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ALAN DORSON FIRES UP

2008 Spring Top Fuel Championships

*Territorian racer Matt Watts was a surprise Outlaws winner and used outstanding DY0 times to take a well deserved win over Nathan Peirano; In Modified, national champ Mark Eadie took a solo win after Steve Wolf was disqualified.*



### SUPERCHARGED OUTLAWS

Crossroads Freightlines Supercharged Outlaws had 13 cars qualified, from Wayne Price's 6.55 to former Junior Dragster competitor Nikita Suridge's 7.92.

First-round winners were Price's Funny Car, Australian Champion John Ward's dragster, Nathan Peirano's Lexus Hot Rod, Division Director Christine Steffens' dragster, John Loy's Torana, Track Champion Bill Fletcher's dragster and the former Daniel Reed Altered

now campaigned by Alice Springs resident Matt Watts. In round two, Ward took a close (.049sec win margin) win over Price, Steffens caught Fletcher and won with a margin of .066sec, while Peirano broke out with a 7.53 but was deemed the winner when Loy crossed the centre line. Watt soloed with a dial-in-testing 7.40 on a 7.32. In the semis, Steffens was

Ward's dragster moved around a little at the top end, slowing him to 7.67 against Peirano's almost perfect 0.008-over personal best 7.468.

Both drivers left before the green in the final, but with Peirano the first to leave on the handicap he handed the automatic win to Watts.

The Territorian, clutching a Toyota chicken at the trophy presentations thanks to having beaten Peirano, certainly has an outstanding DY0 outfit on his hands.

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### "THE NEW WILD BUNCH"

A small tribute to the Outlaws - you're the best!  
To see those vicious burnouts that the Outlaws do so well  
It really makes me wonder if we need a place called Hell

My brain becomes all tangled near that howling smoky trail  
And sometimes when it don't go right the fence they try to scale

In the pits they look quite docile; something that you're Dad  
would drive

For me there'd be that awful fear of not getting out alive  
Those cars they look so sinister with lightning, flames and claws  
Some scary stuff like ghosts and skulls are painted on their  
doors

The Wild Bunch of the drag strip really pulls the crowd right in  
With dodging, weaving burnouts they're risking life and limb  
And the tactics on a burn down creeping forwards such a game  
Or blazing through the quarter in a monster ball of flame

It's the "OUTLAW" type of mind set that I really do admire do  
admire

They wear all costs for plugs and fuel and even team attire  
And the paying public get their kicks with sixteen cars to go  
Three rounds of "Killer Action" ads up to quite a show

Peter - Gold Coast

DECO, TAYLOR