

g hall of fame

uced some incredible results in terms of both tales
ng trusted with people's old photos and albums so
s. This month we have lifted a few shots from the
from the now defunct Thunderpark and it's quite
e some of our readers were even born. The New
legacy, is preserved by people like Lee ...



out with his polished funny car act. This Mustang-bodied alcohol burning F/C
ent candid telephone interview Alan explained that he bought the funny car
his amazing jet car. Alan's machine was powered by a 540ci KB Hemi,
was unfortunately bent out of shape a little bit in Christchurch at the Ruapuna
Oldsmobile that dipped into the 6.30's at around 228mph. (Lee White pic)



■ Kiwi drag strips have had some excellent acts form overseas
over the years. One such act was Gary Phillips from Australia.
His was another funny car to wow the crowds with long, smoky
bumouts. An American team that toured New Zealand around
that era was that of alcohol funny car campaigners Lemon and
Burr. It seems that Jack Burr, a sought after and talented
painter who had a reputation for his amazing work on fair-
ground carousels, recently passed away after a heart attack. His
passing is a sad loss for those who restore carousels as well as
for drag racing. (Lee White pic)

Keep them coming!

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■ Longtime Chrysler fan and acclaimed engine builder Eric Livingstone is seen here circa early
eighties with at the wheel of the Hemi-powered T-bucket that he first put on the road in 1978 -
and he still owns it. Pictured at Champion Dragway the car had, at the time, twin AFBs on a genu-
ine Chrysler intake. The 426 Hemi is backed by a 727 and 9". The rear gears ranged from 3.9
through 4.11 to 4.88 depending on 'circumstances'. Being a busy man with his own business Eric
doesn't use the car as much as he'd like but he's still a staunch petrol head. (PC pic)



■ A timely inclusion would have to be this shot of Athol Williams on his screaming Kawasaki. This
bike ran a best of 10.7 @ 124mph but it looks like Athol's about to get a bigger kick in the back-
side. A keen bike man from way back (PC thinks this shot is twenty-odd years old), Athol has just
upped the ante in the bike ranks with his recently purchased top fuel machine. Athol's plans for
the coming season are outlined elsewhere in this issue. (PC pic)

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