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NATIONAL DAY OF NITRO

We're all sad there's been no ground pounding NitroThunder from our FIA Top fuel superstars to kick start the season, but thanks to Auto Club Famoso Raceway and Stith we can enjoy a super spectacular Live Stream as they hook up to a bunch of NitroWarriors and tell the world...

LET'S BURN NITRO AGAIN!



Marc Gewertz courtesy nhra.com

From NHRA's California Hot Rod Reunion at Famoso in 2010, Tom Hanna's 21st century beauty is my all-time favourite AAFD and [ultimate Cackle car](#); click it to enjoy his awesome NitroFire at the DoubleTree pre-race party...

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Nitro legend Rodney Flournoy will be pulling double duty with the Doty & Flournoy Godzilla Fuel Altered and Crazy Horse Hot Wheels Mustang



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The number of cars that are ready to light 'em up on the [National Day of Nitro](#), Saturday May 30th, keeps on growing and includes the AA Fuel Altered and Fuel Coupes on these pages; if you'd like your fuel burner on the Live Stream there's a Nitro Team sign-up link to tell 'em you're ready to rumble and maybe turn it into a world-wide power party! Although it won't have Tom Hanna's classic AAFD, Bob McLennan's gorgeous new, super swoopy [Champion Speed Shop](#) 'liner will amongst those Live Streamed on Auto Club Famoso's Facebook page from 5pm UK time. Each sale of Stith's cool t-shirts will see \$5 dollars donated to DRAW! David Benjamin hanging on half track and hangin' on; love the stake bed pick-up panels on his Nasty Benjamin AA/FA spill plates! Shawn Van Horn's Panic Fuel Altered's doin' an ol' school style burnout beyond the tree. All nostalgia cars shot at Famoso...



Courtesy Famoso Raceway



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Joe Kurtovic from Australia



Rian Konno's firing up his cool Mustang on the National Day of Nitro

First time I saw Alex Miladinovich driving his Hot4Teacher Mustang was at 2012's CHRR, and a few more times at Famoso, so it was really cool watching him [qualify for the "Big Show" first time out](#) at NHRA's Pomona Winternats on nhra.tv; but the big buzz was that he'd built the fuel coupe in his garage! Click it to enjoy the cars in action in a great clip from CompetitionPlusTV with super cool interviewer Ron Capps.



Photo courtesy Dragster Insider; nhra.com

Danger, man at work! Moments after shooting Anita Mäkelä, the photographer's buried in her smoke as Batman comes to life; couldn't resist boosting the Bat signal a tad!

2014 Main Event
Photos by Wojtek
Courtesy Lucas Oil Racing
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The last Saturday night quarter mile was Timo Lehtimäki's in 2011



We should've been at the Main Event; sadly we're not. Here's the big race from 2014; it rained on Monday!



Side-by-side Nitro Thunder!

It was really cool hearing from my pal Anita, "Yes, we are all fine here in our small village..." The thought of her warm smile brought these awesome Top Fuel racing images to my mind as a perfect counterpart to a National Day of Nitro page full of ol' school race cars that still run the quarter mile!



HorsePower UnLimited as two top cars on the FIA tour unleash their Nitro Thunder! Anita's Mäkelä's NitroFire is way higher than Batman's at the hit...

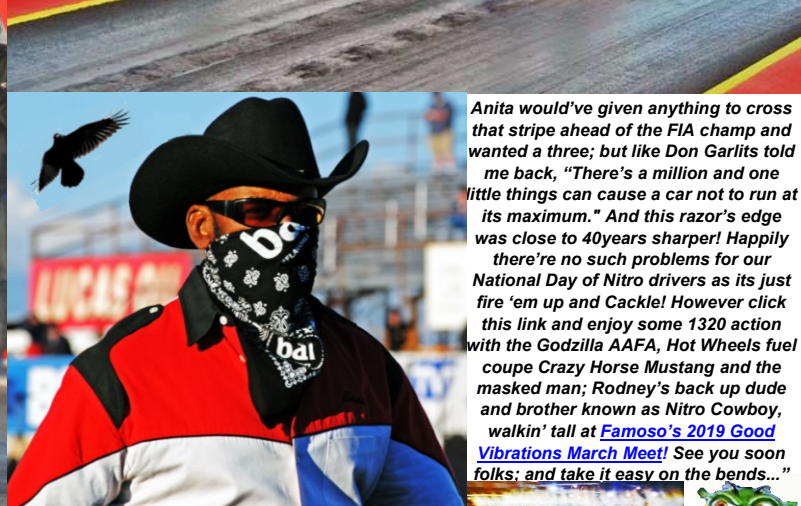


But then Thomas Nataas picked 'em up and thundered; Eurodragster reported a "stunning 0.8261 60ft to Anita's 0.8611..."



You'll see more of Heidi; quarter mile NitroThunder aplenty from Famoso's 62nd March Meet and home grown Nitro Nostalgia plus all of Adam Sorokin's classy new ride in Hot Gossip's Xclusive Eurodragster Lunar Lockdown edition soon...

But they didn't see the tracks captured by Wojtek as Anita drove through tyre-shake below. Karsten and Per Andersen showed what a class act they were as Batman thundered to a stout 3.91 at 309.23 and Anita ran a 4.01, 293.42mph; the quickest side-by-side race of our short track era; wow! Oops, hold that, we're reminded the cars are qualifying and not racing! Yeah right! Just what the huge crowd wanted to hear. Anita won a 4th FIA Top Fuel Championship in 2019!



Anita would've given anything to cross that stripe ahead of the FIA champ and wanted a three; but like Don Garlits told me back, "There's a million and one little things can cause a car not to run at its maximum." And this razor's edge was close to 40years sharper! Happily there're no such problems for our National Day of Nitro drivers as its just fire 'em up and Cackle! However click this link and enjoy some 1320 action with the Godzilla AAFA, Hot Wheels fuel coupe Crazy Horse Mustang and the masked man; Rodney's back up dude and brother known as Nitro Cowboy, walkin' tall at Famoso's 2019 Good Vibrations March Meet! See you soon folks; and take it easy on the bends..."