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VICTORY LAP: Peter Peirano flying the Aussie flag at the Aeroflow Outlaw Nitro Funny Car Extravaganza. Inset: Nathan Peirano racing in 'Time Traveller'. PHOTO: BADGER PHOTOGRAPH

Peirano team's field of dreams

DRAG RACING

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PETER and Nathan Peirano are living the dream.

Rockhampton's Piranha Racing crew made the trip to Sydney Dragway recently to contest an Aeroflow Outlaw Nitro Funny Car Extravaganza and could not have wished for better results.

Despite rain delays and mechanical problems, Piranha Racing and their Time Traveller race car proved they could match some of the best drivers in the world and ended up in a three-way tie for first place before finishing third in a tie-breaker.

Peter Peirano was ecstatic with his team's results and said the event was nothing short of spectacular.

"This was truly the stuff that dreams are made of,"

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"Never in our wildest dreams did we expect to achieve what we did."

The event was won overall by Rick Gauci in his Nitro Express 57 Chev followed by Paul Messineo in his Dark Horst Mustang while Nathan Peirano in the Time Traveller Vega placed third.

Up against New Zealand International Willy White in round one, Nathan powered to first place before backing it up against Australia's premier racer Shane Oliver in round two.

Peirano said the third round was what they had all been waiting for, with Nathan primed to face American legend Ron Capps

Hooker'. "This led to the dream pairing for us against Ron Capps," Peirano said.

"Nathan did his job on the tree and was very close against the experienced Ron Capps with a .086 light against Ron's .069.

"About 60 feet out, Ron was out of the groove, started to spin the tyres and had to pedal the car."

"At the eighth-mile we were in front at 4.088 against Ron's 4.333 and by this stage Ricky was already cheering and honestly we didn't even see the time ... we just saw the win light."

After defeating Capps, Peirano said the crew's victory celebrations were endless.

Peirano said he was looking forward to a long Aeroflow Outlaw Nitro Funny Car career with Piranha Racing set to hit the track next at Willowbank on