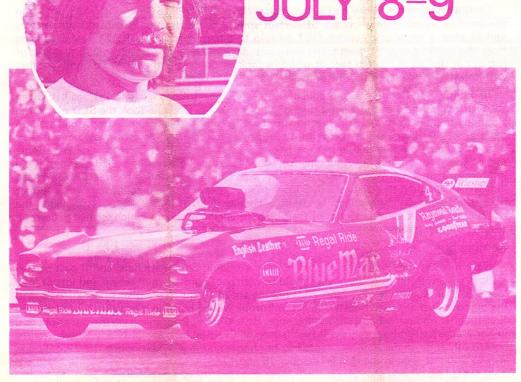
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### Where the cars are the stars

Not long to go now until the First Brighton Dragster and Custom Show, a three day extravaganza of all that's best in the worlds of drag racing and customising, organised by Santa Pod Raceway in conjunction with the Gary's Shack. Dates are July 21, 22 and 23, venue is the Hotel Metropole on Brighton's famed seafront, and you'd better believe that there's gonna be some real eyeball popping machinery on display. All this and a chance to soak up what's left of the sunshine on the beach sounds too good to miss so don't forget; the Dragster and Custom Show, July 21, 22 and 23. Admission £1 for adults and 50p for accompanied kids under 12.

### DLT wins at the Big Go

Three long days of brilliant sunshine, hot 'n' heavy racing aplenty and DLT running away with the laurels in Pro-Fuel; that was the story of the Spring Bank Holiday Big Go. After teething troubles, disappointments and the statutory observed runs that any Pro-Fuel pilot has to make before being allowed to run in competition proper, everything came together for the Hairy Monster as he blooded his sleek new rail The Needle with a well deserved victory first time out.

For some of the other Pro-Fuel and Funny Car contenders it wasn't such a happy weekend though, and while the champagne corks were popping in Dave's caravan, more than one team were gloomily counting the cost of putting lunched engines back together again. The field was decimated as one after another, the top contenders went down with mechanical problems. After laying down a promising 7.50 sec qualifier, Trevor Young's beautiful Competition Specialities digger was sidelined with a couple of smoked pistons, with Roz Prior and Ronnie Picardo in a similar predicament. So in the end it was down to a two car sudden death eliminator, with DLT facing the formidable Micky Naylor in Medicine Man.

On qualifying times Micky had a slight edge with a 7.17/195 to Dave's 7.67/183, but when the smoke cleared from a couple of perfect smoky burnouts, Medicine Man's blower was junked after a blowback, leaving DLT to solo to a hard-charging 7.35/171.8 win. Judging from the crowd's ecstatic reaction, it was a popular victory, and if Dave can pull that sort of run out of the hat in his first race, it won't be long before he's in the sixes. To quote another well known personality, didn't he do well!

In Funny Car Dennis Priddle added another victory to a long, long list against Owen Hayward who'd previously given a hint of things to come when he took the SLD sponsored Houndog flopper to its first six second run. For Pro-Comp read Panic. After a bad start to the season, the Page brothers proved that they're as competitive against the big boys as they were in Senior Comp by taking wins on two successive days. Driver Dave Page deserves some sort of award for rapid reflexes judging from the incredible holeshot he pulled over Jim Read in Monday's final. On two wheels Henk Vink was still king, although blower problems kept him from becoming the first man in Europe to hit the sevens on a bike. In the final of Super Bike, the Flying Dutchman had no trouble beating John Hobbs 8.44 to 11.57, when the Hobbit became yet another victim of the plague of engine problems which seemed to descend on the Pod that weekend.

### Coming Soon . . .

Next meet at the Pod is the August holiday weekend Supernationals, and if past performances are anything to go by there should be plenty of hard chargin' action and lots of low, low ETs over August 26, 27, and 28. Looking ahead to the September Internationals, and the big news is that the two fastest ladies in Europe will be battling it out side by side for the first time to find out who *really* has the edge. Britain's Roz Prior needs no introduction, and in her Maneater Pro-Fuel rail she'll be challenging Eva Kjellin, a Swedish lady who currently holds both ends of the absolute record in her home country. Who'll win? There's only one way to find out — be at the Pod September 16 and 17.

Santa Pod Raceway have been requested to run shows and other events in England and on the continent for Hot Rod and Custom vehicles. To this end we would like to compile a D



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register of Rod and Custom Clubs for the purpose of inviting everyone concerned to take part in these events organised in the future. Anyone interested in enrolment of this register please send details to Santa Pod Raceway Limited, 98 Martins Road, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent.

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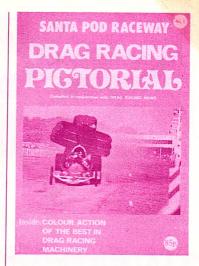
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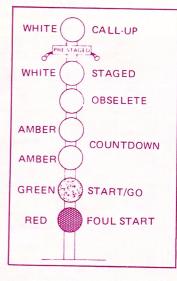
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