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TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN



The untimely passing of Ronnie Davis and the injuring of photojournalist Ian Tocher which we lightly outlined in the *Deep Staging* editorial in this issue brings to mind the many other times drag racers have helped one another.

The late Harry Hall traipsed all over running his Gassers with his wife Thelma in search of wins, of which he found many. Along with his sons Mike and Ken, both of whom are piloting race cars today, his many followers

were looking to help with the medical bills incurred during Harry's illness before his passing earlier this year.

"I've known Harry since I was six-years old," said Rocky Pirrone. "Each year we have an open house for our race team, Pirrone Racing, and we'll have 150 or so people show up at our shop, Joe Pirrone Transmissions in Philadelphia, PA. This year we decided to hold it as a memorial service for Harry and maybe raise some funds to

help with the medical bills."

As is usually the case, a whole host of friends got together to make it a rousing success.

"Bobby Frey, Al Liebman, Vince Russo, Art Schilling and a bunch of others really pitched in to make it a great day," Pirrone said.

The end result was over 300 people showing up to pay homage to a great friend. Funny Cars, Gassers, and other race cars and hot rods came out to strut their stuff on the first day without rain in the area in a week. The Frantic

Ford, Super Camaro and of course Rocky's whole host of gassers put on a great show.

As far as Davis and Tocher, thousands of dollars have been raised to assist both families, once again proving the power of friendship amongst racers. As one of the most prolific Top Sportsman racers in the country, the Professional Drag Racers Association (PDRA) has renamed the class to the Ronnie Davis Top Sportsman presented by Magnaflow, a fitting tribute to the man.



Nitro-A-Gogo



Leeza Diehl, back-up girl and manager of Jeff Diehl Racing's JDR NHRA nitro Funny Car has released a new website for 2016 as well as an almost completely new

line of custom designs to go with it.

Leeza has been in business since the early 2000s when her custom handbag designs were discovered by

a nostalgia racing photographer in the pits at Famoso in Bakersfield, California. It was there where she began selling a few items to fans. She modeled in the vintage fashion world and began designing clothing and bikinis in the late '90s. She later graduated over to designing handbags and accessories. Her brand of handbags is inspired by the main elements and loves in her life: her pro drag racer husband, Jeff, surfing and fashion. Leeza's line has since grown into a top selling brand being sold in boutiques all over the world as well as in stores at local drag strips

around the U.S.

All items are completely custom handcrafted solely by Diehl at her husband Jeff Diehl's race car shop in California. She uses only vegan materials and faux furs to go with her vintage fashion and car culture inspired handbags and accessory designs. You can find anything from business card cases to small or full size purses to luggage and travel carry-ons to helmet bags and clothing. Whatever you need, she can make it.

For more info, visit www.nitroagogo.tictail.com.