



Newsletter

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Greetings from the Starting Line

Here we are at the beginning of April and already things are starting to come together for the upcoming race season. I just want to say thank you to all the USFRA members (and there are a significant number of you) but especially those that work so long and hard to make the World of Speed the event and special experience it has become. There are many hundreds of volunteer hours that go into putting together the World of Speed, and I am proud to claim to be a part of the circle of friends that make it all happen. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The other night I awoke in the wee hours of the morning because of a dream I had. I dreamed that my co-workers were playing a practical joke on me by stripping the tires and wheels off my car and using a fork lift to put the car in a huge dumpster. I had walked around the corner of the building just as the fork lift picked up the car and was heading toward the

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dumpster... I didn't think it was too funny, but they all seemed to get a laugh out of it. Why do I tell you this? Because, since then I have been thinking about the power of dreams, what they mean to us, how they affect us. Whether they come to us at night in our sleep or during the day, (when we should be engaged in some important task like working or studying) dreams can have a powerful effect on our lives.

I don't know about you, but I much prefer the daytime dreams... well, not all of the night dreams are bad... but I seem to have a little more control over the ones that come along during the day. I get to feel like a gourmet cook that can take a little of this and a little of that and turn some

Meetings are the 1st Wed. of each month: next one MAY. 7TH

@ 7:00 pm

@ Totems

538 S. Redwood Rd., S.L.C., UT

World of Speed Wed. - Sat.

Sept. 17 - 20

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otherwise drab ingredients into a grand meal that makes everyone's mouth water. The real nice thing about daydreams is that we get to do whatever we want, and no one can come along and throw a wrench (or a salad fork) into the works. Of course, only in our dreams or the movies is there enough money or time to make everything work out just the way we want.

Who among us has not dreamed of holding a land speed record or of designing and fabricating a vehicle that makes onlookers nod their heads and say "wow"! If we are really good at the art of dreaming, the dream itself can manifest in such a way



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as to make us get off our fat butts and out into the garage and bring all the ingredients together. Doors start to open, friends pitch in, a little of this, a little of that and pretty soon your mouth starts to water. Before you know it, nothing is going to get in your way. Not even gasoline that costs four dollars a gallon. I guess the part of the dreaming process that I need to get a better hold

on is the transition between the dream state and the reality of “work your butt off to make it happen” state.

We are seeing an increase in the number of dreamers coming to the salt flats. Some have dreamt of racing, some of volunteering and some of spectating, and we are grateful for all of them, and we are proud of playing a part in the dreamer’s

life. Maybe it has something to do with the “Bucket List” phenomenon. Certainly the internet has been a big motivator, but whatever causes you to dream, keep on doing it. I look forward to waving you off the start line in September.

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PHIL’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY & 3 GENERATIONS IN THE 200 MPH CLUB

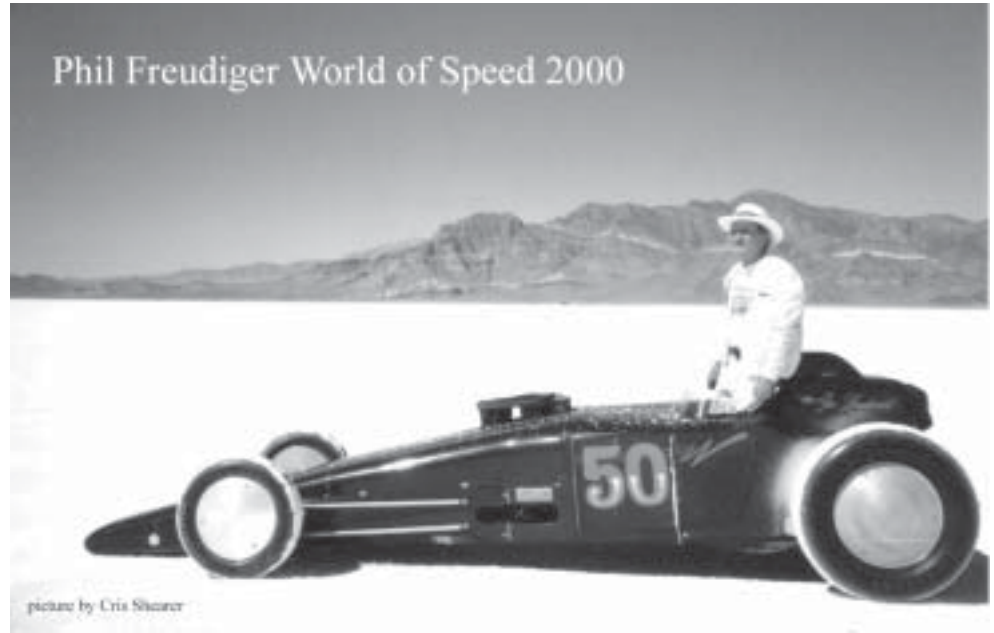
Looking forward 50 years seems an eternity and yet the past 50 years seems to have passed so quickly.

Phil Freudiger will be celebrating his 50th year as a member of the 200 mph Club this next August. 214.959 mph back in 1958. He started racing on the dirt in the late 1940’s. In the early 1950’s he headed to Bonneville with Harold Johanson in a High Boy Roadster. Times haven’t changed, says Willie his son. ‘I was 12 years old in 1966, when I first started coming to the salt with Dad, we were racing a Modified Roadster then’.

Gene Jones and the Stateline Hotel even sponsored the race car for 10 years. Willie has fond memories of those crazy days of summer. Barry Kaplan put him in a dryer at the old laundromat east of the Stateline. Everyone had a good laugh as Willie spun round and round and the story still lingers on and gives those who were there a fun memory.

Twenty years later Willie would join his Dad in the 2 Club with a speed of 219.51 mph. Both have gone much faster, Phil 261.311mph and Willie 257.699 mph. And now we add the name of Shane Freudiger in 2003 at 205.643 mph.

There has been many changes over the



past 50 years But the Freudiger’s seem to have a magic formula for setting records. Phil last drove in 2002 at the ripe old age of 78 and Willie says they plan to run Bonneville with a B motor where the record is 265 mph.

Newcomers have missed some of the glory days. The years of Al Teague and Nolan White challenging each other to Top Time of the meet. But much remains the same. The sun rises brilliantly each morning and sets at the end of each hot August day of Speed Week. Freudiger’s will be there in all their glory with Phil watching over his son and grandson with love and memories.



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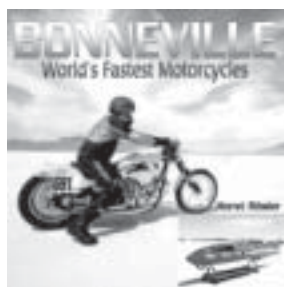
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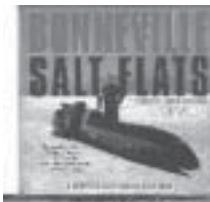
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The 2008 rule books are in! I have been mailing them as fast as the orders come in. It does take me about a week turn around, most of the time. A couple thoughts that may help... last year there was a new requirement to put 'film' on all glass. If you have missed a year be sure and check on this. The course stewards were spending hours cleaning up little pieces of safety glass from the track, after an incident. This year there is a new requirement to limit lateral head movement to less than 2", reference Rulebook Section 3.A.3 paragraph 3. Fire bottles no longer require an annual re-cert, now it is good for 2 years. Section 3.Q paragraph 14 and for the motorcycles; the Chain Guard rules, tightened last year, Section 7.B.22. These 3 are just a few of the changes, read the rule book and then follow it!

I just finished reading "Flat Out", Rocky Robinson's excellent narration of his experiences riding, not one, but two of the fastest Bonneville Streamliner motorcycles ever built. Rocky's unique perspective comes from spending several years piloting the amazing

technologically advanced Bub Streamliner before finally landing at the controls of the raw horsepower that defines the Ack Attack Streamliner. The book is written in a clear, easy to read, conversational style that draws you in to the heated intensity of the high speed shoot out for the title of the "Worlds Fastest Motorcycle" which culminated during the BUB Motorcycle Speed Trials in 2006. Rocky lets you come along as an insider as three streamline motorcycles, their owners, and riders steadily up the ante in top speed competition for the title.

Whether you are dreaming of your first ever trip to the salt or you're a Bonneville veteran, this book will be hard to put down. From his insightful description of the vast salt flats that is Bonneville to his inside views of the powerful personalities involved, and the intricacies of race strategy, construction details, the unexpected problems, the similarities and differences between these super powered motorcycles, this book has it all.

Personally, as the owner of a newly completed class "G" Bonneville Streamliner, I found Rocky's vivid descriptions of the sensations of speed

and sound, and his candid discussion of the problems with the race course, handling quirks, lack of traction and parachute misadventures provided a real "How To Manual" for Bonneville driving. I felt like I was onboard with him when he experienced parachute failure at high speed. I had always wondered what goes thru a drivers mind when smoke begins to fill the cockpit as the brake pedal pushes thru to the floor.

Whatever your particular interest, motorcycles, world class racing, Bonneville or simply a superbly written glimpse into the world of Land Speed Record racing, you can hardly do any better than Rocky's Flat Out story.

If your wishing for a little more "Salt" than you find around the rim of your Margarita glass, Flat Out will give you the Bonneville adrenaline fix your looking for.

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