

# Ruapuna, October 23rd 2005

PERFECT weather and perfect track conditions for the Powerbuilt Tools Southern Drag Nationals at Ruapuna Park, Christchurch. Plus an added attraction of a couple of nitro wild cards doing exhibition runs, these being Athol Williams from Pokeno on his Nitro drag bike, which has run a 6.4 in the UK! And Karl Boniface from the deep south in his Nitro Flashback '74 Vega Funny Car which has run consistent 6's in the USA.

'Top Street was another favourite class; Roger Binnema's Chevy powered Honda Accord took out the honours over Graham Carter's rapid Jag, Bradley Rosewarne's fresh '68 Camaro and Graham Bates' jaw-dropping Vauxhall Cresta powered by a twin-turbo'd 372 cube Donovan!

Doorslammer class looked promising,

but a series of breakdowns and mishaps conspired to make it almost a non-event. Trevor Tynan had a fuel problem (later ran a 7.7); Chris Tynan lost a driveshaft (but not before running a 6.9); Mark Holland had trans problems. The Doorslammer final was whittled down to Wellington's Dave Green and local hero Steve Batey. But Dave's starter motor called it quits and the Corvette couldn't make it to the start line in time. Steve did his burnout and shredded his blower belt! So Dave Green's Vette and Steve's '55 were both

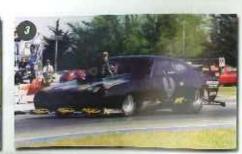
bought out to the start line, and both cars were physically pushed to the finish line! Steve was already deemed the winner as Dave had not started. The big push resulted in two slipped discs and a sprained ankle for Steve's crew, and a sore back and a double hernia for Dave's team.

From John Eva

'The day's big interruption was a onehour delay following a 650 metre oildown. The small clean-up crew were well knackered by the end of the day. Apart from Powerbuilt Tools, other sponsors included Cylinder Head Specialists, The Rock, Silvester V8 Performance, Japanese Race Supplies and Kelford Cams.













- 1/ Only second time out for Athol Williams with his nitro bike running exhibition only.
- 2/ Scott Tolhurst's injected Chevy rail is a natural step up; just two years ago he was piloting a junior dragster!
- 3/ Mark Holland's Charger suffered clutch and trans maladies. Car is stunning.
- 4/ Graham Alexander's Beretta Doorslammer about to make a pass. Crew girls got in the way of the camera. Damn!
- 5/ ....and there goes the chase vehicle...slight breeze....
- 6/ Craig Griffiths from Nelson runs low 8s in a well-presented rall.
- 7/ Super Gas final: Arnie Tulhira takes the win over Andrew Keach.
- 8/ Dave Green's Corvette Doorslammer suffered a busted starter motor just before the final.
- 9/ Comp final: Grant Findlay's '34 wins with a 10.009 over the DeBoo team from Blenheim.
- 10/ Top Street final: Graham Bates' PC Cresta gets the jump on Roger Binnema's Accord.









## Results

Top Ale	Top Alcohol	
1st	Bryan Norman	7.57
2nd	Wayne Curry	7.58

#### Top Door Slammer

Semi Finalist Mark Vincent

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and	David Green	DNS
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1st	Geoff Winter	11,352
2nd	Elton Couter	13.819

#### Super Gas

1st	Arnie Tuihura	10,371
2nd	Andrew Keach	9,888

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1st	Peter Costelloe	10,831
2nd	Nathan MacPherson	11.838

#### Competitio

181	Grant Findlay	10.008
2nd	lan & Dylan Deboo	10.397

## Modified

161	Maree Wisson	6.95
Znd	Craig Griffith	8.342

#### Ton Street

1st	Roger Binnema	8.280
2nd	Graeme Bates	8.957

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### **Modified Blke**

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## **Competition Bike**

151	Phil Nunn 9,097	
2nd	Tristan Scalmer	10.2

# Junior Dragster

151	Stuart Minchington	9,33
2nd	Morgan Tolhurst	9.78

