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An early decal of Amber Green Dragways is displayed on this South East Asian Sun Hat. Was the Amber & Green colors for the Christmas Tree?

We have enjoyed attending The Fall-Out at Rock Falls Raceway in Eau Claire, Wisconsin for the past six years. The facility has been upgraded, to the benefit of both racers and spectators. The track was built and began running in 1969. It was originally named Amber Green Dragway.

At the latest event in September, the track was once again breaking records for attendance and car count. Plenty of the area's best cars were present, and many new class records were set. The Minnesota sponsored G.S.T.A. (Gopher State Timing Association) car show has doubled in size, and this event is



Paul Zielsdorf, lucky winner of the GM Crate motor from Suburban GM Parts Joe Maresh, Smokey "Moe" Peterson and Mike Kraft



Bill Killough's 1963 LeMans blown Gasser



Paul Zielsdorf, AJ Zanagler who gave up the winning aluminum heads from Patterson Race Engines, lucky recipient Eric Hendrickson, and Smokey Moe. The C-Tech display with custom cabinets, tool carts and shop & garage cabinets





*A great overhead shot of the cackle fest by Rayann Davis.  
A reminder of how the pit area looked in the early days of Drag Racing.*

quickly becoming a fan favorite.

The weather was perfect all weekend long with nearly continuous racing action. The track staff did an excellent job with track prep and clean up after break downs. The tower announcers showcased the competition within the

Gasser groups and kept the cars moving in the staging lanes. Several car clubs also made runs within their groups.

The nostalgic "Pie Crust" competition featured several classes of cars running pie crust slicks. No burnouts were allowed, just like back in the '60's.

On Saturday, a burnout contest was held. It was a huge crowd favorite, with several cars burning the hides until their tires blew. Rubber smoke was everywhere and I haven't a clue how the judges could select the winner.



*Several Fuel Dragsters fired their Nitro Burning Hemi Engines to the delight of the cheering crowd*



*A packed Drivers' Meeting*



*Wheels up for Patrick Hampton's Competition Coupe "Panty Dropper"*



*Wild "Burn Out" contest, and winner Gene Johnson in his '51 Pontiac "Da Chief"*



*Grump? Looks like him but its Greg Schloer in his '37 Chevy*



*Parts & pieces. You don't have to say more.*



*Craig Ziegler's '56 Wagon, "Gassed Up"*



*Ben Bacon in his ever high wheelie Anglia*



*The line up for the "Pie Eating Contest" - Johnny "Bucket" Schoele, Rich Maier, Jamie Mealy, Mitch Mannino, Eric Hendrickson and Mark Kluge*



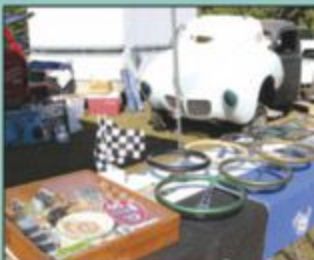
*Some of the entries in the G.S.T.A. car show: Tom Hyke's '33 Ford 3 window, Dave Lindvig's 1935 Ford and Shawn Kuehl's 1940 Ford from the Scavengers Car Club*

Another great event Saturday was a Nitro Cackdefest. Several roaring dragsters and a funny car put on a great show of horsepower and flames. The high dose of nitro fumes brought tears to some eyes in the cheering crowd.

There was a huge event merchandise

tent. Spectators and racers lined up to buy commemorative souvenirs. The event t-shirts sold out on Saturday. I hope they take notice for next year's event. I am sure that the extensive media advertising for this event in print, on the radio, and on TV contributed to its success.

Suburban GM Parts, an event sponsor, again donated a GM crate motor. This year's winner was Joe Maresh who drives the 1938 Chevrolet Coupe "Blue Dago". A pair of Chevrolet heads was donated by another sponsor, Bruce Patterson of Patterson Race Engines in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The winner was



*There were many vendors in the swap meet, Mike Ragan with his wheels, Number one salesperson Arduin with her dad Titus Bloedorn and Ben Shannon's many steering wheels.*



*Greg Grubel's 1951 Chevy*

*Rick Bowman's 1940 Willys*

*Ken Kinnucan's 1967 AMC*



*Steve Erickson's nose high '55 D/Gasser*



*Ed Rolaro's 1937 Famoso Speed Shop Chevy*



*Tony Zompetta's "Bone Shaker" Willys*

AJ, one of the club members handling the event. Being a Hemi dragster owner, he suggested that another number be drawn. Eric Hendrickson was the happy winner. Nice job AJ.

New for next year is a planned "Willys Gathering". The display area will be

open to all Willys cars and parts. All are invited to hang out and share stories and photos. Doyle Stewart will be the contact person. Doyle will post information on the event site and several Willys websites as it becomes available.

Next year's event will be held on Friday & Saturday, September 16th & 17th. This should be the largest number of vintage race cars, show cars, and car clubs to gather at Rock Falls Raceway. Sure look forward to being back trackside capturing the action and seeing many old friends and cars. Be Safe!



*John Swick's "Cry'n Time" '55 Chevy*



*Jack Liberto's 1927 Tall T "Green Hornet"*



*Devin Dark's GCS Falcon*



*Bill Killough's '63 LeMans blown Gasser*



*Dan Lau's 1940 Willys Pickup*



*Whitey Hurst's '48 Anglia A/Gasser*