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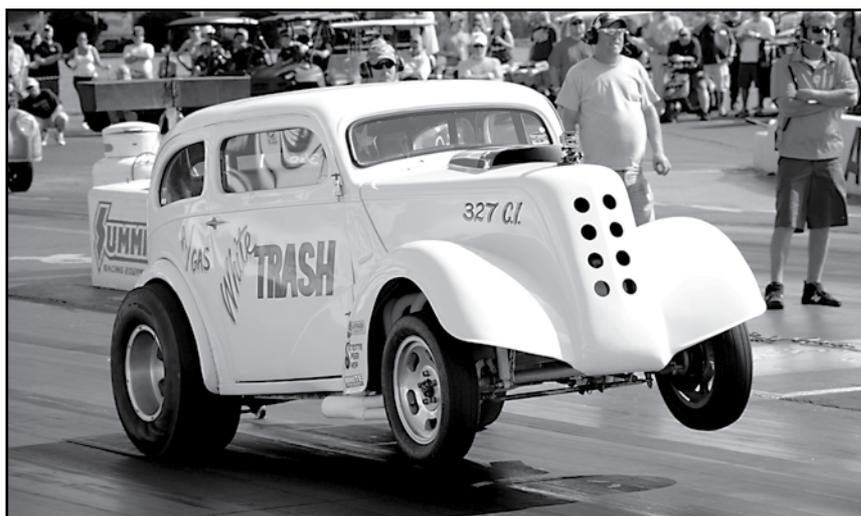
The Atlanta \$10000 Nostalgia Drags and Car Show at Atlanta Dragway

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The 12th edition of the Atlanta \$10,000 Nostalgia Drags and Car Show was held at Atlanta Dragway. The earlier events were held 1964-1972 at the now closed Atlanta Speed Shop Dragway in Covington, GA, the event has been held at Atlanta Dragway since 2012.

Back in 1960, a man by the name of Julius Hughes Jr. owned and operated the Atlanta Speed Shop Dragway, which was a popular quarter mile strip in Covington, Georgia. Julius set the drag racing world on its ear by offering a \$10,000 purse in 1964, and it was such a big event, he continued to host it once a year until the early 70s. With such great popularity and great memories, the Hughes family decided to create a nostalgia race in honor of the \$10,000 events that always drew a huge crowd. The Hughes family presented the idea to the Atlanta Dragway crew, which is the site for the tradition to continue.

The Atlanta \$10,000 featured drag racing in the following classes: Nostalgia Classes of Top Fuel; Funny Car; Super Stock; Street/Muscle Car; Gas AA, A, B, C, D; Comp A, B, C, D, E, F and Hot



Rod. Also, Bracket Classes of Super Pro; Pro; Sportsman; Pro Bike; Street Bike; and two age groups of Jr. Dragsters. A car show with various classes, plus a Vendor's Midway, a Geezer Alley and swap meet rounded out the two day event.

Hubert Platt, the Georgia Shaker, a legend from the 50s to 70s had his "Georgia Shaker" on display with other memorabilia. His first Georgia Shaker was a 1963 Z-11 Chevy, but his most popular was the

Georgia Shaker III, a 1965 nitromethane Ford Falcon. Platt was inducted in the NHRA Hall of Fame in 1986.

If you were unable to attend, you missed seeing a great deal of drag racing history, both past and present. Check out www.atlanta10000.com or <https://www.facebook.com/zotmama> for additional information and 2015 information. Atlanta Dragway is at <http://www.atlantadragway.com/>.



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