



Great line-up of junior dragsters holds great promise for the future. MA.

Top Street

Kevin McGregor ran a 7.95 at 172 mph in his beautifully constructed 2000 Camaro with a 500ci Chev that is absolutely tuned to perfection in both the engine and chassis departments. Reaching for the sky was the Vauxhall Cresta of Graeme Bates whilst Kelly Rennie's Black Panther blown smallblock Chev powered Jag literally sat on its own rear bumper. Both cars pounce out of the hole to run eights with ease. If you are looking for consistent race cars, look no further than the Brian Roberts Towing Falcon of Gary Bogaart and the clean yellow Camaro of Laurie Ulrich.

Yes, indeed there was something for everyone at the NZDRA Century Batteries Drag Nationals – everything except the weather on Sunday. A decent size crowd, great racing and superb organisation on Saturday created much anticipation for Sunday but it just wasn't to be. While drag racing is on the rise in New Zealand with more pro-active promotion and new cars on the scene and old faces returning, the 2005/2006 season has sure had its share of ups and downs.

Motorcycle

from Richard Ramsey

Despite the rain we still had a few interesting runs by the Competition bikes.

Ian's Hilder's run on the "Rice Rocket" was far from clean or "nice". He lost his grip on the foot pegs at take-off and as the bike launched forward he slid back out off the seat and onto the rear bodywork of the bike. Hanging on to the handgrips by his fingertips he managed to stay on the bike but then the bike started to head for the wall. It was a close call but he was able to steer the bike away from the wall and get back in control. A heart stopping moment for all who saw it and a great display of bike handling skills by Ian.



ABOVE: Athol Williams TF/DB being pushed back by crew. MB.



LEFT: A heart stopping moment for all who saw it and a great show of bike handling skills by Ian Hilder who lost his grip on the foot pegs at takeoff. JH.

Parry Hunt in the Hellraiser car went thru the finish releasing Graham Alexander's ashes and the timing board showing 6.70/200 mph. A time Graham had always wanted to do. MA.



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Rain put an end to the 2006 Nationals, twice. MA.