After that high-tech action things turn a tad dark with an adventure that’s also unique - never happened before, and will definitely never happen again, definitely! Back in the day if someone said “Is that y’momma’s car boy,” it was a challenge, much like this Saturday night when a badged-up Jag’ moved alongside our Mustang at one of the many traffic lights down the legendary Baker Street, except the officer’s statement was “That’s a pretty car you’ve got there!” Slightly different words, but still the same challenge - my shifter snicked into gear as I responded...

Yeehaw! No, that wasn’t my response, just time to kick out the jams and tell you a tad more about Andy’s AA awesome image as we finish off the spread with different NitroFire! Alongside Tony Schumacher’s US Army car is DSR team mate Leah Pritchett, not just the hottest Top Fuel driver on the planet, but the quickest with a 3.631 pole and low ET at the 2018 AAA Pomona Finals, 3/10,000ths off the NHRA’s short track record! But when it comes to fast, the all-time King of piston powered speed is Robert Hight in JFR’s 2017 Auto Club Highway Patrol Camaro fuel coupe with an out-of-this world 339.87mph in 3.807 seconds! We’ve more incredible fast facts in the latest... Our back spread starts in 1968 and more PR work, this time with Hot Car, our Gran’dad - just born! They were more than impressed with the FGR Stingray’s display at my Gold Leaf gig, asked me to arrange a cover shoot and I was deep in the mix yet again! Then we head down south next for Brighton’s close-to 20year’s old Boxing Day gig thanks to Nick Pettitt who told me “some cars left a little rubber behind,” on Madeira Drive.

The spirit of Duce and Thompson 55years earlier perhaps! Well we had Mickey T doing it at Brighton recently, so this time its Mooneye’s turn with a pair of power images from 1963 /’st after Dante Duce drove the car to our first single digit ET at Silverstone, and a shot of Big Jim Dunn’s fuel coupe from 2013 in action, used in Hot Gossip’s back page takes time out with Big Daddy Don Garlits in 1974, at right on 1975’s legendary 5.63, 250.69mph record bustin’ pass that stood for some years. Only just seen that run through NHRA’s All Access pass, but of Nitro Nostrils was there at OCIR and Hot Gossip’s tale leads with his succinct quote from after that run and in truth it says it all! It was a real mind blower just hearing about it, but to have been there, wow! Then we hear from Don on the problems running a fueler back then before checking out the totally outrageous performance that won the 2018 NHRA Mello Yello Top Fuel title for Steve Torrence, unbeaten through the six-race Countdown and seen making his 24’ straight full pull to win the Auto Club Pomona Finals. Awesome stuff with crazy stats in our all-new Hot Gossip’s ending is a personal farewell to my ol’ pal Texas Billy Richardson who was featured in the first edition of Street Machine and over 40 years both he and son Tommy won awards with this 5-Fiver Chevy in the ISCA before becoming judges. Sadly he didn’t answer his phone Christmas. Shortly later I learned he’d passed on. Now reunited with his beloved wife Anna, who passed in 2017. Rest in peace my friends...