in NHRA Nostalgia AAFC at the March Meet over a 21st century swoop-mobile Camaro, seen here burning out at far right. Next up we're in the staging lanes with a truly colourful pair of ol'



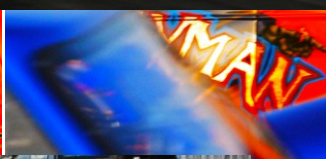
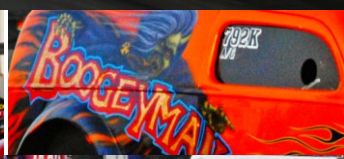
nostalgia cars; a 21st century AAFC and the Cacklin' Critter AAFC followed by a louvred beauty with a lift-up screen that blew my mind - but I've no idea what it is! Check 'em all out in the new



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Front wheel off the ground and fat wrinkled slicks are not exactly the stance you'd expect from a police car! Tony Foti drives the Camaro car for the LAPD Racing Team in A/Gas and ran a 7.64 at 182mph. One of its competitors this year was the truly bad Boogeyman seen wheels-up before blasting by with more than half a car holedshot lead!



The blue Ford might look like it's outta shape, but as the driver's 81 let's cut him some slack – or not!

As 13 of the 22 AFX cars entered were Mopar it was no surprise to see a pair of 'em contest the final

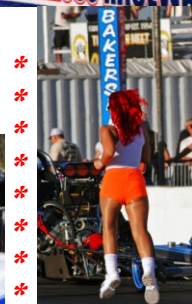
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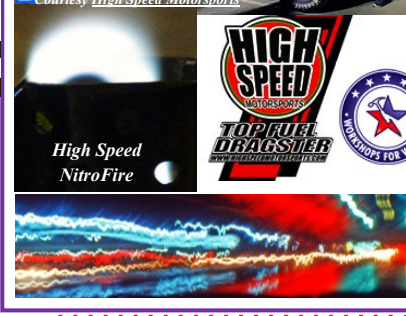
John Lloyd's recent BDRHoF induction's reason enough to enjoy some shots of his iconic Gonzo the Great in action, with son Alan hangin' on below!



Always loved Dorset Horn's flames; been pals with 'em forever



Find out who won, view the whole pix and for the first time see 3 back-up babes with the Triple Threat AAFD in December's



Just a few of the happy folks spreading joy as the High Speed AAFD team raced in memory of Tom Shelar



Gonzo's original '81 nose art is a tad different close to 40 years on, but still lookin' good...



Fred Whittle's workmanship's hid 'neath the body,

The Wild Bunch was also inducted this year, so here's Malibu Express from 1969/70 and its 21st century facelift...



Found this Fiat today – WB10 from 2012!



Ballbreaker's from Dragstalgia 2019 Backdraft from Hot Rod Drags 2012



1969 Moon landing courtesy nasa.org



Street Machine on location, York 1981

My Gonzo shot scanned from an ol' SM magazine; Ian's 9.77 beat Jean Tidswell in the final and it's been winning ever since!