

POWERBUILT SOUTHERN NATIONALS

Round One of the New Zealand Drag Racing National Championship Series

The crowd loved this! Karl Boniface's Nitro Flashback being wheeled to the start line
.....Karl about to make an exhibition pass
Ran a high 8. Will get better.



Wild, wheel-lifting Pop of Wayne Sycamore now has a wind-cheating top chop.

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From John Eva

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. The day's big interruption was a one-hour delay following a 650 metre oil-down. 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 Boretta 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 rail.
- 7/ Super Gas final: Arnie Tuihura 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 Alcohol		
1st	Bryan Norman	7.572
2nd	Wayne Curry	7.587
Semi Finalist	Mark Vincent	8.801

Top Door Slammer		
1st	Steve Batey	DNF
2nd	David Green	DNS
Semi Finalist	Chris Tynan	6.908
Qtr Finalist	Trevor Tynan	
	Mark Holland	
	Graham Alexander	

Super Street		
1st	Geoff Winter	11.352
2nd	Elton Couter	13.819

Super Gas		
1st	Arnie Tuihura	10.371
2nd	Andrew Keach	9.888

Super Sedan		
1st	Peter Costelloe	10.831
2nd	Nathan MacPherson	11.838

Competition		
1st	Grant Findlay	10.009
2nd	Ian & Dylan Deboo	10.397

Modified		
1st	Maree Wilson	8.95
2nd	Craig Griffith	8.342

Top Street		
1st	Roger Binnema	8.280
2nd	Graeme Bates	8.957

Modified Bike		
1st	Ian Templeton	10.930
2nd	Stevie Taylor	11.254

Competition Bike		
1st	Phil Nunn	9.097
2nd	Tristan Scalmer	10.201

Junior Dragster		
1st	Stuart Minchington	9.332
2nd	Morgan Tolhurst	9.791

