

NITRO FLASHBACK

STRAIGHT & NARROW



Meeting Report

19 March 2005 Ruapuna - Christchurch



We are hoping for much better traction off the start line here.

1st run hooks real hard to the right, like a slingshot off the line and throws the car almost to the grass. After lifting off the gas I eased the power back on and hazed the tires the full quarter again as the car goes into a sweeping power slide to the left across the finish line @182 mph. (that's knocking on 300kph) The crew report that they could see the sign writing on the side of the car it was that crossed up!!

2nd run, squeezed the throttle slowly while yanking the brakes as hard as possible to put some resistance on the driveline. It works.....too well.... and the car labours off the line lazily.

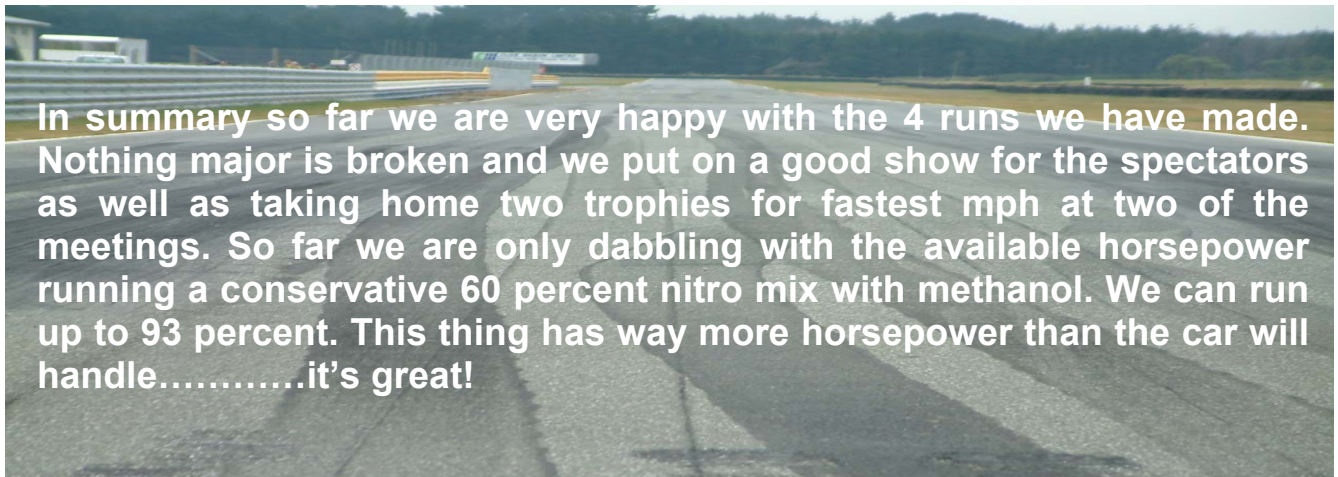
As momentum builds I released the brake and the rear starts to drift again as the tires break traction, through to $\frac{3}{4}$ track all is well until I here a bang in the clutch can (no damage just scared me to death) and lift to coast across the line. 181mph. Then things get exciting.



Applying the brake the car starts to bounce and the parachutes “hit” making the car airborne and then slamming it back to the ground, finally I pull the car up while being thrown around like a rag doll and sit collecting my thoughts (and breath).

The safety crew arrives and one of them is really pumped up. “far out, that thing had two feet of air under it across the finish line”.

“Even in the breaking area in this car is a true entertainer.”



In summary so far we are very happy with the 4 runs we have made. Nothing major is broken and we put on a good show for the spectators as well as taking home two trophies for fastest mph at two of the meetings. So far we are only dabbling with the available horsepower running a conservative 60 percent nitro mix with methanol. We can run up to 93 percent. This thing has way more horsepower than the car will handle.....it's great!

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