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LAIRY LONG-TERM LOWLIGHTS ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STREET ROD SCENE

AUSTIN POWER

SWEET SIXTEEN WITH A STORY TO TELL



TRIUMPHANT - FROM BL BANGER TO SUPER-SANO SHOW CUSTOM



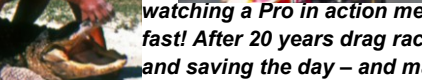
LIFE'S A BEACH - SHORE-FIRE FUN AT BRIDLINGTON AND PENDINE



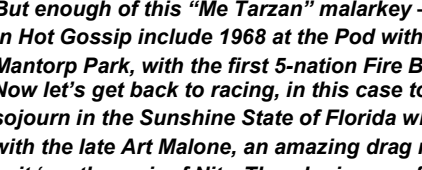
with more wild GeeTO tigers in action, and a rare beast from 1971, before a totally different type of animal comes to town, with images of Rockin' Ramon's amazing weekend at Mopar Nats 2012. His 8.22 annihilated by over a second next day kicking off an awesome legend in true style, this legacy ending with his recent retirement. The "Wild'r at Heart" team have given us the best show in town since that magic meeting, and they'll be missed by everyone. Well maybe not all the Fuel Coupe and AA/FA drivers Ramon defeated! Page three's where readers find out that Hot Gossip's part of my birthday celebrations this year, my present of a pet alligator named Kinky linking my mind to some cool stats and NitroFire from 2019s NHRA 50th Gatornats before we visit the swamp, with a young lady in my life screaming at the reality of an alligator attack! Happily my time with Kinky and watching a Pro in action meant rescue was at hand, but they're fast! After 20 years drag racing me too, pouncing on the beast and saving the day - and maybe the BS begins...



But enough of this "Me Tarzan" malarkey - other birthdays celebrated in Hot Gossip include 1968 at the Pod with our first AAFD race, cake courtesy our amazing caterer at the track and party host Mrs T, and 1987 at Sweden's Mantorp Park, with the first 5-nation Fire Breathing competition as our après race fun - don't try this at home, It's CRAZY! Now let's get back to racing, in this case to DeSoto, my home track during a lengthy sojourn in the Sunshine State of Florida where good fortune saw me becoming pals with the late Art Malone, an amazing drag racing legend, a few of his early exploits writ 'neath a pair of NitroThunder images from his track - John Force's Oldsmobile AAFD pounding the ground in a shot that blew Mr Force away - me too! An awesome image to my mind is a time-lapse shot of Gene Snow on the first 4-second pass outside Texas. Hand-held with available light, flat batteries in a Nikon captured 4.99 seconds and 1320feet of NitroFire! Here they're shrunk Xtreme crop teases, but Hot Gossip has 'em spread across the page, same ratio as above! Just as cool, not as large, Big Daddy Don Garlits warms my stay more than entertaining. Kinda like the new Hot Gossip, with an end piece linked to the intro through Eleisha, a librarian at my Thornton Heath Library who happened to meet some tigers on her recent visit to Phuket and gifted me a couple of stunning images that blew my mind as her captured bliss matched mine hid (with tears of joy!), behind Bausch & Lomb lenses in the Shwedagon, a lifetime after I first flew over the fabled Burmese pagoda! Alongside is one of the coolest Nostalgia Fuel Coupes ever, John Hale's 2015 "Fireman's Quickie" tribute car for drag racing legend Big Jim Dunn



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The new August issue of Street Machine leads with a lowlight Moggy Minor that's been a street rod since pounds and shillings, plus its stablemates, another V8 Moggy and a very sleepy Chevy Bel Air. After that there's an all-British Austin rod with a Rover up front and a sad tale behind it, and a custom Triumph looking for an indoor show area to put mirrors down on! There are reports from the beach races at Pendine and Bridlington, from Santa Pod's Summer Nationals and The Retro Show, plus shows a-go-go from all over the UK. Of course, there's all the usual gubbins too, and much more besides, all in the new August issue, on sale July 25th.

August Hot Gossip's kinda wild, with far more than NitroFire, a subject broached when daughter Sarah an' her fella Jason celebrated my birthday last night. (A tad over 40 years since we chose Joanna's as the "best in London" during my first Street Machine job hunting the Best Burgers in the UK - the Hard Rock won!) It was a day early - now it's July 20th, kicking off my big day mixing a preview - far out! 50 years ago my party was during the moon landing, wow, what a night! Earlier in the year when we celebrated Drag Racing '69 Sarah was a wee lass next to Tudor Rose II's blower (an Xtreme crop of a shot from the original century 21 Hot Gossip, taken some months after she drove me down the dragstrip in an Oldsmobile Rocket, a true drag racing pioneer! One day you'll read the story, but this tale goes w-a-y back in my youth, when I learned of "hyperlinks" through sci-fi books at my library, and how six words from a Slam'n Sam quote saw my mind blast off into a tale with the same tag line as 2017's Hot Gossip 001, *Laissez les bons temps rouler!* In case you've

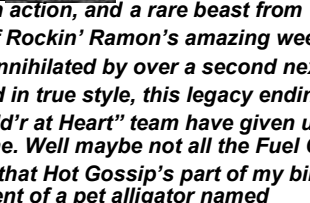


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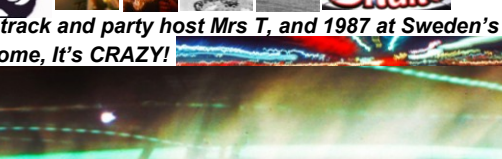
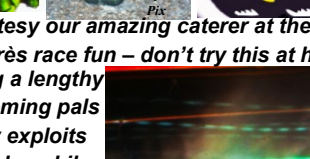


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forgotten, that's "Let the good times roll..." As these Xtreme tease crops suggest, it's kinda wild too, in every sense! This time Sam's words from my archives help debunk one of the great myths about 1960s original muscle car the GeeTO, in the nicest way possible 'cos it's still a fabulous street machine beloved by many, including 21st century racers thanks to our own awesome, 7-second street legal 200mph beauty seen winning on page two,



All this animal action and more in the August issue out now!



I forgot Snake & the Mongoosé! Images not in Hot Gossip

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Tune in next month, same time, same channel for more weird and wonderful...