



**STRAIGHT & NARROW**

# News Letter

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Straight and Narrow, a brief newsletter intended to keep our supporters and interested parties informed of our progress as we battle one of the steepest learning curves there is in the sport of Drag Racing.

Our goal is to reintroduce the ear shattering, ground shaking , guard rail to guard rail action that is NITRO FUNNY CARS to New Zealand. In the USA in the 1970s and early 1980s Nitro Funny Cars were the main show, they were loud, dangerous, unpredictable and always entertaining. We intend to duplicate a little action from that era.

15 years have lapsed since the last “fuel” car ran in NZ and approx 20 since a “fuel flopper” (funny car) ran, due mainly to the cost, unforgiving nature of the fuel and, oh yeah.....the cost. . There is a whole generation of motorsport fans who have not yet seen, heard or had their nostrils burnt by nitro belching fuel car.

The sport of Drag Racing can lay claim to having something no other form of motorsport comes close to.....NITROMETHANE. This exotic fuel is chemically classified as an explosive due to the fact that a by product of its combustion is oxygen. In short it is a hydrocarbon (rocket fuel) that explodes rather than burns. Engine tuning becomes critical as this fuel is unforgiving and has a nasty habit of bursting motors into flaming fireballs without warning. Get it right and the car hauls down the track at a phenomenal rate of acceleration that tends to take both sides of your lane to contain.

Add this volatile cocktail to a short wheel base car and you have “instant entertainment.”

Obviously Drag Racing is very much a minority sport in NZ. Because of this we will be looking to attend many different events to do exhibition runs, static start ups (nitro misting) and displays to hopefully result in getting more bums on seats at the racetracks.

Please come by the races some day, stop in and say Hi. We are easy to find thrashing away servicing the car between runs in front of our huge white “Ultimate Trailer” transporter and we are always happy to talk about what’s going on.

**Karl Boniface & Crew**

**PS; If you have received this newsletter in the mail and are wondering why it is because we have appreciated your help somewhere along the way. Many people and businesses have donated their time and materials to help us out and we are extremely grateful. You can take pride in that you are assisting us to achieve something special. Thank you very much.**

**Anyone interested in becoming involved, or booking the car for promotion can ring Karl on 0274 358 026. There is a limit to what we can do with our own funds. If this car is to become a regular entertainer we need supporters and marketing partners.**