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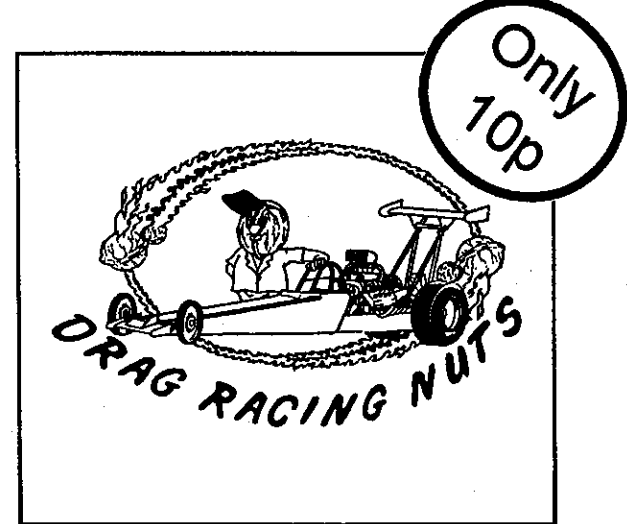
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# Drag Nuts News

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## THE DRAG RACING NUTS OFF TO A TERRIFIC START

By John Hunt

Maureen and I would like to thank you all for your support so far. Without you we would not have been able to produce this issue of the Drag Nuts News or been able to start posting prize money for the various classes so soon. We are very pleased to say the Drag Racing Nuts is off to a good start with positive reaction from everyone we have spoken to so far. It is due to this that we have posted prize money to date of £110.

We started with £25 for the winner of Super Pro-Et at Santa Pod Raceway's Main Event in May, followed by £25 for winner and £10 runner up for the same class at the Cannonball Run. As only two cars were able to race on the Sunday, this money has been held over for the Summer Nationals and will be added to funds for one street car bracket and one bike bracket - final details yet to be announced.

Over to Avon Park where we posted £25 for winner of Comp Bike and £25 for the winner of Pro-ET at for Shootout #7. At this event we raised more money which will be up for grabs at the Night of Fire meet in October. So there you have it - £110 so far with another £100 in the pot to be posted.

The money raised comes from subscriptions and goods sold at both the major raceways and other shows and events we attend at weekends.

I think I speak not only for myself but also for the racers who have won the prizes so far when I thank you all for your support, help and cooperation in making this happen.

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#### NEWS UPDATE

Welcome to issue 2 - it hardly seems two months since our first issue. John and I have been out and about at many events and met a lot of new people and the months have flown past.

We were at Avon Park on the 10th and 11th June. The weather had been great - that is until the weekend and so the crowds were a little on the thin side. However, there was plenty of interest in our stand - or was it the fact that everyone could shelter from the showers under our Sunbrella and watch the racing on video?

The Cannonball Run at Santa Pod at the start of July was well attended and we were pleased that so many of you came and said hello. It's great to put names to faces and also faces to names of people especially for those who have sent subscriptions in the post to us. There is now quite a following of "Nuts" at the tracks! Hopefully the social events will start to happen soon and we can really get to know each other.

The Guildford Cruise continues to be a super event. It keeps on growing. This month the Santa Pod promotional vehicle came down complete with the Budweiser Top Fuel Dragster. What a sight that was! It drew a constant crowd and I am sure that as a result of this a lot of people will be attending either their first Drag Race meeting or their first one in a while. There were a lot of people who said they hadn't been racing "since Blackbushe". Watch out at the tracks for the South East team!!

John is still working on the promotional trailer which hopefully will be finished for the Summer Nationals at Santa Pod. It will make our lives so much easier to be able to just open the doors rather than keep setting up at the front of the Chevy. There's a lot of work gone into it and I'm sure it will be worth waiting for.

Enjoy Issue 2. Don't forget to drop us a line with your snippets of news. The crystal ball is not working too well at the moment - if you don't give us the news we can't share it! Or come and see us at the tracks or the Guildford Cruise. We love to see friendly faces!

*Maureen*

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Hello again!

Well I'm very pleased to be able to say welcome to the second issue of the Drag Nuts News. We were pleased with our first issue and how it was received. Although a little short on articles as it was our first issue, I hope you will find this issue a little meatier - we have added another four pages.

We are starting to see some results now from our efforts as we are able to put up prize funds (see front page). Subscriptions are growing slowly but surely (see page 8 for more details). I think we can say we are off to a good start thanks to everyone's help including all our sponsors who have advertised in this issue, track owners and promoters of both Santa Pod and Avon Park Raceways and all the racers and spectators. I would like to say a special thank you to long time racer Russ Carpenter of CD Services near Guildford for all the help he has given Maureen, the Drag Racing Nuts and myself recently, especially for allowing us to build our promotional trailer at his workshop and offering the use of his facilities as well as technical help. The trailer is almost complete now and we are looking forward to its first outing at the Summer Nationals later this month.

Our coach trip to Hockenheim has had to be shelved until next year which was a great disappointment. If you are interested in going next year let us know.

*John*

## TO PUT YOU IN THE PICTURE

**Q: What are the aims of the Drag Racing Nuts?**

**A:** Our aims are to raise money to support drag racing. We intend to do this by the sale of goods and subscriptions related to the theme of the Drag Racing Nuts. We also aim to get more people involved in the sport by advertising Drag Racing generally away from the tracks at all kinds of events where large numbers of people gather for example at car shows, markets etc. Hopefully by bringing the sport to the attention of businesses we can be constructive in raising sponsorship for the various classes of Drag Racing. We also intend to arrange social events but this will probably not start until the end of the season as there is so much going on at the moment it's difficult to find time to do everything at once.

**Q: How do you choose where the money goes?**

**A:** Firstly we looked at the class with the least amount of prize funds available. This was Super Pro-Et so they were the first choice. However, we do not intend to stick to one class and we have since offered prize funds for Pro-Et and Comp Bike. We try to offer prize funds where they are needed. Hopefully we will be able to sponsor all the classes before long. The sums we have paid so far have been small - £25.00 per winner but we take the view that it's £25.00 that wasn't there before - and every little helps.

This comment made by a young man was overheard at a recent meeting "Sad - no bikes" We think it deserves an answer.

**A:** It was true. Nothing we had done up until that meeting had included bikes, however, we had to start somewhere and we chose Super Pro-ET for the reasons above. We have the artwork readily available for cars but are still looking for some for bikes and when we find it we shall produce t-shirts etc with that logo on. To do our range of goods for each type of car and bike would break the bank so we are trying to build up by doing one thing at a time. We have friends and sponsors looking for bike pictures on computer disk. If a reader has one we would be pleased to see it. It's not looking good for this season but we are off to the States for our annual holiday and hopefully we will be able to get some artwork on disk out there. We have paid prize money for Comp Bike at Shootout #7 and will be supporting other bike classes at forthcoming meetings. We are off to a good start but we cant do it all at once.

**Q: I haven't seen your prizes mentioned in the Racers final instructions - why not?**

**A:** The reason for this is because we have not known in time how much we will be able to post. We obviously need to restock after a meeting so that we have things to sell at the next meeting. After we know how much is left we are able to put this aside for sponsorship and as we are still learning we have left it to the last minute before being able to determine prize fund amounts.

**Q: How do you split the money between the tracks?**

This is an easy one. The money that we raise at Avon Park is put back through sponsorship of classes at Avon Park, and the money raised at Santa Pod goes back to racers at Santa Pod. The money we raise at other shows and events is split between the two tracks. We think this is the fairest way of doing things.

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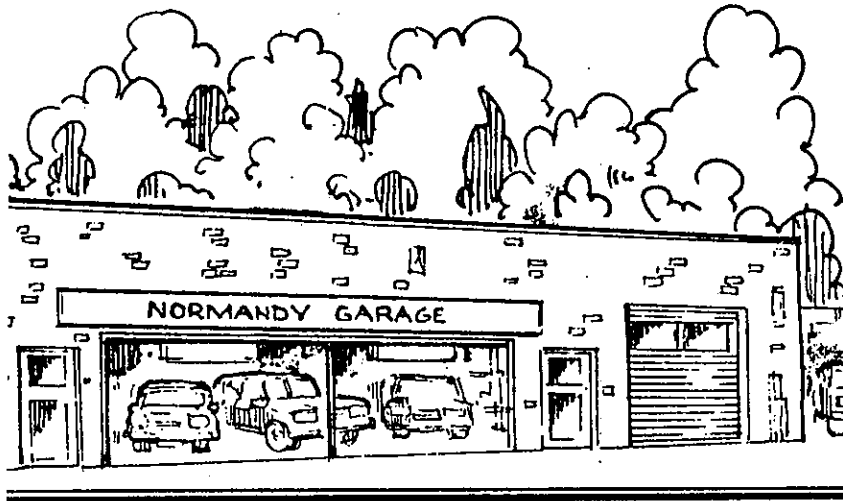
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## DAVE WILSON - KRYPTON TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER - UPDATE

The Main Event meeting at Santa Pod on 27/28th May was the first outing with the new engine combination, Dave Wilson put down one qualifying run of 7.64 seconds at 129mph - a respectable first pass. On the Sunday in the first round a fuel line came off at the start line so the engine was shut off and thus he was eliminated from the racing. Dave then ventured off to two practice meets in order to gain some runs on the car and gather data from the computer.

The next big meeting for Dave was the Cannonball at Santa Pod on 1st and 2nd July. Dave qualified with 7.34 seconds at 134 mph. In the first round he ran 6.73 seconds, 201 mph for the win and into the next round which he also won running 6.57 seconds 204 mph. He was definitely getting to grips now and ready for the final. But ... rain put paid to the final and at 4.30 on Sunday the meeting was cancelled.

Next he was off to Avon Park for the Alky Shootout #7 on 22nd and 23rd July. Dave qualified with a mid 6 second pass at just over 200 mph. The first round was a close race and he was only just beaten running an even quicker time of 6.21 seconds, 204mph. Things were looking good until the pre-round engine checks showed a problem with no oil pressure to one bank of the engine. So, unfortunately, Dave could not make the call for the second round. Well - that's Drag Racing - and all for this issue folks.



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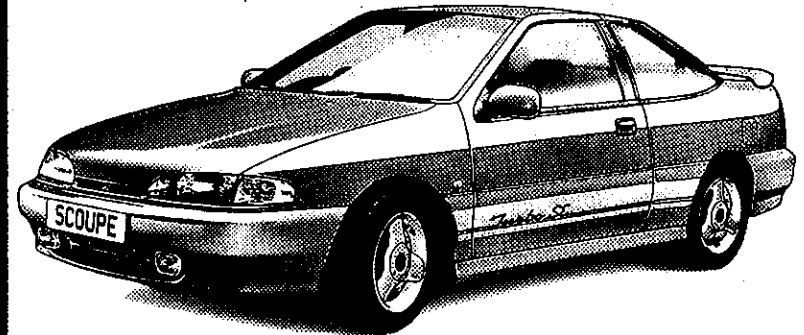
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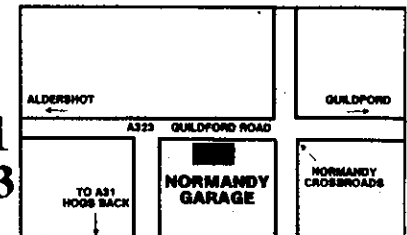
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## DRAG RACING NUTS CLUB PAGE

### OFF TO A GOOD START

Since we started the Drag Racing Nuts things have grown slowly but surely. We would like things to have moved a little quicker than they have done but all in all we are pleased with the response.

<p><u>Jackets for Fire and Accident Safety Team</u> We are very pleased to have fulfilled the first part of an order for the FAST team at Avon Park. Their first six embroidered jackets are with them and it hopefully wont be long before the rest of the crew are kitted out. We would like to say a big thank you to Bruno and his intrepid team for all the hard work they put in to ensure the safety of the sport.</p>	<p><u>Sponsors</u> Our sponsors are all advertised in this issue. If you have need of their services either from a personal point of view or if the company you work for could use their services then give them a call and ask for a quote. Helping them helps us, helps you and helps the sport.</p>
<p><u>Offers of Help</u> If anyone can offer any help to either the DRN or assist in marshalling at meetings or the Guildford Cruise or even being a crew member for a team. Please write to us or phone stating what your interest is and we will endeavour to put you in touch with someone who has need of your skills. If you need help let us know and we will try and match up the helper to the job. Anyone can apply - not just subscribers!!</p>	<p><u>Monthly Meetings</u> Are you interested in monthly meetings during the closed season? Would you like to spend an evening in the company of other Drag Racing Nuts? Then let us know and we will keep you informed of where and when. You can either write to us or come to our stand at one of the meetings and put your name on the list for more information.</p>
<p><u>Coach Trip</u> If you haven't been before or if you would like to go again now is your chance to see the World Finals at Santa Pod. Travel with other Drag Racing Nuts aboard a luxury coach from Guildford. Our all inclusive ticket price includes return coach travel, entry to the meeting and lunch voucher. Go on - treat yourself!</p>	<p><u>Number of Subscribers</u> We are pleased to say that we now have 31 subscribers to the DRN from all areas of the country. Thank you to those who have subscribed already. If you have a friend or a relative with a birthday coming up - what better gift than an annual subscription to the Drag Racing Nuts?</p>

### WANTED

Our first "Wanted" item this issue is for crew members to assist in the preparation and running of a Top Alcohol Dragster. Essential requirements will be extreme dedication in return for a great deal of job satisfaction but no financial reward. An engineering or mechanical background would be very useful and/or involvement in past projects which demonstrate your suitability. In the absence of these criteria - no experience is necessary but the ability to learn, and to treat expensive racing engine components with care and caution. Please contact John at the Drag Racing Nuts in the first instance on 01483-769403 if you think you are the person for the job.

Next is a request from John for memorabilia of Blackbushe for loan/donation or purchase (if we really have to!) by the Drag Racing Nuts.

Finally - if you would like to help marshal at the Guildford Cruise which takes place on the first Sunday of each month, David Jones would love to hear from you on 01483-861177. He tells us that there is a free meal for each marshal and a lovely yellow jacket is yours for the evening.

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**BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT**

It's eleven years now since Drag Racing last took place at Blackbushe Airport and judging by the amount of people who I have spoken to recently at Wheelsday in April and since then at the Guildford Cruise meetings, it's a venue which is missed by spectators in the South East. I first saw Drag Racing at Blackbushe in 1972, but I've met a lot of people who remember the 1964 and 1965 Drag Festivals. It would be great to see racing back there.

I am trying to get together a display of material from that era and related especially to Blackbushe. If you have any relative information or posters or newspaper cuttings that you would be willing to donate/loan or sell then please contact the Drag Racing Nuts at the address inside the front cover. I would be pleased to hear from you.

**COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Matthew from Woking who successfully identified the 15 words in the first issue of the Drag Nuts News. He has now received his prize of a Drag Racing Nuts T-shirt.

Our post bag was completely overwhelmed by the response - if you don't give us your entry you can't win, so to be in with a chance either send it to the address inside the front cover or give it to us at one of the meetings.

The competition this issue is another word game. The person who can make the most British words using the following letters will win a Drag Racing Nuts pin badge showing a rail in 3d image and a goodie bag containing other Drag Racing Nuts goodies including a sticker and a key ring. To be entered in the competition we must receive your entry by 24th November.

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