

TASCA RETURNS TO RACING AT FOUR-WIDE NATIONALS:

Bob Tasca III will return to the NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series at the upcoming NHRA Four-Wide Nationals in Charlotte and will bring with him a new sponsor, NewAutoParts.com, that will adorn the side of his Shelby Mustang-bodied Funny Car. NewAutoParts.com sells new original factory replacement parts for Ford, GM, Hummer, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Mazda, Volvo, Lincoln, and Nissan. More brands will be added in the near future. Tasca announced at the end of the 2014 season he was going to run a limited race schedule in 2015 but has been encouraged by the response from his fans. "The support I have received from my fans has been amazing," said Tasca. "I wish I could say I would race in all of them but finding sponsorships in this economy has not been easy. I'm planning on running in three or four events this season, although I believe our new primary sponsor NewAutoParts.com will be well received within the NHRA community, which could lead to more races."

He Said, She Said

"I think you want to win 'em all. You have to win the first two to win 'em all. It's going to be a hard thing to do to win three in a row or four in a row, so to speak, now. There's just so much competition out there. Honestly, this team blows me away every weekend. The car performs, it runs. I try not to mess it up, keeping it in the groove, all the stuff we have to do as far as leaving on time. The car continually impresses me, and my crew guys, they work so hard to make sure things are right. What's so tough about nitro Funny Car, 10,000-horsepower, over 300 mph, you can do everything right, driver does everything right, crew chief does everything right, and the crew guys wrenching on it do everything right, and you still lose because it sticks a part out there, drops a cylinder. To be able to turn on 12 consecutive win lights on Sunday, to have the streak we've been on, be able to win a championship at the end of last year, win the race, come out here and win two more races to start the year off, it's been pretty phenomenal. It goes to show you why we are a championship team." --- Matt Hagan who was won the first two Funny Car events of 2015 and whose win streak dates back to the season ending event of the 2014 season in Pomona.

Inside the Numbers

27: Number of Top Fuel winners in the



Bob Tasca (Photo: NHRA Media)

history of the AMALIE Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals. Dave Chenevert was the first to win the Top Fuel crown at the historic event in 1970. Joe Amato, Larry Dixon, Don Garlits and Tony Schumacher each have four wins at the event and lead the Top Fuel category with the most victories. Doug Kalitta was the 2014 event winner and he has three wins at the facility.

Did You Know

ALBALOOSHI RETURNS TO RACING; NHRA J&A SERVICE PRO MOD SERIES RETURNS : Khalid alBalooshi,

the 2011 NHRA Pro Mod world champion, will return to the class this season after competing in Top Fuel the last three seasons. alBalooshi, a citizen of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, will join the Precision Turbo and Engine team, wheeling a turbocharged '68 Camaro alongside teammate Don Walsh Jr.'s 2014 Camaro in the NHRA J&A Service Pro Mod Drag Racing Series. The series returns to action in Gainesville and will feature 10-events across the country, concluding in October in Las Vegas, where NHRA will crown the 2015 season champion. (NHRA.com info)



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Las Vegas, NV

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