



# DRAW

## ATTENTION

Fast Help For Fast Friends

**MARCH 2005**

### NATIONAL BOOTH REPORT - By Rosalee Noble

#### *Carquest Auto Parts Winternationals*

- We started the season as usual in Pomona, CA. As usual, we had rain. However, we did get the race finished in one weekend instead of having to return for a second weekend as we did last year. The DRAW Booth is once again located on the Elite display trailer on manufacturers' midway. Mike Cunningham is the driver of the truck that is carrying our booth. We appreciated all Mike's help last year and are looking forward to working with him again this year.

Thanks to Tim and Laurie Link for storing booth supplies over the winter.



Pictured Left to Right: Tim & Laurie Link  
and Jim & Pat-Erwin Capen

Laurie is DRAW Area 7 Coordinator. She and Tim worked the booth all weekend. Also, Patty Taylor, Pat Erwin-Capen and Jim Capen helped out in the booth over the weekend. Thanks to Pat for making an In-N-Out Burger run one day. For those of you East of Arizona, that is the burger of choice in the West. None of the ingredients are frozen. The ground beef is fresh and they cut the potatoes to make the French fries.

#### *Checker Schuck's Kragen Nationals*

This year, the Phoenix race was a three day race. They have had an

abundance of rain this year and as a result, it was very green. The desert was blooming and the cactus even look green and happy. Since Super Stock was racing in Phoenix and will not run in Houston, TX, in April, William and Sarah McLemore made the trip to Phoenix. Sarah is DRAW Area 4 Coordinator. To our



Manning the booth in Phoenix were Carrie King  
and Sarah McLemore

surprise, Carrie King from Idaho appeared at the booth to work during the weekend. It was really good to see her. The last time we saw Carrie was the Joliet race last spring when she made the trip to help out at the auction. Booth sales for Phoenix were good.

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## NEW ITALIAN CHARMS

DRAW now has available two new Italian photo charms. One is the NHRA logo and the other is the DRAW 20th Anniversary Logo. The cost of each charm is \$15.00. Shipping and handling is \$5.00 per order. You may send your request to DRAW - 4 Hance Drive - Charleston, IL 61920 or call 217 345-6537.

## 20th ANNIVERSARY DECAL

Now available, DRAW's 20th anniversary standard size decal. The cost of a decal is \$3.00. Shipping and handling is \$5.00 per order. You may send your request to DRAW - 4 Hance Drive - Charleston, IL 61920. or call 217 345-6537.

## UPDATE

*Mert Littlefield - 1114 E. Kimberly, Anaheim, CA 92801* To clarify what happened, the TAFC driven by Mert Littlefield crashed in the sand trap on the final qualifying lap on Saturday at Pomona. After crossing the finish line at over 250 mph, the parachutes did not deploy (reasons currently unknown) and Mert was unable to get the car stopped before the sand trap. After hitting the sand trap, which was more of a mud

pit after Friday's rain, the car catapulted 20-25 feet into the air according to top-end observers. The car landed upside-down in the mud past the second catch net, and the body landed on Fairplex Drive right next to a police vehicle (much to their surprise).

Mert was conscious and alert, and the track officials cut the roll cage and used a backboard to transport Mert out of the car as a precaution. He was taken to the hospital and was found to have no injuries other than a puncture in his left leg, probably from the reverse lever. He arrived back to the track at 9 that night, and it is needless to say that he is sore but otherwise healthy. The car, however, is totaled. The body is a throwaway and the chassis is severely damaged. The extent of the damage is to be determined when the car is evaluated on a later date. It is likely that the team will return, but it is too early to predict when.

We would like to thank all those who helped at the top end and in the pits, including the Safety Safari, RFC, and various racers, friends, and helpful observers. We would also like to thank Paul Kuhnke for building a great car that withstood the impact of the wreck and kept Mert safe.

It has been a tough year after crashing the racecar at the Winternationals and wrecking the truck and trailer last April in a 66-car pileup, but we have also had a lot of fun during this time and received a lot of support. We appreciate everyone's thoughts and concerns and hope to be back to the races soon.

*Thank you,  
the Littlefield family*

# INJURED RACERS UPDATE

(REMINDER - not all injured racers are receiving financial assistance. However, they all need our emotional support. Be sure to send those cards and letters.)

**Clay Adkins - 307 Santa Cruz Drive, Moscow Mills, MO 63362 - Wife: Jovy - Children: Two Girls 7 and 11 years old.** Clay was participating in the weekly program at Gateway international in Madison, IL, on June 10, 2004, when he hit the wall at top end and rolled his altered car several times: Clay had to have bone graphed from his hip to his arm last month and is doing therapy three times a week.

**Brian Bartlett - 4619 Stratton, Little Rock, AR 72209 - Wife: Angela:** Brian was injured on June 5, 2004, at Centerville Dragway in Centerville, AR. At the end of the track, he had problems with the steering. He hit a pole at the end of the track. He broke #4 and #5 vertebra in his back and neck. At the present he is suffering paralysis. When he is released from the hospital he will go to a rehabilitation center for therapy.

**Tim Borrall - 513 N. 3rd St., Milo, IA 50166:** - Tim crashed his alcohol injected Funnybike at the AMA/Prostar Schnitz Memphis Blues Nationals at Memphis Motorsports Park in October. Tim got out of shape right off the line, and went into a tire barrier. Tim went through the tire barrier and impacted a concrete temporary barrier. Borrall suffered a concussion, a broken right hand and shattered left shoulder. Tim is home, working on his recovery.

**Tim Essick - 16611 Summers Lane - Brandywine, MD 20621:** - Tim was injured on October 22, 2004, at Maryland International Raceway in Mechanicsville, MD. He was medi-

vated to PG Trauma Center and then transferred to the University of MD Medical Center where he underwent surgery on his right elbow and forearm. At the present time he has limited finger movement.

**Mark Gilbert - 156 E. Old Philadelphia Rd, Elkton, MD 21921**

**Wife: Karen:** Injured November 6, at Cecil County, Rising Sun, MD. Mark was driving his super comp dragster, when the car rolled along the guard rail, and caught fire.

His arm restraints did not hold, and Mark lost the lower part of his left arm. Mark was flown to Baltimore University Hospital, shock trauma, and has been through several surgeries. Our thoughts are with Mark and Karen and they continue with this healing process.

**Randy Potts - 3474 Hebron Etowah, NC 28729**

**Wife - Melissa:** Randy's wife, Melissa would like to thank everyone for their spiritual, emotional and financial support and believes everyone has been a blessing to Randy. They just got a handicap van and are hoping to get an argumentative communication system soon.

Even though Randy's mind is still good he still can not speak. Randy had a crash back in November 2003 and Randy and Melissa need a lot of prayers, cards and letters to help his through these times. Please keep them coming as they mean a lot to him and his family.

## CARES AND CONCERNS

Dillen Darlesy - Jr. Dragster Driver, diagnosed with Leukemia

Nine years old junior dragster driver, Dillen Darley, has been diagnosed with Leukemia. He races his

Jr. Dragster named "Hyperactive" at Moroso Motorsports Park in West Palm Beach, FL. Dillen's parents are Keith and Elizabeth Darley of Stuart, FL. Moroso has been extremely helpful with letting friends of Dillen's take up collections, as have our racers been generous to contribute a portion of their winnings at big events. Dillen's friends are in the planning stages of an auction to benefit the family as well, or they may go the E-Bay way! If you would like to make a donation to the family, an account has been opened at: Bank Of America You can go to any Bank Of America and make a donation to help the family. Bank Of America - acct.# 005493311958 - Mention that this is a Florida acct. Dillen is still in the hospital suffering from a high fever. At the present time, cards may be sent to the following address:

Dillen Darley  
C/O Karen Kinsley  
2302 NE 15th CT.  
Jensen Beach, Florida 34957

## SYMPATHY

**Doug Graham - 1007 W. 21st Ave., Hutchinson, KS 67502** **Wife: Cindy, Children Tyler and Steve:** Doug passed away February 15, 2005 from Leukemia. Doug raced his red and white, 56 Chevy, in Super Pro class, at Heartland Park Topeka. The family needs your heartfelt thoughts and prayers.

**Michael E Thompson, 45:** of Millbury Ohio died October 16, 2004 at his home. For many years, Mike worked as a Cable Puller at the starting line for Diamond P Sports Production Group, working at many tracks around the country. After being injured in a motorcycle accident in 1998, Mike then worked as a production Runner for Diamond P and then for ESPN. Mike died peacefully at his home, due to complications from his motorcycle accident. He is survived by daughters Abbey & Amy Thompson, 29393 Pemberville Rd, Millbury, Ohio 43447.



## LETTERS TO DRAW

### THANK YOU

It has been a year now since I had my accident in Orlando, FL. I'm back to racing now and am looking forward to seeing all my friends. The support I received from the drag racing community was unbelievable. The cards and letters from all the DRAW members were a real boost to my recovery.

*David Marcus, Jr. – Sarasota, FL.*

Rich Okerman, who received burns to his hands and face in April of 2004 when he rolled his Super Gas car several times at the NHA Nationals in Las Vegas, stopped by the DRAW booth in Phoenix. He has recovered nicely and is back to racing. He expressed his thanks for all the cards and letters from DRAW members. He said the words of encouragement were a vital part of his recovery.

Dear Draw,

Re: Mert Littlefield crash at Winternationals

We would like to thank Draw and its members for their emotional support after Mert's wreck in Pomona.

Gratefully and thankfully we are in no need of your financial assistance. Mert was very sore, but physically ok.

Again, we thank you for being right there and we hope to be back at the track soon.

*Mert & Lee & Brad Littlefield*  
TAFC 78

Draw,

Mark & I wanted to let you know we really appreciate all of your help. I would really like if you could pass my thank you along to everyone involved in DRAW. The money that is provided to us by DRAW has been a great deal of help. Without your blessing, I really could not imagine what we would be going through. I really appreciate everything from everyone who is included in your foundation. Everything you have done has been a great blessing.

Thank you,  
*Mark & Karen Gilbert*

### Notes from Joan

## Treasurers Report

Treasurers report  
for February 2005

Financial Aid Paid Out  
For February 2005  
\$10,500.00

Families Helped During  
February 2005  
8

*Joan Guynn*

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## Area Four News

April will be a very busy month for Area 4. The NHRA O'Reilly Spring Nationals (Houston Raceway Park) will be April 7-10. Two weeks later, April 22-24, will be the NHRA Sportsnationals (No Problem Raceway, La.). Then, last but not least, will be NHRA LODRS meet at Texas Motorplex April 29-May 1. Our plan is to attend each of these races. The DRAW booth should be in an area easily accessible to the racers and fans.

We just returned from the NHRA Checker Schucks Kragen Nationals in Phoenix, AZ. This was our first time to be in the Phoenix area. We enjoyed it immensely. Though there were threats of rain throughout the race, "mother nature" tricked the weather people. The sun was bright and the rains never came all weekend. It was such a joy to see friends that we had not seen in a number of years. That is part of what our participation in drag racing is all about.

One of our injured racers came by the DRAW booth at the Phoenix race. He was expressing his gratitude to DRAW for the assistance, and emotional support that he received from members, racers, and fans. He said the emotional support was very important to him in his recovery. He was impressed with the cards and notes of concern that he received. He was encouraged with each one he received in the mail. Remember to take a few minutes out of your day to brighten the day of our injured racers and their families by sending a card and note of encouragement.

*See you at the races.*

*Sarah McLemore*

## Area Six News

Hello from Area 6!

As we eagerly await the start of our new season of racing, we are already making plans for our DRAW booth. Our two main events for the season at Mission Raceway, in Mission, British Columbia, will be the Lordco B.C. Nationals on the weekend of May 14 & 15, and the Lucas Oil Canadian National Open on the weekend of July 16 & 17. As usual, we will need all the help we can get for these two big weekends! These are our primary fundraising opportunities of the season. Please contact Darlene Evans if you are planning on attending either (or both) of these events and could spare us a little time while you are there as a DRAW volunteer!

This month I thought I would share a few quotes that typify the true backbone of our organization - Our volunteers, of course! These individuals make it possible for DRAW to function, and we are all so very grateful for their help. So, in keeping with the volunteer theme I offer some words from the wise:

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."  
--Winston Churchill

"Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them."  
--Harriet Naylor

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is just that little extra." -- Anonymous

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen." -- Anonymous

"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." -- Anonymous

In closing, I'd like to remind you that Darlene is still working towards her goal of having a DRAW track representative at every track in Area 6. Please contact her if this sounds like something you would like to do. As a Track representative, you are the eyes and ears for Darlene when she isn't able to be at your track. If there is an incident that DRAW should be made aware of, you will let Darlene know and together you'll make sure that if there is any requirement for DRAW to get involved and help - it will happen. The importance of having Track representatives at all tracks can't be stressed enough - if DRAW doesn't know about an injured racer, they can't help! Let's make sure that's not the case at any of our tracks!

Please make that call to Darlene today, and volunteer to help us out!

*Sincerely,*

*Patricia Moore*

### DRAWing Thoughts:

We are shaped and fashioned by what we love.

Draw welcomes letters from our readers. Please address all correspondence by the 5th of each month to:

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Please include your name, address, daytime phone number & e-mail address (if applicable). We reserve the right to edit letters for length and clarity. The DRAW newsletter is a publication of the *Drag*

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Christmas Tree	\$18.00		\$11.00		
Coil			\$7.00		
Dragster	\$15.00		\$ 9.00		
DRAW Logo	\$18.00		\$ 9.00		
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Funny Car	\$15.00		\$18.00		
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Money Clip - Christmas Tree			\$15.00		

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