



The Wild Bunch Drag Racing Association proudly presents

# Against the Clock

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## Editors Note....

It's with great pleasure that we bring you the first edition of 'Against the Clock' the proposed new Wild Bunch newsletter.

We'll be reporting on a bi monthly basis with a couple of special editions planned over the summer & autumn.

It's your newsletter so you get to have a say as to what you'd like included but be warned, if I don't hear from you the editorial 'poetic licence' kicks in and that can lead to embarrassment...not for me....but definitely for you!

The address to send your stories, driver profiles, photos, wind ups, competitions etc etc is on the back page.

We look forward to hearing from you and to a great seasons racing.



Alice

## 2003 Wild Bunch Winners Enclosure!

It was a long time coming but finally, Saturday 24th January saw the presentation of the 2003 champions and the crowning of the victorious Merit Award winners at the annual Dinner Dance. Over 200 people turned out in glamorous style for the occasion. There are always so many people to thank for their help throughout the year and what better place to do it than at the event of the Wild Bunch year. Baz and Ozzy make a stunning duo on the mike giving a climatic introduction to each of the categories.

It's our intention to feature a different Series & Merit Award winner in each edition of 'Against the Clock' and this editions special is 'Best Slingshot'. Your 2003 Merit award winners are:

Best Slingshot winner featured on back page.

### A.G.M.

Sunday 29th February see's the 4th Wild Bunch AGM. All are welcome. If you have any points you wish to raise please contact Claire at least 1 week prior to the meeting. More details including directions to the venue are attached.

- Best Newcomer: Sid Slattery with Destiny.
- Best Turned Out: Tony Smith & Dave Williams with The Cunning Plan.
- Big Bang Trophy: Clayton Round with the Rebel Racing Slingshot.
- Perseverance Award: Dr Tony Wynne-Jones with Welsh Raider 2.
- Best Achiever: Gareth Kent with Hot Dog.
- Personal Achievement: Martin Holgate with Paranoia. (Daddy Cool SAG)
- Fastest MPH (143.31): Chev Charman-Osborne & Tara Nicholas with Destiny's Angel.
- Best E.T (9.231): Dennis Hawkins with The Wicked Lady.
- Derek & Brenda Annable Trophy: Roy & Angi Wilding.
- C&C Sportsman: Dr Tony Wynne-Jones.
- Best Slingshot: Chris Hartnell with Backdraft.
- Best Altered: Dick Sharp & Bunt Wilcox with The Dorset Horn.
- Best Radical/Dragster: Dennis Hawkins with The Wicked Lady.

**Don Garlits Spirit of Drag Racing Shield:**  
**Tony Smith & Dave Williams with The Cunning Plan.**

### Interior Decorating

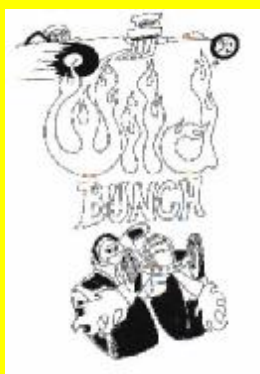
Now this is a bit of a cheek but hey - I had space & being the boss decided to abuse it, just this once! I'm looking for photos, articles, funny stories etc from the drag racing yesterday. Some of it for the mag but really it's for the inside of the D.A.S.H. racing bus! We're pulling together as

much as we can & literally covering the inside of the bus with it!! What we'd really like is more of the Wild Bunch so if you've got photos that we could copy or articles about you & your cars then we'd really love to hear from you - address to send stuff is on the back page. Thanks a lot.

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## Changes to 2004 Competition Entries

It won't be long before the season is upon us and there's been a change to the way entry forms for the Ultimate Power Series and the National Finals event at Santa Pod.

Entry forms will no longer be sent out through the post by these tracks, instead these need to be downloaded from the Internet.

If you don't have access to a computer please contact Claire Meaddows or Sarah Howells at the track or through the address on the back of this newsletter and they will be happy to obtain a supply of entry forms for you.

The Vehicle Registration form previously

completed for each of these tracks is no longer necessary.

The seasons entry forms will be available early on in 2004 and you are able to complete entries for the whole of the season or a couple of events at a time. As normal, a Press / Commentators form is being produced and you are encouraged to complete this to provide the media and track commentators with all your up to date details. With the way some of us change our car names it's no wonder that they sometimes struggle to keep up!

The closing date for events at both tracks is now three weeks before the event date. Late entries for Sportsman racers still incur a penalty, this year it is £40

in addition to the entry fee. Late entries are closed one week before the event date to allow for the proper paperwork process to be completed.

This does not change entries for York Raceway which will be posted to you all through the normal Wild Bunch mail service!

If anyone has any questions then please ask Claire or Sarah who will do their best to answer quickly and accurately. If we don't know the answer we will find somebody who does!

Moral of the story is:

Get your entry forms completed and sent in nice n early to avoid disappointment!

### 2003 Best Slingshot

## Backdraft

"I couldn't believe my luck" says 2003 Best Slingshot winner Chris Hartnell. "Winning the Wild Bunch Best Slingshot trophy for the 3rd year in a row is really very special. I always keep my car well maintained & up to the latest spec. There's no doubt that I'm trying to perform well on every run. Everyone knows that nostalgia racing is my 'thing' & slingshots are my passion so it's a big honour for me to get a trophy for doing something I love & a wonderful bonus on top of all the fun we have". 2004 is a very special anniversary for the car & the team Chris continues, "It's our 10th anniversary of racing 'Backdraft'

and I'm hoping to lower my personal E.T and fulfil my dream of reaching the 150mph mark!" Against the Clock got wind of some very special 'anniversary paint work' going on in the Backdraft camp & on further investigation has been lucky enough to see a finished engine panel! Yes that's right boys and girls - the editor of the Wild Bunch rag gets to see 'the' engine panel as a preview!! I seriously suggest that when the car is unveiled in it's full glory in a couple of months time that you have your shades at the ready cos either the shimmer & shine from the stunning paint job or the flash of the cameras is gonna get ya!



## Heeps of Interest

Frequent Drag Race photographer Richard Heeps is currently holding an exhibition on fifties Hot Rod & lifestyle shots including some nostalgia racing pictures. It's on until 28th February, find out more from:  
[www.light-house.co.uk](http://www.light-house.co.uk)

## Guess Who?

Hands up who's been playing the 'Guess Who' competition over the winter on the 'Cunning Plan' site of Tony Smith?? Me, Me, Me!! It's been great fun and has tested my eyesight to the limit! It's not too late to join in, just log on to:  
[www.cunningplan.net](http://www.cunningplan.net)

## Ebay Madness

I thought my heart would burst out of my chest! I was the sole bidder on the 1964 programme for the 1st ever Drag Racing event in the UK...until right at the last minute 'MisterTee' swooped in there with a late challenge and the programme was gone! There's a fair amount of drag racing memorabilia being auctioned on Ebay UK It's taken a while for me to get over the initial 'buy anything phase' but there's been some really interesting stuff come up of late. I'm now the very proud owner of 'Drive It' for £6 which I thought was a steal until CM told me she'd found a copy in a charity shop for a quid! You can find anything from programmes to posters to books to videos. I've lost out on programmes sold for £16 to posters that sold for £22!! There's a bit of money in memorabilia so it seems, if you want to part with it!