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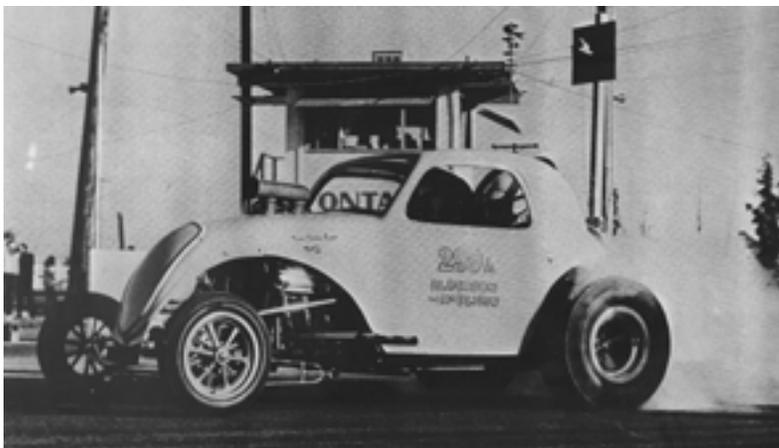
JESSICA CLARK RACING
NEWSLETTER



Hello Everyone!

Let me begin this newsletter by acknowledging how blessed I am. Jessica Clark Racing exists because of the many good thoughts and deeds of those who support me. I am truly grateful to you all!

Now, let's get down to business. You may remember me mentioning that I would be a guest speaker for the Road Kings of Burbank, an extremely prestigious car club in California. What a terrific experience that turned out to be! I shared the long version of my journey on the track – the one that began in 1957 with my grandpa, who set world records while drag racing altered A fueled and B fueled funny cars. Then the story shifted to my dad and his Baja 500 adventure. I have come to believe that my own journey is not random – it's what I'm meant to do. I'll be joining the Road Kings at a couple car shows this year, which will give me a chance to connect with them on a more personal level and reach out to the hot-rodders of California!



My Grandpa





My Dad in the Baja 500

Before the modified was even wrapped in its graphics, we took it to Havasu 95 Speedway for a test. We literally drove through rain, sleet, snow and a sand storm to get there. It was raining in Lake Havasu as we drove through town to the track, but the track itself remained dry throughout our testing that evening. I spent about 20 laps getting used to the feel of car. The steering, the brakes, and the visual points from inside the car are all drastically different from what I was used to. By the third session, I realized I had the car of my dreams. Steve Teets, along with Austin and Ted Barnes, were kind enough to come out and help me adapt to the car and the track. We rolled the car back into the trailer around 9:00 p.m., and I had a satisfied smile on my face as we began the six hour drive back home.

The first race of the season was on March 3rd at Havasu 95 Speedway. Although the weekend presented some challenges, we overcame them and were really pleased with the way things turned out. The first challenge to be met was getting the car to start in order to practice on Friday. We had to push start the car for a few sessions – my mom even helped – until a new starter motor arrived. By the end of practice that night, we had the quickest time of the day out of all the cars.

Qualifying in the Lucas Oil Modified series consists of running two laps on the edge of disaster in order to make it into the A main event. It's been about a year and a half since I had the opportunity to qualify that way. The car was just a little too tight for the way I drove it in qualifying – something I'll work on – so I was 13th quick. There were 34 cars, and the top 16 automatically get in to the "A" main. The rest have to duke it out in the "B" main and try to make the transfer since only 22 cars can start the 100 lap feature. My goal was to qualify for the "A" main, which I accomplished!



Everything was going according to plan in the feature, and my car felt amazing – until lap 16. The power steering belt broke, and I muscled it around the track for about four laps. Unfortunately we got a caution and once my speed dropped, it was nearly impossible to turn the car. I was pushed off the track and returned to the pits. My crew pounced on my car, fixed the problem, and got me back out on the track. I spent the next 80 laps driving from 22nd to 8th place. It was an incredible feeling to make so many passes! I could feel the front tires through the steering wheel. In the end, I was given 18th place because I went a few laps down when I was in the pits. All-in-all it was an awesome feeling to complete my first 100 lap feature – or at least 96 of them. :) Thanks Dad, Mom, Austin and Ted Barnes, Jimmy Dickerson, and Steve Teets for making the weekend such a success! And a big thanks to Eric Alton with Pit Image for giving us such a great looking car!

The race will be televised on MavTV, and they put two cameras on my car. I'll be sure to let everyone know when it will be aired.

The next race is at the Lucas Oil Raceway in Blythe. From there I'll be driving straight to a Girl Scout camp where I'll be addressing 500 girl scouts, ages 15-17, about empowering females. It will be a much different talk than the one I gave to the Road Kings. I'm really excited!

As always – thank you for supporting me!

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