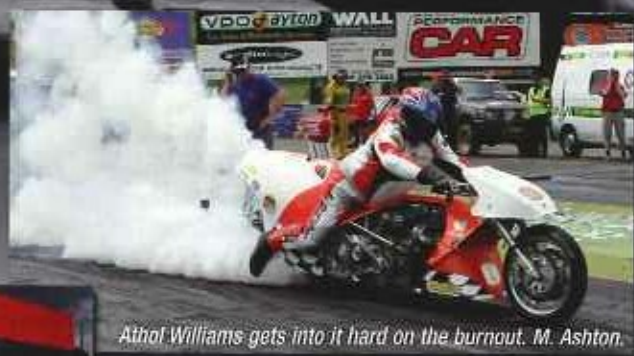


Graham Carter's Wildcat wrinkles the slicks at launch.
It'll be a top competitor again this season. M. Bain



CHAMPION TEST & TUNE



Athol Williams gets into it hard on the burnout. M. Ashton

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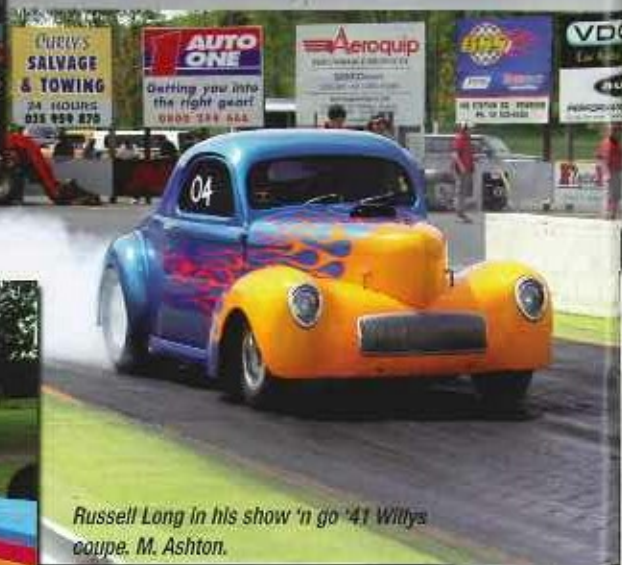
CHAMPION DRAGWAY opened to its first test & tune for the season with several new race cars making their first lap on a NZ dragstrip. Mark Vincent and crew debuted their hemi powered alcohol rail. Athol Williams and team also debuted their nitro funny bike. Both showed promise first time out. This is going to be one hell of an exciting drag racing season.



Athol Williams (2nd from left) and crew are set for a full season of nitro racing. M. Bain



Mark Vincent and crew ready to race. M. Bain



Russell Long in his show 'n go '41 Willys coupe. M. Ashton