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Editors Note....

Lots of 'stuff' has been happening and there was such a good response to the last issue that we've decided to bring you another one! I KNOW! I was shocked too!

We're having to pull teeth a bit to get hold of all the gossip but our roving reporters have at least been infiltrating such events as 'Extreme Wheels' where the recent winners of the Wild Bunch Don Garlits award were proudly on show.

We've got some news from the AGM which was well attended (must've been the call of the sandwiches!) & of course this editions feature is of our 2003 'Best Achiever'.

So then gang, as you were and until next time!



Alice

2004 Championship Dates

Included in the recent decisions made at the AGM were the Wild Bunch, Real Steel & Roy Wilding Nostalgia Race Cars championship race dates. We've listed them here and you'll also find them included on the Wild Bunch calendar & website....so no excuses!

It's great to see so many race dates this year, a total of 14 which includes 2 events at York & 2 at Santa Pod. We've decided to run the Real Steel championship over 10 rounds this season with this & the Wild Bunch Championship being decided at the National Finals event in October, eyes down look in!

Season Opener T&T

Best Achiever winner featured
on back page.

Club Day T&T	SCR	Apr 3rd/4th	
Excitement Nationals	SCR	Apr 17th/18th	WB1, RS1
Classic American Nats	SCR	May 1st - 3rd	UPS1, RS2
UK Open Nationals	SCR	May 15th/16th	WB2, RS3
Power Nationals	York	May 30th/31st	WB3, RW1, RS4
Summer Nationals	SCR	Jun 12th/13th	UPS2, RS5
Nostalgia Nationals	SPR	Jun 26th/27th	RS6
Club Day T&T	SCR	Jul 3rd/4th	RW2
UK Northern Nationals	SCR	Jul 17th/18th	WB4, RS7
Allstar Nationals	York	Aug 7th/8th	WB5, RW3, RS8
Hot Rod Drags	SCR	Aug 28th/30th	WB6, UPS3, RS9
National Finals	SCR	Sep 18th/19th	RW4
Halloween Showdown	SPR	Oct 2nd/3rd	WB7, RS10
	SCR	Oct 30th/31st	

Wild Bunch Championship (WB) will be run over 7 events.

Real Steel Championship (RS) will be run over 10 events.

Roy Wilding Nostalgia Race Cars Championship (RW) will be run over 4 events.

The Ultimate Power Series Championship (UPS) will be run over 3 events.

Funny Valentine!

How fantastic was that - a car show on Valentines Day!! Talk about killing two birds with one stone! Our very own Garlits award winners 'The Cunning Plan' team were there showing off the minivan. AtC sent a couple of roving reporters to investigate, here's what they thought. "There were a few debut cars on show including Bob Glassops new blown-alcohol altered which is awesome & Liz Malcolms slingshot.

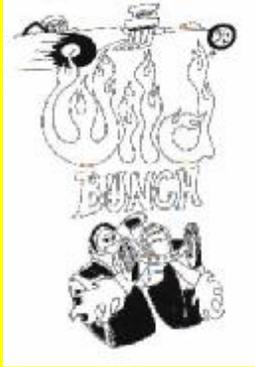
Bob will be campaigning the car in Supercharged Outlaw & Super Pro ET this season. Craig Gibbs' Camaro took a lot of the awards for the stunning design by the 'SID' team John & Sharon Hogarth". "Ally Pally is an amazing place for an event, Obsession Motorsports must be pleased with the turnout from racers & public alike." As we've mentioned, The Cunning Plan team were at the show proudly displaying the Garlits award they

received earlier in the year. "Don't London ever sleep??" commented Tony as they tried to catch a couple of hours kip shortly after their arrival at 'the palace'! Tony took lots of photos of the show which you can find on the Cunning Plan website & I think he & Dave were proud to have been invited along. Sounds like everyone had a good time - let's hope that it becomes a regular event.

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Doing it for Charity mate..

The Dogs Bollocks & DASH Racing teams have adopted a charity for the 2004 season. The Meningitis Research Foundation was formed by a mutual friend of the teams some years ago.

Following discussions at the AGM it is very probable that the charity will also be adopted by the Wild Bunch over the season.

Your charity champion is your AtC editor so literally watch this space for further details! Some ideas are the purchase of decals for your race/crew cars, quizzes...a certain person has even volunteered to dress as a Meningitis mascot! Fantastic!!

Many of you will know Bev Batsford, the very popular Chief Marshal at SCR. Bev has recently been admitted to hospital with the viral strain of Meningitis. It goes without saying that the thoughts of the Wild Bunch are with Bev for a speedy recovery.



Gareth Kent

2003 Best Achiever



To say that Gareth & the Daze Gone By team had a busy year in 2003 would be something of an understatement! It was their first full season & was to be packed full of surprises from start to finish. Gareth set himself a formidable target from the word go - he wanted WB1 by the end of it all & made no secret of it to none other than Tom Coe at the 2002 Dinner Dance. The gauntlet had been thrown!

The season got off to a good start with a 2nd place at the first event - then came the first MSA event & a whole different ball game. "These were steep learning curves for me & although I qualified well I got knocked out in the first round for going too fast - not good & the events are just too expensive to waste". By the Allstar Nationals, Gareth was wound right up but the team were looking for a more consistent approach...& they got it. Gareth won the event! "I didn't come down for weeks! It was a great boost for us all" he says. "I was gutted not to be able to show up for the 2nd event up at York which brought things down to the National Finals event at the

Pod. It seemed like a huge task, knowing that you have to qualify number 1 & win the overall event to get anywhere is a bit of a mountain...but we did it! Hot Dog was feeling a little under the weather that weekend so it took some great team work & a lot of determination to succeed". That superb performance put Gareth 3rd in the Ultimate Power National championship, 3rd in the Real Steel championship and WB2 for 2004. "and think on Tommy the Gun, cos all I had to do was turn up at the 2nd York event & WB1 would've been mine!". *Boys, Boys, Boys - can't leave them alone for 5 minutes can you?!*

2003 saw the birth of the youngest team member of Daze Gone By, Marcus Scott Kent. Dad Gareth was over the moon & couldn't be happier.

2004 is going to be a quieter year for the Hot Dog and in fact it's final year with Gareth, "the intention is to sell the car at the end of the 2004 season. You could do a family tree against the history of the car, Freeman Rogers "Ardvark", Mike Kasons "Kurbdozer", to Keith Potters "The Devil" & then Barry Sheavils "StageCoach3". Couldn't really

ask for a better pedigree than that!". In 2002 another Wild Bunch racer, John Munday partly completed a rebuild on the car which Gareth was quick to purchase & called it "Hot Dog" because it has a tuned Rover engine. "Daze Gone By races as things were done in the 60's & 70's, experimenting & finding our way as the pioneers had done before us. We have never wanted to 'blend in' & have long term plans for the team...lets just hope we get to where we want to be. I want to thank everyone who has helped & supported us, it's those people that have made the team what it is so quickly." AtC shall not reveal the teams future plans at this stage ...we'll keep you all in suspense for now but I will say it sounds as if it will be worth the wait!

AtC can tell you that Gareth recently proposed to girlfriend Lou on her birthday...& she accepted so here's to our Best Achiever of 2003, remember the name 'Gareth Kent'he's a lot more than just a 'very, very nice man'!



Thanks to Gareth for the supply of both photos.

Website Update

Very soon you'll be able to update your own team details on the Wild Bunch website. There'll be a facility to include your best ET's, load your own photos & generally keep

the website readers up to date with everything you & your team are up to. The facility isn't available just yet but get your info ready cos it won't be long. We'll give you the nod!

Guess Who?

It's still going but there's a couple of problems at the moment so the competition has been temporarily suspended...play will resume shortly!