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# Against the Clock



## 2006 Dinner Dance Review

### Editors Note

2007 is here already and there's been a scurry of activity in the direction of the garage in an attempt to be ready when the flagman leaps in the air and declares this season go, go, go! If only we had a garage and hadn't eaten quite so much turkey, we would be leaping along with the rest of you!!

AtC has moved away from it's beloved Bristol roots and is languishing in it's new surroundings - the beautiful National Forest village of Moira. Imagine our surprise to find an authentic 50's American Diner 'just down the road' - have a little look on the back page at our initial visit. We went without Chemical Reaction this time but we're intending to organise something so we can all go visit when the weather is a little warmer!!

We've got a new 'kids' section for the younger readers of AtC amongst us - 'Kids Dialling In' - put together by Josh Coulsell.

So, what have you all been up to? We'd love to hear your winter updates and plans for the season!

*Alice x*

It seems a long time ago now but, back in November we gathered to celebrate the winners from the 2006 season. For me, the most exciting part of the

night is the announcement of the Don Garlits Spirit of Drag Racing winner. There's always expectant hush from the audience as the clue's get bigger & better with Baz & Jerry drawing everyone into working out who the hero

of the hour is! As the penny starts to drop people are nudging one another & nodding in the direction of the person they think it's going to be & as the clues get blindingly obvious everyone turns to face the lucky recipient cheering & clapping while the person in question - our lovely winner - inevitable remains shell shocked & stunned still waiting for their name to be read out, just to be sure!! For 2006, the gentleman in question was none other than founder Wild Bunch member, Roy Wilding. Everyone was absolutely delighted for him, wife Angie and new crew member Aaron. The impeccably turned out team also won, yep you've guessed it, 'Best Turned Out' plus the 'Best Altered' prize for the beauty in green 'Chariot of Fire'. We'll hear more from Roy in a future edition of AtC

when we talk to him about his drag racing career to date & his plans for the future. Congratulations once again Roy! Other winners that night

was given the 'Big Bang' but also 'Best Newcomer' with his Ratcatcher Resurrection slingshot! Hopefully the Big Bang won't keep him away for too



Your Spirit of Drag Racing winner - Roy Wilding with wife Angie & crew man Aaron. Photo by Dean Smythe

long in 2007! Alec Coe and Kev Mortimer were stunning in 2006 with the Shy Talker 8 second slingshot. With the 'Fastest MPH' and 'Best ET' awards tucked firmly in their possession, how long before we see

were Martin & Janice from Team Paranoia who were recognised for their outstanding personal commitments with the 'Personal Achievement' award. Martin also won the 'Fastest time by a British Engined dragster' with the newly refreshed altered. The men with 'Number One' on their car for the 2007 Wild Bunch season are Team Cunning Plan, Tony Smith and Dave Williams. Tony was also awarded the C&C Sports-person trophy for all his work this year within the Bunch & as a newly qualified scrutineer. Fair play! The Dogs Bollocks team were awarded the coveted 'Best Slingshot' award for Ramraider plus 'Best Achievers' for such a fantastic season with the brand new car. 'Best Rear-engined / Radical' went to the Wicked Lady team and Terry Clifford

their first seven, probably more a question of who the driver will be? Alec, Tom or maybe even Dan? Who knows but we wait expectantly - no pressure! The Perseverance award deservedly went to Mark Hartnell for solid determination & focus with the Awesome 4-Some slingshot. Such grit from one so young should not be overlooked & with a 5th placing in Wild Bunch Dad Chris is looking over his shoulder with pride! Jim & Tush Usher were the 2006 recipients of the Derek & Brenda Annable trophy, I look forward to chatting to them about their past, present & future aspirations. Thanks again to Claire & Chris for such a good night, the date for the diary this year is Saturday November 27th! Same place, same time, see you there!!

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# Sunday Diner!

Sunday dinner was great today - 'I'll have a Doris Day and she'll have an Elvis Presley please!'. That's the sort of thing you'll find on the menu at **The 50's American Diner** in Church Gresley, Derbyshire & what a fun change it made! The diner is an original and began life in 1952 as 'Murphy's Diner' in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Somehow it found it's way over to England & was eventually abandoned as a project & put up for sale on Ebay. When they found it, Jeff & Tricia, it's now proud owners, knew it was the change in direction they were after! But what do you do when you are the successful bidders on a 42 ton, 55ft long steel diner which is 24 miles away from where

you want it to be?! That's the challenge the couple faced, that & it's restoration back to the glory of the 50's. They've done a smashing job & agree



that the 10 hour journey to get it to the site & then the 10 long months of refurbishment were well worth it. The 35 seater diner is themed with music from the vintage jukebox and the menu is served by friendly waitresses in retro outfits! It's an ideal opportunity to take a

step back in time and with a section on the menu called **The Wild Bunch** we should all fit in very well! Don't worry, their 'Wild Bunch' refers to the succulent 8oz steak options but if they don't take your fancy there's the 'Hall of Fame' Hamburger range or the 'Hot Diggity Dogs', it's a real treat & fabulously imaginative!! I dare you not to get carried away with the atmosphere! The diner is open Tuesday to Sunday, mainly evenings, and it's best to book in advance as it does get very busy especially in the summer.

For more details ask D.A.S.H or check out [www.the50samericandiner.bravehost.com](http://www.the50samericandiner.bravehost.com)



## Kids Dialling In

Welcome to 'Kids Dialling In', written by a kid for the rest of the kids in **The Wild Bunch**! My name is Josh Coustell & I'm going to try and film you (and the adults) all this year so if I come up to you with a video camera you had better smile!! Last race meeting we all enjoyed two spectacular firework shows, a balloon glow and maybe even some fair ground rides. I hope you enjoyed it, I think it was a lovely end to the season. Here's a decoder gamer for you to play - good luck!

**How to play: match the pictures to the letters to work out what the missing word is - write the letters in the blank boxes to reveal the answer!** ↓

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See you soon

Josh



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