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President's Message



Well, it's time once again for your beloved president to address his fantastic membership. As

I sit in my shop taking care of my wonderful grand puppy, Brutus, I find it hard to believe that our season is coming to an end. Thanks to each and every one of you for your support of YOUR club. It is all of you that makes us, in my eyes, "the greatest club around". Thanks again for letting me be a part of it. Moving forward I see nothing but positive and great things in our future.



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Kit DeAndre's Other Passion

This article begins with fate, kismet, or serendipity and goes from there. Sit back, relax and enjoy a glimpse into the fascinating, high-speed, top-fuel world of Kit.



How it all began: A friend and I attended the NHRA Finals in Pomona in 2011, and at a busy burger joint we ran into two guys who had nowhere to sit, so they joined us at our booth outdoors. One of them was a driver, and the other worked the marketing side of Peak Motor Oil and Coolants. Both were in their racing garb and we learned that TJ Zizzo was in the Top Fuel Class - we talked about racing for the next hour. The Top Fuel team did not compete for the complete season, but when they did compete they were very good at qualifying and going rounds. We were invited to come to their camp

the next day to see how this fuel team operated. After Pomona I was able to stay in touch with TJ and the team, and of course I would focus on on the races they entered.

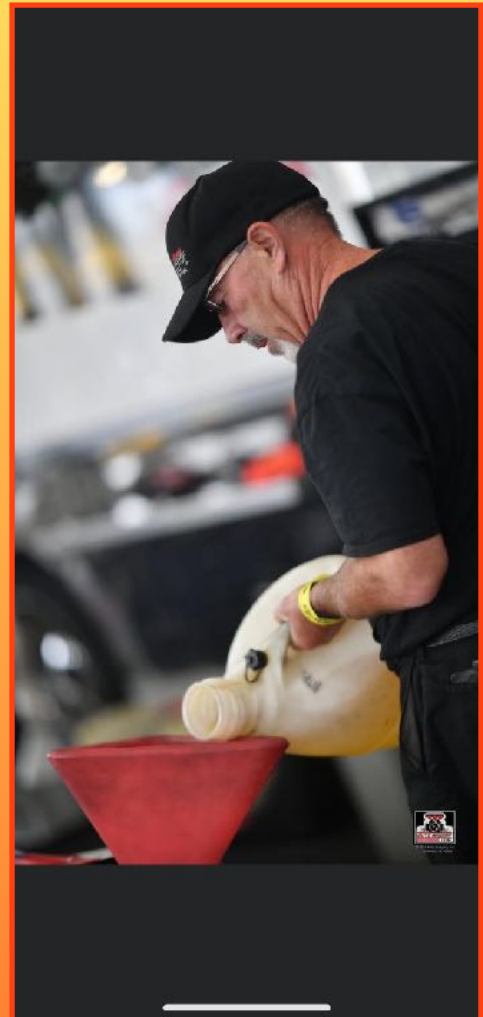
It certainly has been a positive experience being involved in this sport that always has you constantly learning, paying attention, and trying to keep up! One year, at Indianapolis, during a routine chassis inspection a crack was found in an area that needed to be welded with a saddle. The problem was that we didn't have a TIG welder. It was getting late enough that many of the teams had left for the evening. Fortunately we ended up finding one of the Tim Wilkerson guys that was willing to help us solve our problem late into the night.

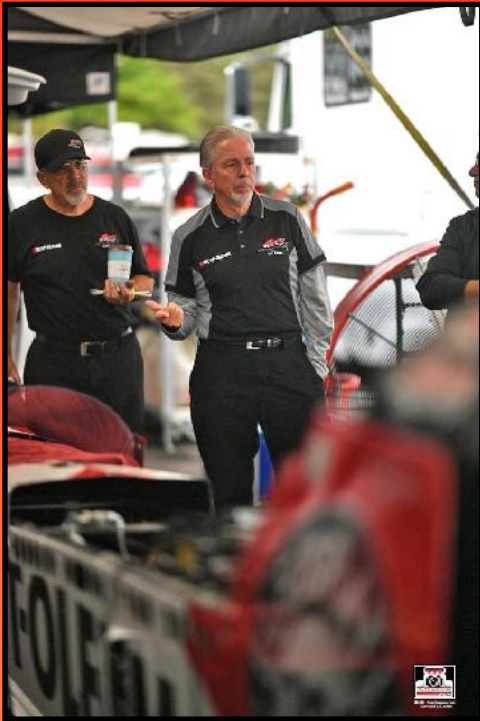
We are a team of guys who all have regular jobs so we don't do this for a living like the other teams. TJ owns a body shop in the Chicago suburbs, and the other guys find time off to pursue the passion of drag racing and working at getting it done right. We joke about how normally it (any problem with the race car) would pass an inspection with anyone else, but for us it would have to be "Zizzoworthy" or it simply won't do. We strive for perfection in a very difficult sport.

Peak Motor Oil and Coolants has since moved to John Force Racing, and we have had Rust-oleum as our sponsor for the the last several years. It works well with the driver owning a body shop where he uses and advertises many of their products.

Some of our cost inputs are interesting: fuel is about \$1,650 for 42 gallons. The car burns about 20 gallons in a warm-up, burnout, and full lap. I recall when the semi was mortgaged and they were trying to race "on a budget" the cost was about \$25,000 per lap.

One last story: Sonoma is an interesting track to get to and from, but that's another story. I had rented a vehicle as a support and tow vehicle for the race car at the track. After a race one weekend we saw a crack in the front wing caused by me putting the car away on Friday evening. A gust of wind blew the rear wing over while being stored (not my fault) it required some carbon fiber repair work. The body shop guys did a good job on the wing. After all of this, as we were leaving the track, the front fender on my rented car was demolished by a semi - not just any semi - but by OUR semi. I think I was told it would cost probably \$3,000 to repair. I recall the damage report listing the cause of the damage as a "rubbed curb" LOL. It was some time before Avis finally got a hold of me and asked for about \$1,200 for the



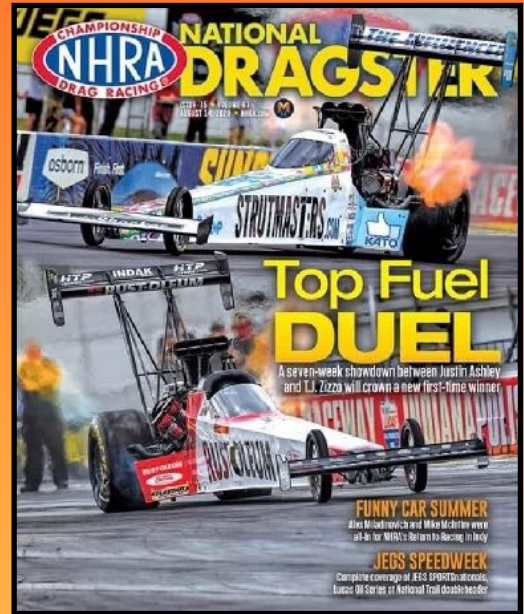


repair. I couldn't get my wallet out fast enough!

My first car was a 1963 Impala SS with a 327. I hurt the motor one year and took it to Davenport, WA to be repaired. I never saw it again.

I've been a member of the Gents for six years - a great bunch of guys. I am very much looking forward

to hosting the September 20th Shop Tour /Liberty Lake Golf Course car show and barbecue!



This was on the cover of National Dragster, after our first final.



A Special Offer to Gents Members and Sponsors

We typically offer to print the top calendar pages on metal for any club member or sponsor to purchase after the calendars are out and delivered. We have a HUGE announcement to share with you. Not only are we doing this again, but at a much lower cost!

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President's message, continued:

Speaking of shops, one of our members added a well-deserved piece of equipment to his garage. They say "EVERY TIME AN OLD GUY GETS A HOIST, AN ANGEL RESERVES THEIR WINGS," congratulations Dale!!



Until next time, have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

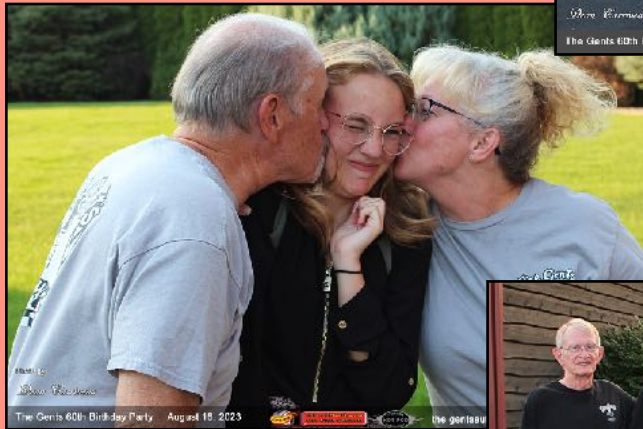
See you at the next meeting on September 6th.

Ending thought: "Lightening is more thrilling when viewed from a car with no roof." (Hot Rod Magazine, October issue.)

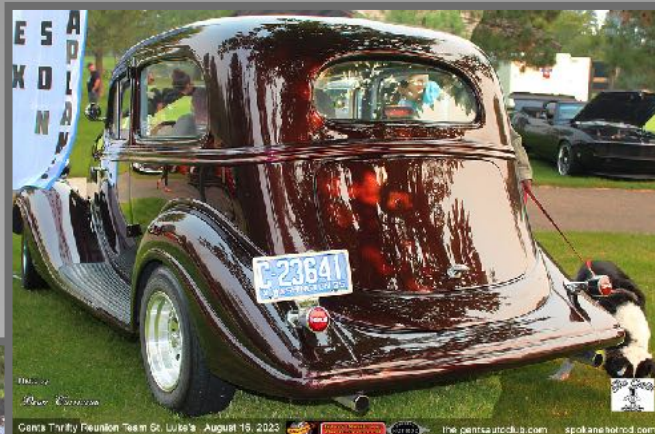
~ Steve Williams

Images from the Shop Tour / Happy 60th Birthday Celebration

at Ben and Kathy Curtis's Shop, August 16th, 2023. You can tell a good time was had by all the smiles!



Despite the cooler weather and smoky skies the local car enthusiasts were undeterred from attending the Thrifty Show to support St. Luke's!



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Upcoming Events

- * **9/2-3: Silverwood Coaster Classic Car Show, Silverwood Theme Park, Athol, ID, 7:00 am, 509-289-0708, 509-294-9554. lapdip@hotmail.com**
- * **9/8-17: (9/8 is Gents Day) Spokane County Interstate Fair Car Show, Spokane Valley, 10:00 am, 509-995-7700**
- * **9/9: H.A.S.S.I.E Open Car and Truck Show, Mirabeau Meadows, Spokane Valley, 10:00 am, 509-869-4746, info@hassie.org**
- * **9/9: Hot Rod Blues, Browne's Addition, Spokane, 12:00 pm, 509-844-2187**
- * **9/9: Sprague Days Car Show, Renegade Restorations, Sprague, WA, 9:00 am, 509-435-3042, renegaderestorationsllc@gmail.com**
- * **9/10: Arbor Crest Wine Cellars 8th Annual Collectors Car Show, 4705 N Fruit Hill Rd, Spokane, 11:00 am, 509-927-9463, carsen@arborcrest.com**
- * **9/16: All Buick Show, 636 E Sprague Ave, Becker Buick, Spokane, 10:00 am, 509-389-9400, inlandnorthwestbuick@gmail.com**
- * **9/16: Liberty Lake PD Cop, Cars & Cruisers for Special Olympics, Meadowood Technology Campus, 24001 E Mission, Liberty Lake, WA, 9:30 am, 509-496-9539**
- * **Inland Northwest Car Club Council "All Clubs Picnic" Remembering Duane Murphy, Franklin Park, 5628 N Division, Spokane, 12:00-3:00- pm, 509-209-3479, www.incarclubcouncil.org**
- * **9/24: Valleyfest 2023 Car Show, CenterPlace Regional Event Center, Spokane Valley, 8:00 am, 509-922-3299, www.valleyfest.com**

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