



STREET MACHINE

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THE ULTIMATE '57?

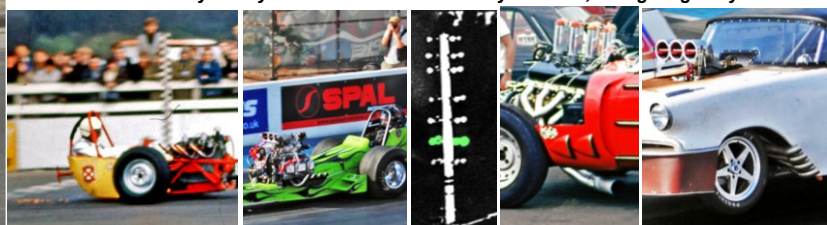
THUNDER DOWN UNDER - AUSSIE STREET FIGHTER FALCON



The September issue of Street Machine leads off with the ultimate street shoebox - a '57 Chevy ragtop, sweetly customised with full trick interior, sitting low over billet rims, and with late-model LS V8 motorvation. Then there's a proper Aussie street brawler, a '77 Falcon with a stroked-out 400M motor huffing nitrous that gives almost 1,000bhp and zero f'cks, and proves that four-doors can be wild too. We have the tale of a bunch of guys with street-legal single-seat sprint cars and custom pick-ups that took a 900-mile tour of Scotland! We take a road trip in France and bring home an Anglia wagon, we have reports from Dragstalgia, the Mopar Euronationals plus all the shows, all the usual stuff and plenty more. It's out now.



Mike Collins kicks off September's Hot Gossip with outrageous slammers and slingshots from the Pod's halcyon day in the sixties and "the way we were," Dragstalgia style 2018!



Then it's time for some real Street Machines with our first Mustang powered Z car and a '57 Chevy bought new before moving from Jr Stock at Lion's to 13second glory at the Pod and Half a Min gets a parking upgrade as MC moves into the commentators booth!



However Hot Gossip's main ingredient is from the third weekend of August, not because Liam Jones got his first FIA Top Fuel win at the NitrOlympX, or even that it was the end of Bonneville's Speed Week where drag racing legends Bob Muravez (aka Floyd Lippencotte Jr of Freight Train fame), super-tuner Bill Schultz and Carl Olson led a power posse (with sponsors Lucas Oil and Ed Iskenderian's Isky Racing Cams) taking BDRHoF benefactor Geoff Stilwell to a 258.569 mph record in the ex Kuhl and Olson 7707 A/BFRMR on the salt.

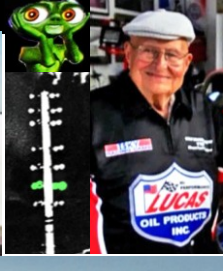


CALIFORNIA OR CALEDONIA? HIGH-MILEAGE ROD RUN FUN



ANGLIA-FRENCH RELATIONS - WE REPATRIATE AN OLD FORD

Geoff's Speed week was filmed by Ray Iddings, at right with ol' Nitro Nostrils set to sweep salt from his ride! We spoke later of [NitrOlympX thunder](#), he showed me this powerful image - and now it's an Xclusive for Eurodragster! It's Liam's blistering 3.88, 311.4 win over Urs Erbacher that made him the quickest, fastest Brit on the 1,000ft - thanks Andy. But let's morph onto the good ol' quarter mile and Hot Gossip's real deal weekend, the NitroThunder of Saturday night August 17th 1968 and the Pod's first green light AA/FD race!



mcSnips courtesy 7707 Salt Shaker

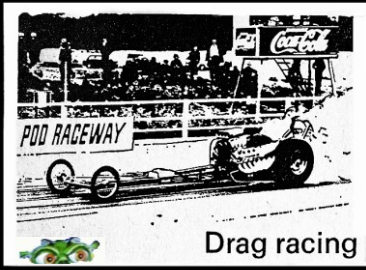


Geoff Stilwell photo



Photo by Andy Willsheer

As I sat fixing the final words for the new Hot Gossip early on Monday morning August 20th the image at right made me realise it was 50 years to the day that I'd written the original story for Autosport - spooky! Back in 1968 I'd drive up to their printers in London, but today I hit the send button! For a change they didn't get a photo as we wanted it for DragRod's centre spread! John Bennett's iconic images from that historically significant race are there for you to enjoy in September's Street Machine



Drag racing



Close racing on the old track!
Eurodragster's Hot Gossip starts with Santa Pod monkeys at the winter rebuild - fills with the '68 Easter race and the untold tale of my FX love affair consumed! And ends with some tales and images from Warwickshire...

Warwickshire Wild Life Blues!



For friends, gone but not forgotten...



SATURDAY August 17's night drags saw the addition of the final ingredient required for the "Santa Pod Spectacular" cocktail,