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### John Force — 15x Champion

It was amazing to watch the 15-time Nitro Funny Car champion — John Force — as he welcomed and interacted with the race fans. I always knew that he was a class act — but now I am certain!

John enthusiastically made appearances throughout the weekend to sign

autographs, offer photo ops, shake hands, and talk with the fans — his fans.

Racers from all sanctioning bodies — from all ranks — should take a page from John's book — and all of the NHRA drivers for that matter — and reach out to their fans.

### Now — I am hooked!

NASCAR has been on a steady decline for more than a decade. It the past few days, they broke all of their

rules simply to allow one of their prima donnas — Jeff Gordon — into the Chase. How lame! I am an old-time NASCAR fan who crossed the line and tried the NHRA. I challenge you others out there to do the same — see if you all get as excited about this nitromethane racing deal as I am.

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