

## Race Report by Dianna Munro

I know it has been a couple of months since I was able to write a report but it was not because there was nothing going on. I have been soo busy I can't even keep up. With everything trying to reopen and get back to normal, there have been quite a few races in a row. Let me do my best to catch you up.

### My Trailer

The Man Cave was finally finished and we were able to pick it up!!! Now the story behind the trip home...We went all the way to Mesa AZ to pick up the trailer and bring her home. On the way there, we were originally supposed to do some site seeing. We were gonna check out the Meteor crater and of course have a drink in Winslow. Well when I found out it was gonna be 3 ½ hour round trip and \$40 bucks to look at a BIG hole in the ground I decided to cancel that leg of the trip and swapped it for a few days of rest and relaxation. Let me tell you, I was soo glad I cancelled. The night we would have been going to the crater, the Freeway was shut down for 14 hrs because of 44 in of snow... Dang it!

We got to pick up the trailer on March 16, a little later than expected (thank goodness March Meet was delayed) but that day was actually our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and that made a great gift! I learned that the modern day gift for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary was diamonds, and since I just spent my wad on the new trailer, I asked for them to add **diamond** plate all around the bottom of trailer.... Anniversary gift covered!! We hooked up the new trailer and started our journey home. We spent a few days in Arizona to make sure everything worked, then went to Palm Springs to say hi to friends. Made our way home slowly but surely. Taking time to stop at all of the rest stops and use my own potty and grab snacks from my fridge! That was such a treat. Our road trip partner, Dakota, did amazing job also making sure we stopped every 2 hours so she could leave her mark. She stayed in her plush bed on the console between the seats.



Everything was going well until about 35 miles from home. Isn't that the way it always works. We were passing an oversize tractor trailer, which had a HUGE piece of construction equipment on the back. We were almost done with the pass when the lanes shifted and the tractor trailer did not. He kissed my Awning, causing it to rip backwards. We finished the pass and proceeded to pull over with my awning barely hanging on. You know sometimes crap happens. The truck driver honked his horn, then waved at us and kept on driving... Hit and run are you kidding?!?!? The worst part was I was not expecting it so I did not have his license plate number...

Thank goodness 1) that no one was injured 2) no one else was involved and 3) for insurance. I have learned through the years to have plenty of it....That meant a trip to the CHP for all of the paperwork, and trip to the RV repair place because that is where you want to take your new trailer right after you finally get it home. Everything is covered but it will take a few months to get the 22 foot awning in stock.

The RV place was kind enough to remove the damaged awning and let me have my trailer until the parts come in because the racing will start in 2 weeks. It was almost a perfect 1850 mile round trip but the last 35 miles sucked.

### **Season opener for West Coast Pro Gas at Redding March 13th**

I was still picking up the trailer but I heard Dan Ficher took out Harold Binsfeld in the Semis and then went on to win in D Gas.



### **Test and Tune/Grudgefest in Sacramento April 9-10<sup>th</sup>**

This was our first event since we got the trailer. We were so excited we decided to go the night before and sleep in the parking lot, no awning necessary! We were the only ones in the parking lot and enjoyed a peaceful night of TV and cocktails as we listened to the Jr Dragsters and motocross using the oval dirt track. Test and tune went well the next day, Dakota enjoyed her first time at a drag strip, and we enjoyed all of our amenities in the trailer. They ran the Grudgefest after the test and tune but we chose to hang out and enjoy just being outdoors and with our friends. It had been so long since we were able to just hang out plus we might have worked up a sweat, I know I was definitely out of shape. Steve, Martha, Greg and I decided to have a few cocktails to celebrate finally having the trailer and being able to co-mingle with other humans. A little later, about 9PM, (Shh it seemed a lot later), right after we went in to go to bed, there was an announcement over the loudspeaker saying EVERYONE had to vacate the property, there would be no overnight camping. We had to get out of bed, pack up every ones camp and we only moved to the parking lot. There was no way we were driving home, it was bad enough we had to move with a half a buzz and half asleep. I finished my weekend right where it started, in the parking lot with a buzz... As usual I enjoyed getting there more than I did on the way home.

### **West Coast Pro Gas @ Sacramento Raceway April 17-18**

We circled the wagons in the same spot, we checked with security to ensure there would not be an early departure time, and got Dakota a leash that she couldn't chew through. (She has some separation anxiety and likes to 'nibble' on toys, blankets, and people's ankles.) She is still learning to wait while we go out on runs, but that is super hard for her. When I wasn't taking care of Champ, I was trying to make sure that Dakota was getting as much exercise and attention as possible hoping to settle her down. When she wasn't trying to taste people's ankles she was trying to get someone to pet her belly. Don't be fooled, just because you petted the belly did not save you from getting your ankles tasted, ask Weasel.

The only drawback with spending time with my puppy was that my scooter was unattended. Did you know that empty scooter seats are like magnets to men who don't like to walk around in the heat all day? My empty seat was apparently calling Weasel's name... When he found out that I was on puppy duty, he told me that he would take really good care of my scooter.



The next day Weasel walked my scooter back and asked if the gas gauge worked. Of course it works and of course the tank was empty. He apologized and said that he would bring gas next time to fill it up. I told him to take it 'round back and I would get the 'fuel station' to open. Every man within listening distance went around back to see what that really meant. Here ya go Weasel, fill up from the on board fuel station!!!



Oh there was some racing involved during the weekend. Boyd wanted to 'Call Out' Weasel during a qualifying round. The only issue was that Boyd was the first in line and Weasel got there after the next class was called. I reassured Boyd that I could get him what he wanted and I would rearrange the entire lanes behind us to get Weasel up here to the front to race him. Guess what, that is exactly what I did, I moved some A Gassers into other lanes, I rearranged a couple of B Gassers, and weaved Weasel and his huge tow truck through the entire field to the front of the lane to line up against Boyd.... Boyd was jazzed and Weasel said he was up for the challenge. While both guys fly off the line, I am getting Champ ready for our run, I didn't see a time but all of a sudden they tell us to shut down, Boyd is stopped at the top end.... Dang it, I didn't hear what happened to the engine but I heard it was probably fixable, just wasn't going to be fixed that day.

### **Kool April Nights April 23-24 in Redding**

WCPG ran a double header and the Nor Cal Nostalgia Assoc ran a single event that spanned 2 days.

Pure Adrenaline didn't go to Redding but we did. We were so glad to see Don and Ruth with their Orland Bound Roadster. Glad everyone was in good health and feeling well enough to race. This is the Chrysler boys' home track and Jeff Brocheuser in the Bad Moon Rising was #1 qualifier.



We found out from a friend of a friend, Joe Mitchell needed help with his NE III dragster. We told him that we would be glad to help him out, we were a crew without a car and he was a car without a crew. Joe Mitchell is a really nice guy, he is known to some as Drag Daddy and sells apparel for Nor Cal Nostalgia and Drag Daddy's Garage. We got Joe all set up and he took a practice run. It looked like a great run, but after we towed him back to the pits, we saw the diaper was full and there was a 'little' hole in the oil pan. His day was done.

That gave us the time to execute our little surprise for Jeff. (Remember a while ago when Jeff got in bed with Greg and made him sound like a dolphin? That made Jeff our self proclaimed Pod leader.) We decided to give him some Pod love. However, the closest thing to a dolphin suit we could find was a blue shark and we used that to surprise him. Greg got all suited up, turned on the blower, and once he was all blown up he jumped out of the golf cart and ran behind the car. I couldn't stop laughing, the legs of the suit were so short he had to take a bunch of little mini steps, without falling on his face. He got out front and backed up the Pod leader. It was a hit. Greg says that he could see Jeff smiling in the helmet and you could hear the crowd cheering.



Dolphin boy/Shark man took a victory lap on the back of the Chrysler boys' golf cart and the crowd went nuts! There were kids lining up to get pictures with him. He loved it, who knew he secretly likes the attention?

WCPG finished the first night and look at Winner's Circle, Juggers 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations Harold and Dan!



Sunday was rain shortened and Nor Cal Nostalgia will finish at Samoa and WCPG will finish somewhere else. Dan and Harold will have to battle it out somewhere else. As it turns out NE III was decided because one of the finalist will not make it to Samoa so that gave the win to Drew Ferris. This was Drew's first race in his new car. It was quite an emotional win for him, he had a lot of things to say about all of the people that helped to get him this first win. It was nice to hear him be so grateful for all the things that other people had done for him to get him his first trophy.



### **Funny Car Fever April 29-May 1 at Sacramento**

Back to our favorite parking spot with Champ, Steve and Martha. Dakota is getting used to that spot and is getting better around people. She loves most everyone but still has to check Weasel's ankles just in case. Rob, on the other hand, is her favorite chew toy. Dakota just loves him.... I think he feeds her people food when I am not looking but I am not sure.... Weasel brought me a bottle of Patron to make sure I wasn't too concerned about my scooter, scooting him around. Boy was he spot on!!! I told him that if he wanted to sign a long term lease for my scooter, I would gladly accept his compensation monthly.

Again there was some racing going on, Pure Adrenaline was ready to go all the way to the end. We were in 2<sup>nd</sup> round eliminations and laid down a really good run but when they showed the time, it was a TIE and the win light was not on our side. Are you kidding 8.581 to 8.581 and the margin of victory was .013!!! Man that was close! Champ did his best but today was not going to be the day we bring home the trophy.

I heard that a few of these events were on UTube, you can search and watch from home if you wanted to see the action.

### **Coloring books**

When we crewed for Joe Mitchell at Redding, we learned about Joe's brother Ben. Ben is an artist that creates unique art for apparel, signs, stickers and even color books through Drag Daddy's Garage and some character named something Billy. I guess Billy is in some national magazine's I didn't get the whole story but I thought that some Juggers would love to have your ride drawn in the old school style. Some of you might have seen his 2 color books already, some of you might already be in one. Here is a shot of Parky Family Racing's bantam from back in the day (DiMatteo Brothers) and how it looks now (Parky Family Racing).

Ben is working on the next editions of the color book and he is taking submissions. Currently he is separating Gassers/Door Slammers from the other Nostalgia cars. There is a small fee and that will get you a copy of the picture he drew and 5 color books.

I was thinking if we could get enough Juggers together then maybe he could make us a Juggers' only color book. If you are interested, let me know and I can give you his email address or put you in contact with his brother Joe.



I am glad I got to catch everyone up on the recent events, racing and otherwise. Next issue, The Main Event and May Meet!

I hope to see you at the track. Be safe! Spread love, not germs! Life is short, GO RACING!!!!