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It's Street Machine's 40th birthday issue, and we're celebrating with a bumper issue packed with the good stuff. How about a wide-arched 105E Anglia with hot Rover power and German sports saloon underpinnings? Or a sleepy Morris Minor with a modern four-pot secret? Or a pre-war Plymouth coupe built with V8 power and period-perfect street rod attitude? Or perhaps a mystery driftstyle GM coupe that's keeping 'em guessing? We visit the track for the Bakersfield March Meet and the first of the Streetfighters UK No Preps, then the Volksworld show and the NSRA Southern Swap Meet, then take a look back over 40 years of Street Machinery. Throw in a couple of competitions with fantastic prizes, plus all the usual fun and lots more, and you have the Street Machine Ruby Anniversary May issue, out now!



Original 1978 Storyboard and the two babes who made my first Street Machine gig more than just fun! Back to reality - an Xtreme crop of 2nd generation AA/FD racer Adam Sorokin on the line at Famoso gets Hot Gossip off to a wide open start after a few words on the raceway's legendary past. A brief look at Adam's Heritage Championship wins, then it's backstage at the track's 61st March Meet to introduce my first "Top Fuel Intern" - something I'd never heard of! Happily,



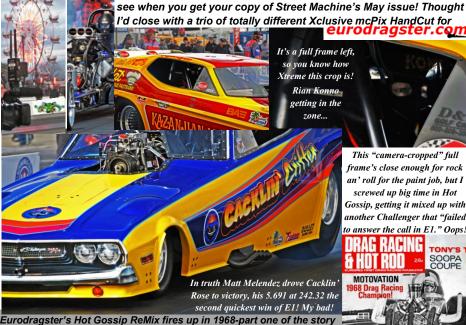


although she's got her 21st century style phone, at least one ear the awesome power of NitroThunder while the crew man has both fingers in his like my lil' green pal! With the season kicking off it's a good time to suggest that you protect your ears, especially when this close to the awesome sound of eight trunks trumpeting - it can be harmful if they're unprotected! A couple years back NitroLegend Don Schumacher was asked if he'd any regrets and his reply was

🎑 is full of big, wide-open Fuel Coupe PowerPix and few words as you'll

cool, positive, and maybe he even looked at the camera as he said "Yes, that I didn't know about ear protection back in the '60s!" And many hours on the start line at Famoso during the past decade mean mine've taken a beating so I feel the same, and those extra rock an' roll years before being Nitro'd out of my mind mean my hearing's kinda shot to put it mildly! So please, especially if you're young and it's your first time at the track, be sure to fit plugs, for convenience, or ear defenders if you really wish to take care of them. Ol' Nitro Nostril's was told this by his local GP, so the real deal folks - a Hot Gossip Xclusive! No matter what you chose to fit, do it before they fire the first pair next time at the Pod – it'll be worth it, trust me! Check out the soft focus fans behind the shot of NitroKitty's AA/FD at right and you'll see they're stuffing fingers in their ears despite being way back from the NitroPower! And here endeth the lesson. A happy smile from NitroKitty for Hot Gossip readers, and the reason for her joy, you'll find in our 40th anniversary issue out April 25th Actually Mendy's smile puts a period on quite a "heavy" page - she even gets "down and dirty," while our interns learn of the ultimate highs and lows Top Fuel racing has to offer! Then we lighten-up big time with Nitro Mike's wild PT Cruiser in full sparking mode before we learn the Top Fuel intern programme, created by Bob McLennan, introduces students to our sport (in the best possible way!), and also honours his father, Champion Speed Shop founder Jim, a pioneer drag racer with more connection to today's CSS fuel car than you'd imagine! Meanwhile, here's a MegaXtreme crop of Andy getting down to the nitty gritty, among shots of our Top Fuel interns at work even after the race! Then it's fun time with Xtra Xtreme crops of hi-heels an' fishnets, Ferris wheels an' a fuel car, the dude behind it another reminder - protect your ears! Hot Gossip's back page





This "camera-cropped" full frame's close enough for rock an' roll for the paint job, but I screwed up big time in Hot Gossip, getting it mixed up with another Challenger that "failed



behind my first DragRod cover, zaps to unique 21st century side-by-side NitroFire (not this clip!), back to '68 for the ultimate street race, to 1975 words from Big Daddy! 2018 high speed pix an' facts, 1968's untold tale of our wheelie Stingray's cover shoot! Boxing Day's Brighton cruise an many hyperlinks to relive the tales! And a short farewell to an old pal...