

Night of Thunder in Tennessee

Goodlettsville, TN - July 21 - Team Synergy Coatings sponsored Jet Car races into the night at Music City Raceway. If you have never seen a Jet Car run at a Drag Strip you are missing one of the most exciting performances of a lifetime. Team Synergy Coatings CEO George Tarbutton had a personal up front experience when he met Chris and Elaine Larsen of Larsen MotorSports last weekend near Nashville. Team Synergy Coatings is an associate sponsor of the Embry-Riddell Jet Dragster built by Chris Larsen, which in 2007 will travel to 25+ racetracks throughout the Eastern, Midwestern and Southwestern states of North America, Larsen MotorSports from Haines City FL, races 2 Jet Cars and is currently building a third car. Chris has extensive experience with jet propulsion and was for many years head of Quality Assurance at Cessna Aircraft's business jet refurbishing center located on the field at Orlando's airport. Elaine Larsen wife and mother has been driving "Hot" cars on drag strips since the early 90's. Together this couple travels, races and entertains to packed houses across the country.



On Saturday July 21, Elaine drove the jet car 3 times down the speedway, along with 2 other jet cars truly creating a "Night of Thunder" to a screaming and applauding crowd. This sport has it's hazards, on the last run of the night one Parachute on Larsen's car failed to inflate properly (gusty winds were to blame) the track 1/8th of a mile long has little room for error to come to a complete stop after the car reached over 200 miles per hour in 3.3 seconds, Elaine had to break hard resulting in the right front tire to exploding sending her within a whisker of the guard rail and safety net at the end of

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the track. Luckily no major damage to the car but we noticed a flat spot on each rear tire, to replace these will cost several thousand dollars. Only Elaine's experience, quick reaction time and "Nerves of Steel" prevented a major accident and possible injury. Two Top fuel Dragsters did crash into the guard rails earlier in the day ending up in the netting, causing 1 hour delays between each cleanup and the track closes down. Elaine in position.

As a guest "Pit Crew" member George had a chance to help roll the car onto the strip stand-by the car as the engine started then moved to the side to watch the fire show as the car moved into start position the noise was deafening you could feel the energy from the exhaust, the asphalt pavement behind the car started to melt and when Elaine hit the throttle she was out of sight in a heart beat (0 to 100 in 1.1 seconds) and some of the pavement was missing.



Crew hanging out before the race



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Elaine's Competition -
no wonder she runs faster

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During the evenings event George met the Stark Family representing "Mindbender Jr. Drag Racing Team", the Starks travel the Jr. Drag Racing circuit throughout the Mid-South states, they live in Greenbrier TN, and Dad has built 2 cars which are actually scale to the top fuel dragsters. The cars are driven by Mandie age 14 and Dillon age 11. Don't be fooled thinking these cars are toys, they are powered by a Briggs & Stratton 5 HP engine, greatly modified within the rules of Jr. Drag racing, the cars will hit 90 to 100 MPH in 1/8th mile in 4 seconds not you average Go-Cart. To Mandie and Dillon this is serious business, these kids dedicate their free time to the sport are responsible for maintaining their equipment, preparing the car for each race ,including fueling ,wiping and wrapping the tires with Plastic wrap to prevent stones and sand from sticking to the soft rubber racing tires from their trailer to the start line. They get "Tire Warm-up" or Burn in just like the big guys before moving to the start line and the start is controlled by the "Christmas Tree" same as any other drag race. In all Mandie and Dillon went down the strip at least 8 times that day running in elimination rounds ,at the end of the night Mandie and Dillon faced each other for the championship, they had eliminated every other competitor. Dad had a "Little Talk" with them both before the championship race about sportsmanship win or lose they are family Mandie won but Dillon showed great courage George was so impressed with the family and cars he pledged to Sponsor the Stark Family for the remaining of the 2007 race season and throughout 2008. Next Saturday their will be Team Synergy Coating stickers on Mandie and Dillon's cars. Our country needs family's like the Starks, kids that will grow up under the coaching of a dedicated Mom and Dad and become solid citizens. Team Synergy Coatings and it employees salute the Stark family for demonstrating, courage, good citizenship and the American way of life.



Mandie gives a Thumbs Up waiting in line to race



Mandie with Elaine and George the days Winner

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