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We are very excited to be back in Greene County. The first order of business is to thank the Greene County Commissioners - Chuck Morris, Archie Trader, and Blair Zimmerman. These folks truly have made a commitment to their residents and continue to demonstrate their support for the Flashlight Drags. Please take a minute to acknowledge the Commissioners, Jake Blaker and his team, and any of the local pilots that you meet on race day.

The Flashlight Drags Crew has a great season scheduled. One of the coolest things this summer is planned for the July 7th races. The featured event that day will be a PID Reunion with some classic Grudge Matches. The exhibition races will take place before the regular racing begins. Stay tuned for more news on our website. Sign up for our e-mail Newsletter.

Next, I want to report that the enthusiasm for the races is still soaring. We have more businesses on board with Sponsorships than we could have imagined:

These people make the races possible. Keep this list handy, and support these businesses. You can find just about anything you need to know or buy for racing on this list.

Also, look for the Vendor’s Midway this year. In addition to performance and parts vendors, you’ll find artists, crafters, antique dealers, and local merchants. Let me know if you would like to be added to the Midway, or would like to recommend someone. Enjoy the shopping.

And finally . . . Local Oldies Fans . . . come early and enjoy the fun, games, and music that only WANB’s DJ Doug Wilson and his Greaser persona can produce.

See you at the track,
Simple Rules

These events are intended for street cars and trucks only!

- **SAFETY FIRST!**
- Have fun – this is a family-friendly event
- 1/8 mile distance – 660 feet of the fastest pavement in Greene County
- Valid Driver’s License
- Proof of Insurance
- Current State Inspection (if a PA car)
- DOT Tires
- Burn Outs – Designated Area only
- No Passengers (except Parade Lap)
- Racers must sign Greene County Waiver
- Convertibles – tops up or bring a helmet
- Speed limit in the spectator return lane 25 MPH

How does this work?

How do I find someone to race?

These are the two most often asked questions at the Flashlight Drags. Finding a race partner isn’t hard … someone will usually find you. When you are ready to race and if you don’t have a race partner, simply drive up to the staging lane and follow the signs to Singles Lane. This lane is set aside for racers who don’t have a partner or for the person who just wants the thrill of racing, they are happy to race anyone who pulls up next to them at the starting line. It’s just like “street racing.”

What if I lose?

There is no limit to the number of races you can run. Our format is simple: win or lose a race, get back in line and do it again. One year we gave an award to a racer for running 37 times in one day.

Can I race my buddy?

Yes! We call that Grudge Racing. Some grudge matches actually go back years – maybe even decades. These races happen in several different ways:

- Any racer can call out any other racer and get in line
- Any fan can call out a race – notify the DJ and we will call out the cars for you
- A grudge match may happen spontaneously as anticipation in line grows

Who is the fastest?

This is a hard question to answer. We try to stay away from putting cars into classes, and for the most part, we don’t classify racers. But everyone asks, “Who is the fastest?” It must be a result of good old American competition. So, we give out 8 PINK SLIPS for four different vehicle types:

- **Top Street** – these racers are our true street cars, usually made in the USA
- **Big Dog** – you’ll know these cars when people say, “That can’t be a street car!”
- **Top Tuner** – sometimes called imports, usually a less than 8 cylinder under the hood, in the trunk, or even behind the back seat
- **Diesel Truck** – this is a new class, and as the name implies, it’s for trucks. This will be a wild class.

Rain Out Policy

All Sunday Rain Outs will be rescheduled based upon an agreeable schedule with the county. We will try for the following Sunday.

If the event gets rained out after we start, keep your numbered armband for admission for the following Sunday. No one will be admitted free of charge without a rain check armband.
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Why Is This Man Smiling?

By Michael Schindel

George Myrter’s 72’ Chevelle SS
Wouldn’t you be smiling if this were your car? I smile just looking at the car. Both the smile and the car belong to George Myrter. The Chevy is one of many in George’s collection. It’s not that he meant to collect cars, but he buys often and sells rarely. That strategy usually results in a collection.

George is featured here with his 1972 Chevelle SS. It started as a numbers-matching – 396ci – 4 speed car with 25,000 miles. Delineated below is the work done to the car at RPM. It’s really a beauty. I can’t do it justice in a few pages here, but visit our website to see more photos www.flashlightdrags.com.
George Myrter’s 72’ Chevelle SS

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- Turbo 400 Transmission – Bowler
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- Smoothed firewall
- PPG Paint by Bruce Harvey

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- Sculpted floor and headliner consoles
- Stitching and Leather – Wicked Stitches
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- Currie 9 inch Ford Read End

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When I was a young girl, I did love my baby dolls, but my favorite toys were my Hot Wheels cars. By the time I was sixteen, I had a 1967 Chevy. Now years later, I own several muscle cars. In my many years of car cruises and drag racing, I met so many girls that owned, raced, and showed their cars. This gave me a sense of camaraderie with other females in Motorsports. It also gave me the idea of forming a club for females involved with Motorsports. So I did just that, and I called it “The GearHead Girls”.

The GearHead Girls is a diverse group of girls of all ages, with a wide spectrum of interests within Motorsports. Though the best part of the GearHead Girls is certainly the amazing members, we’ve also enjoyed our recent visibility in the Pittsburgh area. With a strong team effort, the GearHead Girls have won the 2012 and 2013 ‘Best Club Display’ at the Pittsburgh World of Wheels show.

Not only are the girls remarkable, but the support system behind each member is something to cherish - husbands, boyfriends, fathers and brothers stand behind the scenes and support their GearHead Girls in all that they do. This incredible support comes from people who inspire us to be who we are, and help us accomplish our goals in Motorsports.

If the idea of a Motorsports Club for Girls sounds like it might interest you, please contact us at GearHeadGirls@yahoo.com and like us on Facebook at GearHead Girls Pittsburgh. Remember to look for us at the Flashlight Drags this summer. And one more thing … want to race?
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We all hope you had a good off-season and are ready for the 2013 Flashlight Drags. At talkhotrods.com we have taken a big step going from podcasts to webcasts and that would not have happened without the support of our title sponsor Hahn & Woodward Automotive Restorations in Harmony PA. Don't be surprised to see Paul Vorbach from H&W at the Flashlight Drags with his cool purple hot rod T-Bucket.

We are also determined to do as many webcast interviews with builders and racers as we can because that is really our niche here at talkhotrods.com. Local grass roots hot rodding is our strength and with your help we will feature the guys and girls (Gear Head Girls) who make Western PA such a hot bed for hot rods.

Speaking of hot rods, please continue to support all the local shops and vendors because without them we would be lost.

This season don’t hesitate to stop by the green tent and give us your ideas for talkhotrods.com and be a part of the Flashlight Drags too!

You are the most important part of what we do and we are a success because of your help.

Thanks again for all your support. Be careful in the hot rod.

Hersch
Automotive Opinionist
Bob Liberatore of Canonsburg will bring out his factory light weight 1963 Ford. This car is running a BIG 427 cubic inch engine with a 4 speed transmission.

Jim Henderson of Wilkins Township is bringing his 283 cubic inch Small Block 1965 Chevelle.

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In March I attended the 2013 Buffalo Motorama at the Convention Center in Buffalo, New York. The event showcased a variety of vehicles including hot rods, muscle cars, classics, race cars, tuners, late models, motorcycles and even tractors! There were vendors for the whole family plus live music and great food options. Dan Woods from the Speed Channel show “Chop Cut Rebuild” was there to meet folks and sign autographs. Western Pennsylvania was represented by my 1971 GTO and two vehicles from RPM Hot Rods – a 1954 Buick and a 1949 Ford.

Joe Haniszewski and his team hosted a terrific show and really made us out-of-towners feel welcome. Check out www.buffalomotorama.com to see this year’s activities and follow them on Facebook to see what’s planned for 2014. Many thanks to Joe, Joel and Brian for a great weekend.

Buffalo is about 220 miles from Pittsburgh and an easy drive. The town’s architecture is fascinating in that buildings from almost every decade of Buffalo’s existence are still preserved.

The Anchor Bar on Main Street takes credit for the invention of Buffalo Wings in 1964, but many of the locals will tell you that Duff’s has the best recipe. So when you need a “car fix” this winter, go visit or exhibit at the 2014 Buffalo Motorama! [FLD]
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June 7-8 Riverfest, Rices Landing
June 9 Garden Party, Greene County Museum
June 16 Paddle on the Mon, Greensboro
June 20-23 Black Diamond Cluster Dog Show, Greene County Fairgrounds
June 29 Purple Martin Festival, Mason-Dixon Park
June 30 Corby Association Reunion, Garards Fort
July 4 Fireworks, Fairgrounds

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