



# STREET MACHINE

IAN DEMAINE  
THE UK'S 1ST  
STREET CAR  
CHAMPION

## POP ART DAGENHAM GOES TO HOLLYWOOD ON SILVER SCREEN STREET ROD

## ULTRA VAUX

PRO STREET FD GOES FROM OLD NAIL TO THOR'S HAMMER



I LEFT MY HEART... IN THIS MEGA-MURALLED 70'S SURVIVOR 'TINA



SEASON SUMMARY - CATCHING UP ON SOME OF THE 2019 SHOWS WE MISSED



Another Xclusive for Eurodragster readers is this shot of the state-of-the-art JVC unit I was using; not quite as cool as your 21<sup>st</sup> century smart phone!



Newman was airborne when he finished 9<sup>th</sup> (Snip courtesy [nesn.com](http://nesn.com)); considering our NASCAR crash content and this frightening incident being seen in UK media, I wanted to show that he was a-okay après! Meanwhile, back to your Hot Gossip preview; page one ends with my horse after being spooked like the Top Fuel car in a full-length version of this NitroFire image seen truncated here [words & photos mike collins](#)

In between, our story tells of Ian's early race days; becoming 1967

BHRA British Drag Racing Champion in his road going Mustang powered Z-car; when I told long time pal Andy Harris (a famed Ford racer himself), that Ian had run a 14.2 in '67 he'd acknowledged, "That's impressive!" Yes siree bub, it certainly is. Thanks to Tog and Simon, [Ian's Eulogy](#) was on Eurodragster before the Celebration of Ian's Life was held. Jan Demaine joined his father to race the original 1956 Mustang-Zodiac with up-rated go-faster goodies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; their best ever numbers coming during Ian's final outing at the 2019 Hot Rod Drags. Page two's packed with 1967 action while colourful shots from their 21<sup>st</sup> century adventures close out our salute to a cool dude on page three and wild rides for yours truly are on the back page with Fast Jack Beckman taking the final spot with one of the weirdest Fuel Coupe explosions I've ever seen. Here are some Xtreme crop teases; see 'em in their full glory in Hot Gossip's Wild Rides Edition in Memory of the late Ian Demaine in the all-new



A rare red light hands the win to Keith Sales' potent SS Draguar in Dave East's b&w 1968 shot kicking off a set of XclusivePix for [eurodragster.com](http://eurodragster.com) courtesy [TTDVDs](http://TTDVDs)

At left below the Mustang Z-car's huge hole shot on a hard charging Mopar is from Dragstalgia 2018. Ian's paired with a wild ten second Willys at Hot Rod Drags 2019 below, running a 12.14; his best ET without nitrous!



mcSnips courtesy Nick Pettitt

March's Street Machine opens with a classically rodded Ford Pop, but why stop at a boot mural? This one has the most amazing airbrushed art all over! Then there's a gorgeous FD Victor, turned from a scruffy street-brawler to a V8 powered Pro Tourer in one guy's single garage. Then there's a true Seventies survivor, a jacked-up MkIII Cortina called The Streets of San Francisco. We catch up on some 2019 events, including the mighty SEMA Show in Las Vegas and NHRA's Dodge Nationals; guess where Andy Willsheer went in November?! Plus all the usual fun and much more in March's Street Machine on sale February 27th

Wild Rides in Memory of Ian Demaine opens Hot Gossip at my desk, wet windows et moi filming a staff member wearing stylish hair below left; wild rides fill the other side of the page with Ian's Mustang Zodiac on pole alongside a huge tiger in Noel Marshall's ol' Chevy specially beefed up for any big cats wanting to hitch a ride during the making of [Roar](#), a 1981 movie we talked of back then, another jumping aboard below behind my horse at Yucca City about to be spooked by a photographer; he never caught that, but his next shot captured the result! My Snip managed to catch some of the action from a "big one" during the 2019 Daytona 500; always



an all-time wild ride, especially for armchair drivers! Glorious stereo and in-car cameras when a NASCAR driver's tapped in the pack an' takes you with 'em, slippin' an' sliding in a monstrous 200mph melee seen in the special edition of Hot Gossip in March's issue of the all-new



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But we use an eagle's eye view...

A wild finish at 2020's Daytona 500 saw veteran Ryan Newman tapped at high speed just before the stripe, slamming the wall; his "Ford Mustang flipped 7-times, taking a direct hit (driver's side!), before landing on its roof, bursting into flames." (Courtesy [CBS Evening News](#)) He walked out of hospital less than 2-days later with "special thanks to the incredible care and attention from staff at Halifax Health Medical Center." And also the amazing advances in safety technology made by NASCAR during past years! Instantly after the wreck, Denny Hamlin passed Ryan Blaney (who tapped Newman after a tap!), for a back-to-back win, 4<sup>th</sup> behind Richard Petty, Cale Yarborough and Sterling Marlin.



2020 Daytona 500 not featured in Hot Gossip



Photo courtesy Roush Fenway

Grand Canyon sunset

For Nadia, Pearl and Gail; thank you...

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Ian Demaine 1936-12-23 - 2020-01-18 God speed...

Detail from 1967 John Bennett DragRod photos

lan's Pony Express shot 53 years apart! In '67 its front door's torque-twisted open and its 2019 nose high launch on the lan's quickest ever pass; an 11.34 on street tyres!



Detail from a 2019 Ian Blackett photo