

STRAIGHT & NARROW

So, what's been happening over the off-season of 2005???



Well for the first few months, not much, as me and the crew caught up with the many things that went on hold while we got the car sorted earlier in the year.

For me, it was the end of 18 months hard slog getting the car and trailer operational. Diana's "hubby to do list" was several pages long and I had no energy left so we took the kids and headed for the Gold Coast for a week of theme parks, beaches and pools. It was great to spend some family time away from everything and we all returned refreshed and ready to go.

Once on top of the backlogged man about the house jobs we set to preparing the car again.

Everything was slapped together in a rush when we first got the car going.

So that means "project paint" for us now and everything was stripped, checked, replaced as necessary, chromed, painted and tidied and currently we are bolting everything back together. Let me tell you, it looks goooood!



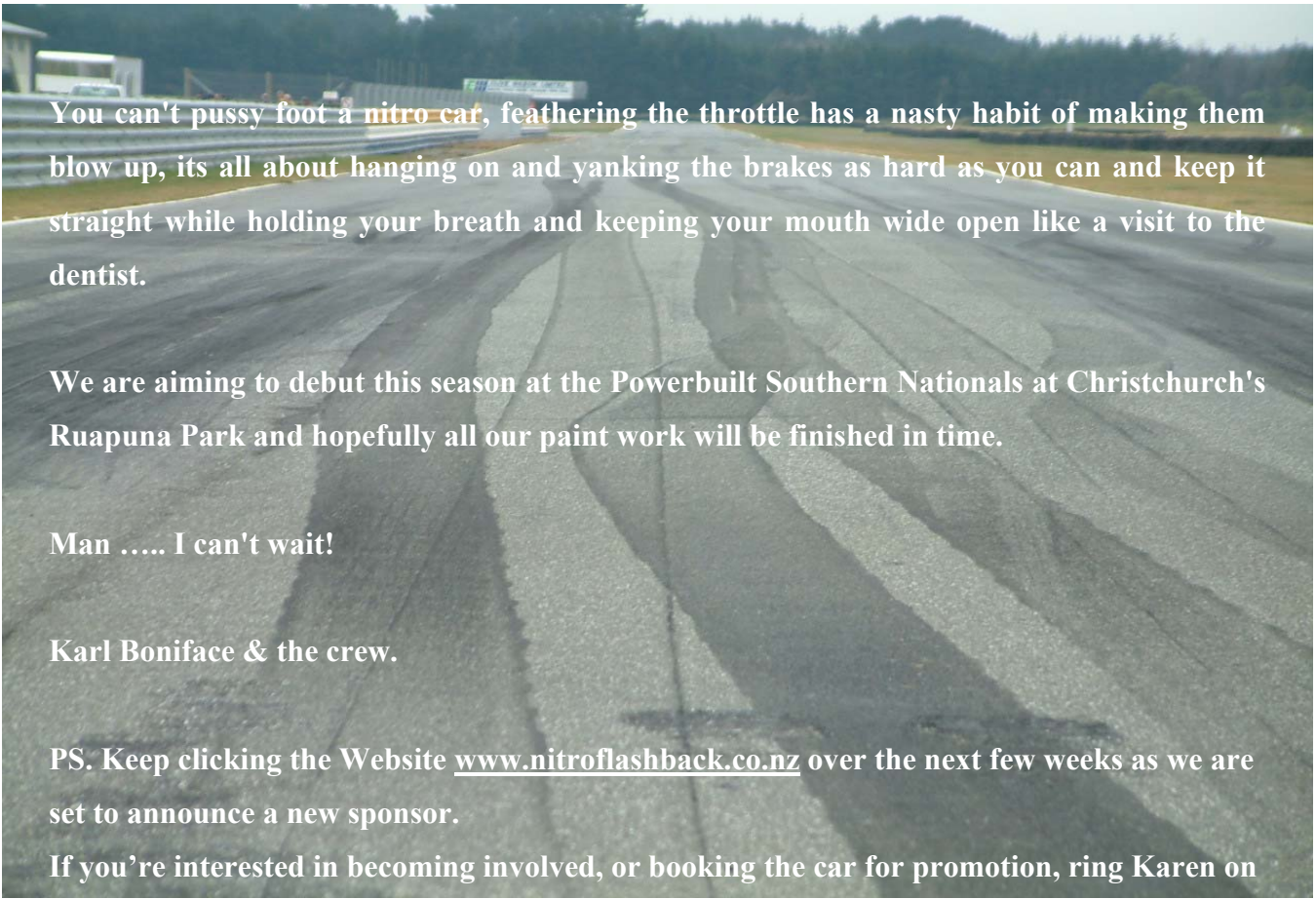
Much work has been done to the body in preparation for paint as I ran it pretty much "off the shelf" last season. Mark Brookland and Tony MacDonald have done a wonderful job and spent many hours detailing the fibreglass body, adding strength and preparing for paint. Right now the

body is at Auto Panels in Invercargill, Steve Rogers and the team are working in with a local custom painter to lay on a top quality paint job.

PPG and Wrens in Invercargill are really getting behind us to ensure a top class finish is achieved and Rob Miller of Insignia is going to go crazy with his air brush. Cool, I can't wait; it sure is going to be one loud paint job to fit in with the car's whole persona.

I decided to take a mould of the body prior to painting as the risk of damaging the original is always there, particularly because the damn thing won't go straight and running nitro is like lighting the wick to a bomb between your legs and hoping you get to the other end before it explodes.

At least we have the ability now to make another body if required or even make certain panels if I end up smacking the guard-rail.



You can't pussy foot a **nitro car**, feathering the throttle has a nasty habit of making them blow up, its all about hanging on and yanking the brakes as hard as you can and keep it straight while holding your breath and keeping your mouth wide open like a visit to the dentist.

We are aiming to debut this season at the Powerbuilt Southern Nationals at Christchurch's Ruapuna Park and hopefully all our paint work will be finished in time.

Man I can't wait!

Karl Boniface & the crew.

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