




57 VARIETIES OF ANDY SAUNDERS



AUTO BIOGRAPHY - THE STORY SO FAR



MARBLEOUS! BIG-BLOCK FITS IN SHOEBOX



AIR-COOLED, AIR-BAGGED, AIR-RIGHT - CHOP-TOP BUG

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...

Yeewhaw! 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 3.807seconds! We've more incredible fast-fun 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.




How much'd the wheels cost in 1968? Read the mag, see if you're right!



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Two blown cars really caught my eye in Nick's Brighton movie - the wild Minor and oh-so-cool Willys, so I Snipped 'em! Also Snipped Gonzo below just for Eurodragster, as your Hot Gossip only has a wild wheelie from Shaky in 2017. Here's its first seven at the Pod's 2018 Hot Rod Drags - click the link to enjoy Nick P chasing Gonzo's 7.879 - and look out for the vanishing starter! Nick tells us the Rampage Monza is the ex-Panic, ex-Priddle body...



Once Gonzo wakes up he's outta here in fine style...

Exclusive mcSnips for eurodragster.com

In February's Street Machine we have the first instalment of a two-part feature on Britain's favourite custom builder, Andy Saunders. This man has built 56 customs in 40 years, and we list them from 1-43, including a special extended look at some of our favourites - yes, it's the Saunders Auto Biography! There's also a '51 Shoebox Ford that manages to combine marbled candy paint, Slot Mags and a mighty big-block Chevy motor to create a street rod that's difficult to pigeonhole, plus a satin black, chopped Beetle on air suspension that's still daily-driver practical. Andy Willsheer visits the Essen Motor Show, we watch the post-Christmas blues with the Brass Monkey Run and Madeira Drive meets, see what's hot at Autosport International, and follow Paul Marston to the American south-east for some late-season No-Prep and NHRA drag racing, while Steve Saunders looks at life on the Street Machine staff 40 years ago. All this and more in February's Street Machine, out now!



Route 66, Gallup, New Mexico. Hot Gossip's Baker Street stunt-double!

These Xtreme crops give you an idea of the power in Hot Gossip's pix! Our lead spread is full of start line fever! An in y'face burn out from our original Nitro Champion Bootsie on my first DragRod cover kicks off our tale of a TV shoot at the end of 1968. Across the page an incredible action shot by Andy Willsheer is filled with side-by-side NitroFire and features the speed of his new Nikon to show something I've never seen - a fully lit Christmas tree as well! Fired at 1/500th of a second and ISO 10,000 - fast enough to beat the tree and capture a unique action packed image that blew my lil' green pal's mind! Even ol' Nitro Nostrils had never seen one before - but now you can in the...

A turbocharged 4WD Subaru story you'll read about one day.



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1968 Drag Racing Champion!

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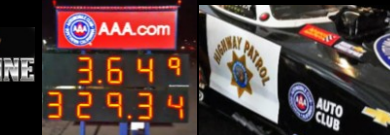


David Cooper Pix

"Read all about it!" in Street Machine as they used to say - j'st don't try it on 21st century streets!



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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 j'st after Dante Duce drove the car ran to our first single digit ET at Silverstone, and a shot of Big Jim Dunn's fuel coupe from 2013 in action, used in Street Machine to cover some "ugly shopping cars," j'st like here!




Mooneyes AAFC
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Nick Pettitt @ ftdvds

Hot Gossip's back page takes time out with Big Daddy Don Garlits in 1976, 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 ol 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 fueeler 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 24th 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 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

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Texas pix courtesy Karen & Jim