



# Top 100



### DOUG THORLEY

An exhaust technician par excellence, Thorley was an accomplished match racer who used his early Funny Cars as rolling testbeds.



### LINDA VAUGHN

"LV" used her beauty, brains, and phenomenal memory to become the most recognized personality in motorsports...and earth mother of us all.



## The 1990s

Car shows are where most of us enjoy our off-time, whether attending or displaying. This row of fine '40s proves that interest in the oldies hasn't waned, even after 50-plus years.

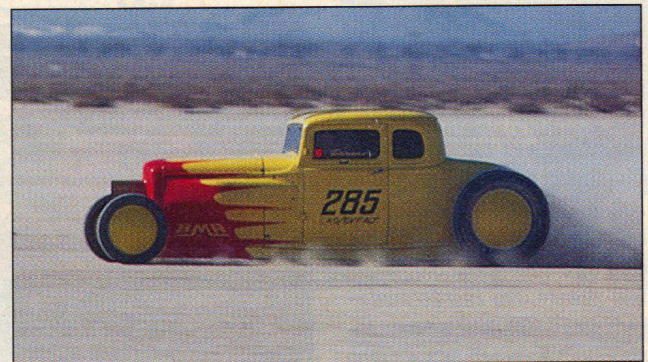
"Fastest Street Cars in America?" After Smith picked himself up off the floor, he told Joe to drop all his assignments and concentrate on that one.

Richard Small of Flowmaster made a suggestion that changed this idea from a magazine story to an exciting, highly competitive race series. Small thought we should contact the National Muclear Association (NMCA) to ar-



The functional, high-tech look was popular at the beginning of the decade. This Mexican-built, V-6-powered, rear-engined '32 roadster had been chunked up to look industrial-strength—the perfect relaxation ride for Robocop. Conceptos y Technologica's car appeared in la July '90 issue.

range a piggy-back race with the Memphis finals in September, 1992. The HRM staff drew up a



There's a reason they call 'em the dry lakes—check the dust kicking up off the Jerry Darien-driven '32 five-window.

The Silver State Classic and the Pony Express (two open-road races held in Nevada) give car owners a chance to see "what she'll do"—on a closed-off public highway.

one-column set of rules to add to that story. Since the September issue went on sale a couple of weeks prior to the event, we really didn't expect more than a half-dozen cars to show up.

After six seasons, this co-

dependency became so successful that we decided to pull efforts in-house and do a series of our own. The World's Quickest Street Cars Drag Race Series (WQSCDRS) began in '96, and has spawned nasty wheels-up, tire-smoking action. Monthly updates in Heads Up News keep everyone informed.

Our lawsuit-happy society, with the aid of an overzealous

