



Against the Clock



Editors Note

I can't believe it's May already! Who pressed fast forward on my time lord control again then?! Firstly, I'd like to give out a huge Wild Bunch sized congratulations to the Wynne-Jones family on the birth of daughter Mar-nie. Our youngest Wild Bunch member was born on April 11th to Tony & Lisa, a little sister for Erys, Jodie & Sally.

A big shout out to Jenny Coe who is still on the mend following her huge operations last year...we hope that you'll soon be back bouncing around and stealing the seat in the old man's car! Also a Get Well Soon to Sharky who has been poorly & is under doctors orders to rest up.

Don't miss the Victory Wheelers invitation on the back page - fabulous offer from Terry Clifford of what looks to be a really fun weekend.

Short & sweet from me, see you soon! *Alice*

Saucy little Munki!

There's not many people larger in life & character than Scott Durrant but now he's teamed up with fiancée Gina Rumble you can add style, charm & beauty as they bring you their new 'Tiki Munki' altered. The name of the car spells out their passion for all things rod related & Hawaiiin hence "Tiki" and then their budget of £500 in cockney rhyming slang 'Monkey' hence 'Tiki Munki'! Running on a tight budget can be tough but Scott & Gina have resourcefully breathed new life into the ex-Dorset Horn chassis and a discarded body to bring together their old new car! It has a distinct 'old skool rodz' look about it with some fabulous pin striping courtesy of great mate Klunky of www.tat2-u.com fame. With a stock Ford 2 litre pinto engine, 'Tiki Munki' will get Gina on the track, a dream that's been hers for a while. So how did this obsession with cars take hold? "If you thought it was

when I met up with Scott you'd be wrong!" Gina explains "I started junior Mini racing when I was 9 years old, pretty scary stuff when your step-dad puts you in a car out the back of your house and expects you to be driving it in minutes! As it happens I could drive so I did the tours around different tracks and by the time I was 14 I'd won around 25 trophies which annoyed all the lads I raced with and I'd been in the local newspaper and on the local TV! There's a video of that somewhere - but you lot aren't seeing it!" *Ah but we have found a newspaper snap from all those years ago - sorry Gina!* "I've pretty much been brought up in the hot rod scene as my big brother was always building various rods, listening to rockabilly / rock n roll, my daily drive is a 1958 Ford Prefect 100E which was hand painted by myself & my older brother with a roller and it all just led me to fall in love with all things retro and now it's my day job too! I am the Mail Order manager for What Katie Did! We sell faux vintage lingerie and hosiery, steel boned corsets, bullet bras and those all important seamed stockings! Check out the website at www.whatkatedid.com more details!" Gina's first outing in Tiki Munki was at Shakespeare County Raceway's Spring



Gina & Scott with the 'Tiki Munki'

T&T. Scott took the plunge with the first check out pass but then it was over to Gina who stormed the track with her first ever run, the cheers and applause as she went through the finish line could be heard for quite a while! "What a fab weekend" said Gina "I ended up only a second slower than Scott and my best run was a 17.288 @ 83.83 mph but I couldn't have done it without him, what a star - he's been working his socks off to get the car ready, being so patient with me on all my runs down the track and making my dreams come true! We had so much fun and really enjoyed the Tiki party on Saturday night even if it was a bit chilly and not very Hawaiian like weather! There'll be another party in June and it will be warmer... it will, it will, it will!!" The team has a list of people to thank - Crazy Chris Hartnell, Mark Hartnell, Gareth Kent, Nick Conner, Dickie & Katie, Klunky and everyone else that has given them support. Gina & Scott, welcome (back) to The Wild Bunch!



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An even younger Gina in her Mini racing days!

Easter Thunderball

Break out the eggs it's **Easter**

Thunderball! This was Round One for both the Real Steel and Roy Wilding Nostalgia Race Cars series. This was the 2nd time The Wild Bunch have competed as a class at the prestigious event and with 4 days of qualifying and racing, 5 bunchers were ready and up for the challenge! WB2 Roy Wilding with the Chariot of Fire altered, WB6 Crazy Chris Hartnell & the stunning Backdraft slingshot, WB9 almost the entire team of Dogs B's with the Ramraider slingshot, WB40 a full entourage led by Bob & Karen with the Wicked Lady rear-engined dragster and, keeping up the purple end for absent friends, WB67 Darryl Howells with the Chemical Reaction slingshot.

Sunny Friday, Saturday & Sunday were all qualifying days with a potential of 8 runs available including one in the dark! We'll start with Friday and work our way up to race day Monday!

Friday was day one of qualifying and saw everyone make at least one run but it was more trying for some than others. Roy Wilding was in his first outing of the year in his "Chariot of Fire" altered, aiming at an



'Backdraft' shining in Wild Bunch competition

11.40 dial in for starters he ran 11.482 to take the Number One qualifying spot which he kept all day. 'Crazy' Chris Hartnell had taken "Backdraft" to an earlier RWYB at Pod to test his new 9" axle & although suffered a broken distributor he was optimistic having replaced it so dialled in at 8.94. An off pace and struggling 12.323 @ only 107 mph put Chris in the pits chasing the drop in power for the rest of the day. Ed Yates took to the hotseat of the "RamRaider" slingshot with a 9.25 dial in but his lowest ET of the day was a 9.592. Darren Law was making his first appearance of 2007 with "The Wicked Lady" after the team had rebuilt the engine over the off-season. He ran down to a 10.141 @ 134.29 mph in the third qualifying round. Making a welcome return to competition was Darryl Howells in the newly-finished "Chemical Reaction II" slingshot, now sporting a brand new tagged chassis. He ran a best of 10.870 @ 128.46 mph although spookily he made an 11.21 second run at 11.21am the team hoped to be called down for a 9am run on Saturday morning to test their new cosmic

link!
Saturday dawned with 2 more qualifiers scheduled. Just before noon we were called for the first and this saw Roy put in a strong run of 11.345, breaking out on his 11.40 Dial-in, whilst Chris was still having tuning problems and recorded a 12.727 on a 9.24 Dial-in. Darren improved on his position running a weekend best of 10.037 @ 134.70 mph on a 10.00 dial-in to move into 2nd place and Darryl also improved with a 10.860 on a 10.74, but stayed in 4th place. It was Ed that came out to put down the Number One qualifier run with a strong 9.361 @ 145.63 mph on a 9.35 dial, just .011 off. The second session saw PB's from Ed with 9.273, again at 145.63 mph and Darryl with 10.686 @ 131.25 mph. Chris was, sadly, still chasing the gremlins that appeared to have taken over Backdraft.

Easter Egg Sunday brought 3 more qualifiers, the highlight being the night time run where we were the last class down the track to rapturous cheering from the crowd on the banking & in the Barn! Roy put in passes of 11.554, 11.707 and 11.866 to finish in 3rd qualifying spot. Chris unfortunately missed the sixth qualifier, still sorting out some of the problems with the car, but came back out for the night run with a better 10.153 @ 130.05 mph, on a 9.50 dial-in. Chris remained as the fifth place qualifier but he'd improved greatly against dial, and the light at the end of the tunnel flicked back on! Ed recorded runs of 9.344 on a 9.20, and 9.342 but it was also the night time qualifier that glittered for him with a header flaming, wheels up launch that ran down to a PB for Ed & the



Ed & Roy battle it out for Number One qualifier

whole team of 9.140! Get in!! Sorry, I mean, Fair Shout!! Darren had three good runs, with a 10.383 on a 10.00, a 10.296 on the same and a 10.627 on a 10.15 dial-in to finish in the 2nd place qualifying slot. Darryl made good use of all the qualifying rounds, posting 11.042 on a 10.66, a new PB for the new chassis of 10.529, breaking out on the 10.66, and then a solid 10.551 on a 10.49, near the 130 mph mark, and finished in 4th place overall in qualifying.

Monday - Race Day. All 5 Wild Bunch cars had qualified for eliminations and

there were due to be 2 good races between Roy and Chris and Darren and Darryl, and a Bye for Ed in the first round, the quarter-finals. This took place just before 11am, so we didn't have too long to wait!

Quarter-Finals Ed had a Bye in this round, virtue of his #1 Qualifying position & laid down a 10.190 on a 9.30 dial. The first pairing saw Darren facing Darryl and there really wasn't much in it at all, only .037 at the top end. Darryl took the win being just .028 off his 10.51 dial in with a 10.538 whilst Darren ran a good 10.274 on a 10.15. The next race saw Roy matched with Chris. Roy posted a small breakout of just .005, carding an 11.555 on an 11.56, so close, whilst Chris managed to recover some form with a 9.503 on a 9.50 Dial-in, and took the "Closest to Dial-in" Spot Prize, whilst advancing to the Semis. Darren took 4th place overall.

Semi-finals After the quarter-finals, there were quite a few classes of eliminations to run, so there was a bit of a wait, but we got called to the pairings lanes before 3pm. This time, Darryl had the Bye, and he ran a 10.763 on a 10.51, to make it to the Final for his first time with the car. That left a race between the two methanol-injected slingshots, and Ed had a great run of 9.289, but broke out on his 9.30 dial, handing the win to Chris who posted a 10.202 on a 9.99 to make it to his first final for a while. What a come back after all the problems he'd had throughout the weekend!

Final The final saw Chris recording his best E.T. of the weekend, with a 10.074 on a 9.99 to take the win over Darryl's 11.254 on a 10.51. It was great to see them on the new podium behind the pairings lanes! Darryl was thrilled to be back in Wild Bunch competition, and DASH Racing won the "Best Appearing Car" award for the well-turned out "Chemical Reaction II".

Congratulations to Chris on his win against the odds, and to all the Wild Bunch racers who put on a good show!

Another brilliant Easter Thunderball with fabulous weather some great racing! Huge thanks to all the track crew, marshals and officials for their hard work. And thanks to everyone at Santa Pod for making us so welcome!



Winners on the podium!

Photo thanks to Roger Gorrige & Alice

Grafter of the Year

Within 'The Wild Bunch' we've always known that one person stood out head and shoulders above everyone else when it came to hard work, dedication and commitment. Our very own Claire Meaddows - Race Co-ordinator, Treasurer and all round data guru never stops on or off the track. Well I'm delighted to report that it's not just us that appreciate her talents! Just a couple of months ago, Claire was awarded the PDRC (Pennine Drag Racing Club) 'Tony Murry award for Grafter of the Year'. The award should have been presented to Claire in person at the annual PDRC Awards Dinner but as she was unable to make it, the enormous trophy (seen right in the arms of the happy recipient!) arrived un-expectedly by post!

Claire follows in the footsteps of Dave Wilson who was first to receive it in 1991, Cath Napier and the wonderful Des Brown to name just three. 'I was thrilled and chuffed and excited when I opened the package' said Claire, 'Really pleased that anyone would think of giving me an award for something I love doing so much. Thank you very much to everyone at the PDRC, it really does mean a lot'. Congratulations Claire, we can't think of anyone who is more deserving than you.



Belle Designs

There's a new designer in town people & the word on the strip is she's fabulous darling! Helen Smythe of Team Twisted is the creativity behind Belle Designs, and has already produced unique items in team colours, for Crazy Claire & Alice! A beautiful red & gold bag for Claire (shown right), a D.A.S.H duvet set complete with flames & a stunning purple bag for Alice are just

some of the items produced under the Belle Designs label for racers so far! Anything from cushions, to curtains, bags to bedding, in fact, anything you need made out of fabric Belle Designs is the one for you! So, if you're looking to update your motorhome interior in team colours or just fancy giving yourself a bit of glam at the track, contact Helen at helen@belle-designs.co.uk for further details on the bespoke service.



Kids Dialling In

Hi kids - and all you adults having a little peak! Hope you all had a great time at Easter and any other race meetings you've made it to. Here's my new cartoon strip called 'The Wild er Bunch'. Have a look what the first two characters, Roddy the Hot Rodder and Danny the Drag Racer got up to at their Easter Thunderball! Hope you enjoy it! There will be more characters in each newsletter you'll have to see if they start to remind you of anyone you know!! We have a full season ahead of us and I am really looking forward to it especially now I have my camcorder! I Hope you will all smile nicely for me!

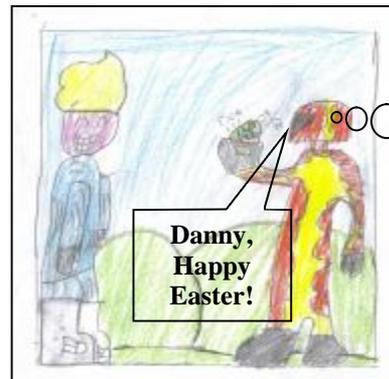


Roddy the Hot Rodder

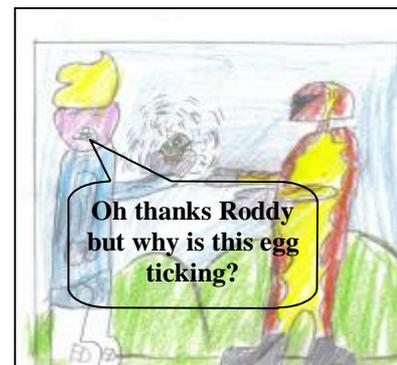


Danny the Drag Racer

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I'm going to play a trick on Danny!



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Spring Nationals T & T

This event was the "Spring Nationals" RWYB at Shakespeare County, and it was the first round of the Wild Bunch Series, as well as **Real Steel** Series Round 2. There was a good field of 18 Wild Bunch cars participating & it went something like this: **WB 1** it was the first Wild Bunch appearance of the year for 2006 winners Tony Smith and Dave Williams in "The Cunning Plan" minivan altered. Tony was the driver this weekend, apart from one run made by track crew Simon Day on Saturday! Tony made 4 runs on the Saturday, including an 11.530, an 11.514 and an 11.997, all at 112 mph. He also took the body off the car, and recorded a new Personal Best 'Body off' ET of 11.095 @ 117.32 mph! Tony dialled in at 11.52 for Sunday's rounds, and started off with an 11.594, followed by an 11.491, getting closer. His third and fourth round passes were excellent as he ran 11.521 and 11.519, just one thousandths off the Dial on both runs, and earning him the "Closest to Dial-in" Spot Prize, and eventually the event win! So he's started off the season very well again! Congrats, Tony! **WB 2** Roy Wilding was back in his "Chariot of Fire" altered. He made several runs on the Saturday, including an 11.66 and dialled in at a precise 11.555 for Sunday. He had an off-pace run in the first round, recording a 12.018 @ 111.93 mph. He then ran better in the second round with an 11.601. He wavered again in Round 3, posting a 12.109, but had his best pass of the day in the fourth round where he ran an 11.588 @ 116.47 mph. Roy finished in 6th place overall.

WB 3 saw Andy Murphy back at the helm of the "B-Sting" altered. Andy made around 4 runs on the Saturday, including very near the car's best runs, with a couple at 128 mph. The team dialled in at an exact 10.431. Andy's first pass of the day was better than Dial, at 10.368 @ 127.99 mph. He then improved to a PB of 10.286 at a new best speed of 128.97 mph. In the third round, Andy ran just .009 off Dial, recording a 10.422, and ended with a 10.361 in the fourth round, to finish in 3rd place overall. (Another team picking up from where they left off last year!).

WB 4 Joe Stevens was in his first Wild Bunch event of 2007 with his blown "Back in Black" altered. He made a few passes Saturday, including a 9.02, an 8.98 and a new Personal Best E.T. of 8.857! Joe dialled in at 8.85 for the Series rounds, and posted a 9.021 @ 148.13 mph to open his account. He then recorded an 8.949 in the second round and a great 8.885 @ 150.25

mph in the third round, to win the "Quickest E.T." of the day for the Bunch. In the fourth round, he recorded an 8.919, and ended up in 5th place overall. Joe was also awarded the "Best Burnout" Spot Prize by the commentator, for his strong smoky burnouts.

WB 6 'Crazy' Chris Hartnell was keen



Burnout king Joe shows us how it's done!

to put in some improved runs in the "Backdraft" slingshot, after some performance problems at Santa Pod. On Saturday, he put in an early run of 10.068 @ 133 mph, but then discovered some play in a wheel bearing. Luckily he had some spares, although they were at home in Bristol! So he and Claire made the round trip in the afternoon, got back to the track at 4pm, fitted them, and made a couple of other changes, and Chris ran a 9.505 @ 138.84 mph! He later made a backing off pass of 11.212. Chris dialled in at 9.50 for the rounds on Sunday, and recorded a 10.379 in the first round, not being able to hook the car up off the line. Unfortunately, this was his quickest run of the day, and he posted an



Track Crew member Simon Day takes to the controls of The Cunning Plan!

11.792, a 10.926, and a "Wildest Ride" run of 13.791, where he had to back off as he was heading towards the Christmas tree. Chris finished in 10th place overall.

WB 9 saw Andy Gosling back in the hotseat of the "RamRaider" slingshot of Team Dog's B's, for his first WB event of the year. He started Saturday with a 10.5, not being able to find the traction early on. He then improved to a 9.4, before recording runs of 10 and 12 sec-

onds later in the day. The team dialled in optimistically at 9.30, with Gos hoping to get back into the low 9's. His first round run was a backing off 10.599 @ 106 mph, but things improved greatly after that, with runs of 9.417 and 9.329 in the second and third rounds. He saved the best for last when he recorded a new Personal Best E.T. of 9.157 @ a new best speed of 148.25 mph! Well done, Gos! He finished the day in 8th place overall. **WB 17** saw the debut of Gina Rumble and Scottie Durrant's "Tiki Munki" Pinto-powered altered. The car looked great and so did the team, with Hawaiian shirts, and leis decorating the tow car! Scottie started Saturday off with a checkout pass of 21 seconds. He quickly improved on this recording a 17.4 on his next run. He later posted an even better 16.2 second pass, before handing the car over to Gina, for her first ever run. Gina was not a novice racer, having driven Ministox at the age of 9, but she had never ventured down the drag strip before. She settled herself in nicely with a checkout pass of 30 seconds, on a steep learning curve! It was then over to her for all the 4 rounds on Sunday, so she and Scottie dialled in at 19.79, hoping to get near that mark. Gina's first run Sunday was a greatly improved 20.732 @ 73.98 mph, already taking 10 seconds off in only her second attempt! She then put in a pass of 21.830 in the second round, which included a bog off the line, which she ably recovered from. For her third pass of the day, she put in a great 17.288 @ 83.83 mph, quickly getting to grips with the new car, and running 2 and a half seconds quicker than Dial-in! She recorded a 19.591 in the fourth round, fairly close to Dial, and finished in 9th place overall in her first ever drag racing event. Fair play, Gina, and congratulations on a great debut!! Welcome to the Bunch!

WB 25 was the first event for Terry Clifford after the engine rebuild in the golden "Ratcatcher Resurrection" slingshot. Terry arrived Saturday morning, unloaded the car, & later fired up, only to experience a problem with broken teeth on the flexiplate! Unfortunately, this meant Terry was not even able to make a single run over the weekend! He does have a spare at home, and hopes to be able to cure the cause of the problem and race at the 'SpringSpeed Festival'. Good luck, Terry! **WB 40** saw the second WB event of the season for Darren Law in "The Wicked Lady" rear-engined dragster. Darren made 3 passes Saturday, including a 10.126

Spring Nationals T & T cont..

@ 135.48 mph, a 10.316 & a 10.469. The team dialled in at 10.25 for the following day, and Darren was a little off that pace on the first two runs, recording a 10.687 & a 10.858. He followed this with a better 10.346, with a "Best Reaction" of .052 in the third round, before experiencing a slight problem, posting an 11.365 in the fourth round. Darren finished in 7th place overall. WB 43 saw Martin Holgate back out with his "Paranoia" altered. He made several runs on Saturday, including a 9.7 @ 135 mph, so was definitely heading in the right direction. He dialled in at 9.50 for the rounds on Sunday, but whilst trying to fire the car up for the first round, experienced a small injection fire. Pairings marshal Bev was quick to leap into action with the fire extinguisher, and soon had the situation under control. Huge thanks to Bev for being on the ball and professional, as always! Needless to say, Martin was a bit shaken by this, but was thankfully okay. And there was only a small amount of damage. The team went back to the pits & assessed this, but did not make any more runs. Hopefully Martin will be straight back out at the next event, improving on the performance in his great Jag-powered machine. WB 44 saw the first event of the year for Sarah Howells driving Bernie Nicholas' "Destiny's Angel" altered. She jumped straight back into the hotseat and carried on running some good numbers, including a 9.485, and a 9.32 @ 146 mph on the Saturday, with Bernie dialling her in at 9.40 for the Series rounds. She came straight out in the first round and put in a solid 9.383, followed by a 9.382 @ 146.03 mph in the second round. She was still close in the third, posting a 9.351, and finished off the day with a great new Personal Best E.T. of 9.189 at a new best speed of 147.03 mph, a best speed for the car! Even with this breakout, she still managed to secure 4th place overall for the weekend. Well done, Sarah! WB 47 Liam Maltby was back out doing shakedown runs with his Vauxhall Funny Car, which was sporting a great new paint job, complete with an eagle and flags. The team spent a fair amount of time in the pits tuning, and a couple of times Liam drove carefully round the pits, to test a few changes. It was the same story on Sunday, & there were a few gremlins to get rid of, so Liam did not manage to run in any of the rounds. We're sure he'll have a handle on it soon, and iron out any remaining problems!

WB 52 was Ant Harris, in the "Frantic" Topolino altered. He made several passes on the Saturday, most very near the car's best times. He dialled in at 9.75 for Sunday, and started well,



Mark Richardson in 'Pony Express'

with a 9.772 @ 136.99 mph in the first round. In the second round he recorded a new Personal Best E.T. of 9.769 @ a new best speed of 137.61 mph. He then posted runs of 9.785 and 9.788 in the third & fourth rounds, never being further than .038 off his Dial. This consistency earned him 2nd place for the weekend, and the good performance and well turned out car also won the "Best Altered" Spot Prize! Fair play, Ant! WB 67 Darryl Howells was in his second WB event of the year in his "Chemical Reaction" slingshot. He made a few passes on Saturday, including an 11.1, later followed by the car's best to date of 10.4 @ 131 mph. Darryl dialled in at 10.70 for the rounds, and started off well with a 10.554 @ a new best speed of 134.63 mph. He then posted a 10.792 in the second round, but this was with a red light. Not being able to chase for the Top 4, Darryl chased E.T.'s & was rewarded with a new Personal Best E.T. of 10.346 @ 133.38 mph in the third round, and another PB of 10.340 @ 134.61 mph in the fourth! Darryl also won the "Best Slingshot" Spot Prize for the beautifully-painted car, and a good performance! Cushtie! WB 76 Steve Field was in his first appearance of the season in "The Black Pig" altered. He made a few runs on Saturday, starting with a 10.682 @ 137 mph to blow the cobwebs away. He followed this with a strong 9.786 @ 142.08 mph, quickly returning to form. Unfortunately, Steve was unwell on the Sunday and could not take part in the rounds, so we hope he's better soon! WB 95 saw the Wild Bunch debut of Mark Richardson in only his second event with the great-looking "Pony

Express" altered. Mark made a few runs on Saturday, still on a learning curve, and easing himself into the car and its handling. He finished the day with an 11.93, making good progress. The team hoped for more improvement, so dialled in at 10.90. Mark posted a 12.086 in the first round, but bounced straight back with a good new Personal Best E.T. of 10.308 at a new best speed of 133.86 mph. He followed this with more PBs in the 3rd round of 10.202 @ 135.94 mph, but did not take part in the fourth round. Well done, Mark, and welcome to the Wild Bunch! WB 102 saw the first appearance with Wild Bunch this season of Steve Goode and his Jag-powered "Wobble" altered. Steve had recently rebuilt the engine and was doing some running in most of Saturday, and was doing shakedown passes. He dialled in at 10.00 on Sunday morning, and posted runs of 11.172 @ 120.32 mph and 11.357 in the first & second rounds, still tuning and running in. Hopefully we will see even more progress at the next event. WB 129 saw the debut of Pedro Rawlinson in the ex-Tony Wynne-Jones "TFIF" Sling-shot, which Pedro bought and has re-named "The Fleeting Glimpse". Pedro and his crew travelled all the way from the Isle of Wight to get to the track!

Yes, a ferry and a drive!



The team were all very excited to be at the track and looking forward to learning the ropes. Pedro's first run Saturday was a creditable 20.5 @ 57 mph, not bad at all for a first ever run down the strip! He made six more runs that day, including a couple of 18's, a 17.722, a 17.8 and a PB of 17.378 @ 79 mph. He dialled in at 17.50 on Sunday, & started with a 19.953. He improved with an



Arrival of 'The Fleeting Glimpse' .. complete with kettle!

18.694 in the second round and posted a 19.943 in the third, experiencing some trouble with the fuel pump, which put him out of action for any more runs. He'll have that fixed real soon! Well done on your debut, Pedro, and welcome to the Wild Bunch!

Another good event where we were lucky with the weather, & track time! Thanks very much to all the hard working marshals and officials for their efforts, and to all at Shakey for some improvements that have taken place at the track.

Wild at art!

A little while ago, Mark Gredzinski unveiled (via Eurodragster.com) a magically nostalgic piece of art work which, at the time was still looking for a new home. That artwork is top right & the new 'owner' of the project is none other than 'Little Daddy' Roy Wilding! Roy told us recently that he'd thought long & hard about it but just couldn't resist setting himself the ultimate challenge to fulfil the ultimate dream. The artwork currently dons the 'Firefly' name - the original of which can be seen on the excellent nostalgia website www.ukdrn.co.uk in footage shot by Ian Turboville. Flame burnouts, push starts...them were the days! We'll hear more from Roy later in the year as his plans move further to reality but now the Chariot of Fire altered is up for sale we're confident that art really will mirror life in the future!



A Wheelie good weekend away!

Victory Wheelers are celebrating their 30th anniversary & we're invited to the party! This year they're at Broadlands House, Romsey, Hampshire over the weekend of 20th - 22nd July.

The show will be the usual Victory Wheelers party weekend, especially as it is their 30th anniversary. Although there won't be any actual drag racing, they are hoping for a static display of some drag racing machinery, may be with a fire up session - cacklefest style - on the Sunday when the show is open to the public...and that's where The Wild Bunch comes in! 'Ratcatcher Resurrection' owner Terry Clifford has been in touch with an open invitation for any Wild Bunch teams willing to show their vehicle, plus has offered free entry to each team up to a maximum of 4 people! Fabulous! Terry says 'I thought it might be a great 'chill out' weekend with two large marquees on the go, one general entertainment, one dedicated to Rock and Roll, 4 live bands on over the weekend plus a fun fair on site! Saturday night is usually a cracking party and on the Sunday there will be a show and shine for the Hot Rods, American Classics and Customs that are in attendance, which is open to the public.



Although there will be catering on site, Broadlands is within walking distance of Romsey Town Centre with the usual shops, pubs and take-aways. Also next to the site is Romsey Rapids Leisure Pool and Gym, with outdoor kids play area, crazy golf, skate park and tennis courts.

At our last show at Thorney Island we had 2000 people on site over the weekend and around 7000 public in on the Sunday, so we're hoping to make Broadlands just as big. The site itself is large and flat, but is grass so not ideal for moving drag cars around, however the intention is leave them parked up over the Fri/Sat, and offload from the trailers on Sunday morning into one of the Marquees to protect them from any rain. If it's dry it would be nice to move one or two out into the arena to fire up for the public to see and hear.' So, if any Wild Bunch teams are interested in attending, drop Terry an e-mail to info@victorywheelers.co.uk or call 07891 295066 as soon as possible so a pre-entry form can be arranged.

Nitro T-Shirts

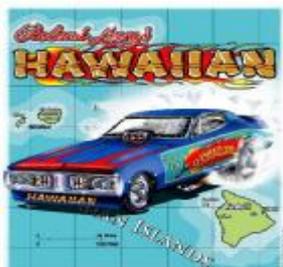


Long time supporter of The Wild Bunch, Colin Stevens of C&P Nitro T Shirts, has been back in touch with an update on his stock! Here's 3 of the fabulous

new designs but there's more to come! Right about now you'll be able to get your hands on two more, the Mon-goose Duster funny car & the Chi Town Hustler! The T-shirts are £17 each but for The Wild Bunch there is a reduced postage price of £1.50.

Thanks as always go to Colin for his continued support through raffle prize donations & trophy sponsorship back in 2006.

You can contact Colin to order your T-Shirts by calling 07704 801858 or email colinhotrods@btinternet.com



Split Second Funnies

So I fancied a game of darts with my mate. He said, "Nearest the bull goes first" He went "Baah" and I went "Moo" He said "You're closest"

I bought some HP sauce the other day. It's costing me 6p a month for the next 2 years.

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