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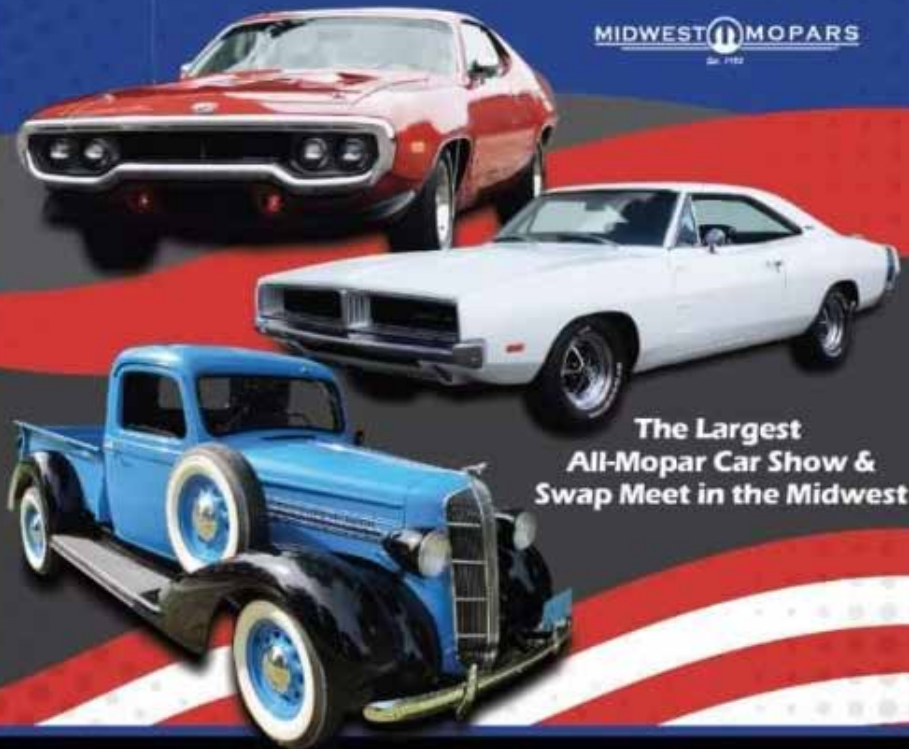
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In 1954, many of the area's leading hot rod and custom car clubs met with Captain Bailey of the Minneapolis Police Department to form an association for the advancement of hot rodding in the Twin Cities area. From this meeting of about 25 local clubs, the Gopher State Timing Association was formed. Two of the original charter clubs, the Cogs and the Stokers, are still active in the association and in promoting various motorsports throughout the state. In its first years, GSTA club activities consisted of holding road rallies, small outdoor car shows, performing services for local organizations and, in general, doing as much as possible to give the public the impression that the terms "Hot Rodder" and "Juvenile Delinquent" were not synonymous.

As hot rodding's popularity grew in the 1950's, the need for a safe, well supervised drag strip became evident. GSTA began a publicity effort to inform the public of the merits of sanctioned drag racing, and to find a major sponsor to open a drag strip. In 1957, Minnesota Dragways was opened in Coon Rapids by the Optimist Clubs' Minneapolis Optimist Timing Association, and under the management of John Foster, was rated one of the finest strips in the United States.

The GSTA's first official car show was held in 1956 in the Red Owl parking lot on Lake Street in Minneapolis. Today the GSTA Rod & Custom Spectacular is one of the oldest independent car shows in the country, celebrating its 65th annual event in the Minnesota State Fair Coliseum.

In addition to holding the Rod and Custom Spectacular each spring and hosting other events such as the Winter Indoor Swap Meet and the Fall Out Drags car show and swap meet

in September, the association also supports the racing efforts of our eighth and most current dragster and our newest race car, a 1976 Chevy Nova SS with a 468 cid BBC.

Gopher State Timing Association is perhaps best known for its series of Top Gas dragsters that were run from 1963 to 1988 and featured the award winning "Gopher Twin" which ran two supercharged Chrysler Hemi engines at over 200 miles per hour. In 1997 GSTA returned to drag racing with a 150" nostalgia front engine dragster. That dragster is now on display at the Veit Automotive Foundation. GSTA's latest dragster, built in 2006 by the GSTA crew and Stubby Abraham, has had several new drivers working on qualifying for NHRA competition drivers' licenses.

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We have races and events planned over the summer month this year in the Midwest area. We are looking forward to another great summer of racing in 2023 and getting even more GSTA members the opportunity to drive and work on racing machines that few ever get the chance to participate on. Look for the 16 GSTA member clubs at the track, at shows, and on the road in 2023 as the Gopher State Timing Association continues to be "the Governing Organization of Minnesota's finest hot rod and custom car clubs!"



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The other cars in the class must reach a predetermined point total to receive an outstanding in class award. Participants can also receive awards for **Best Individual Display, Best Club Display and Best Stanchion** (rope post).

The class winners are then placed into the **Sweepstakes** competition. The highest point entries from the **Rod, Custom, Street Machine, Truck and Bike** categories receive guaranteed prize money and a special trophy. The overall high points entry is awarded the **Best of Show** trophy.

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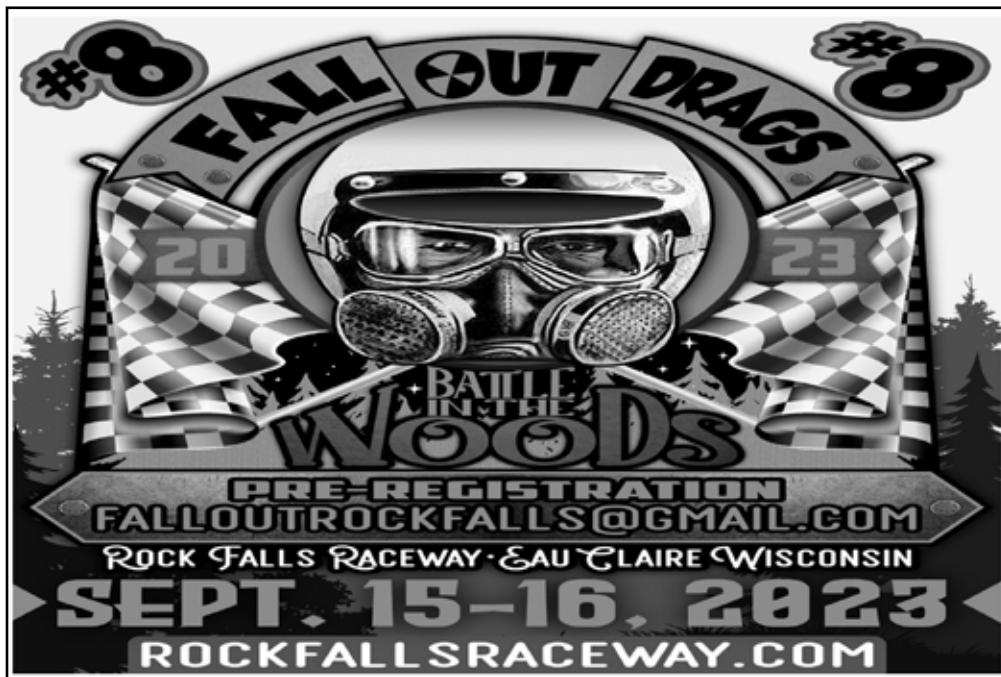
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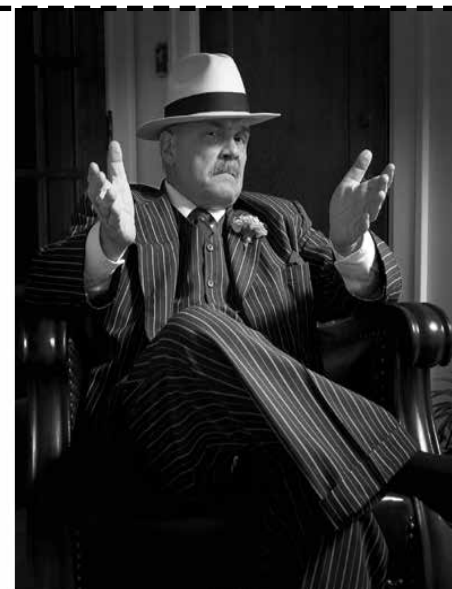
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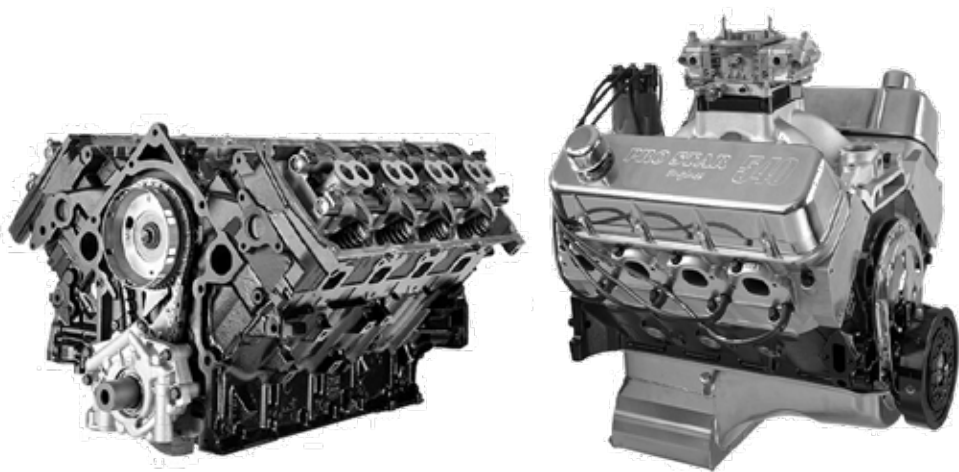
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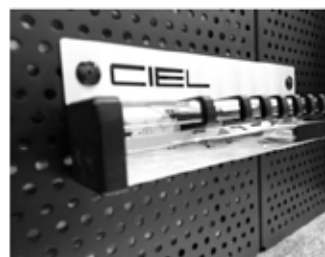
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At the **40th Anniversary Banquet**, April 11, 1996 we introduced the GSTA Hall Of Fame. There were 11 people that we inducted at that banquet as Charter members to the Hall of Fame. This was for work done on behalf of Gopher State Timing Association and the development of the Hot Rodding racing sport. Here is a listing and description of those 11 inductees.

RON BRAUN: Member of the Flywheelers & Quads.

CONNIE ENGLERT: GSTA Queens Coordinator.

MARLYN ENGLERT: Award winning car builder.

RICHARD ERICKSON: President for 10 years

JOHN FOSTER: First President of GSTA.

MARGE FOSTER: Assisted the 1st GSTA President.

RICHARD POLKINGHORNE: Tickets Coordinator.

PETE PRINDLE: Relics & the Three-Twos member.

RAY RUETTAMAN: Head "Wrench" of the GSTA dragster crew.

ED SMITH: Longest serving GSTA officer.

SUE SMITH: 1st woman officer in GSTA.

At the **45th Anniversary Banquet**, three members were inducted into the GSTA Hall of Fame on April 18, 2001.

BILL BISSONETT: 20 years he was MC for GSTA.

PHIL BUBAR: He serves as our resident carpenter.

CHARLIE JOHNSON: 3-2's car club member.

At the **50th Anniversary Banquet**, on February 25, 2006 five members were inducted into the GSTA Hall of Fame.

PAT BONNETT: GSTA Chief bodyman & Painter.

ROSEMARY BONNETT: Conscience of GSTA.

TOM ERICKSON: GSTA artist for the last 50 years.

RON RUETTAMAN: Car show judge and judge coordinator.

DAVE SMITH: Dragster Crew Chief and driver. Current Historian of GSTA.

At the **55th Anniversary Banquet**, on March 12, 2011 four members were inducted into the GSTA Hall of Fame.

KY MICHAELSON: He became part of the group CSXT to be the first civilians to launch into space.

JIM MIKA: GSTA's image as "ZZ Claus".

FRANK COURTRIGHT: Car show pass gate and commercial booth coordinator.

BRIAN WARHOL: The idea man for the GSTA.

At the **60th Anniversary Banquet**, on March 12, 2016 four members were inducted into the GSTA Hall of Fame.

JIM GREEN: Held numerous jobs including VP & Car show judge.

JERRY GRUWELL: Great recruiter for GSTA.

SHARON JOHNSON: 3-2's member since 1963.

RUSS PETERSON: He's one of the TOP 20 participants over the last 60 years.

GSTA: Has also honored **Jon Kosmoski**, **Doc Halladay** and **Tom Hoover** with Lifetime achievement awards for all their contributions to the sport of Hot Rodding in the State of Minnesota.

At the **65th Anniversary Banquet**, on March 12, 2023, 4 members were inducted into the GSTA Hall of Fame.

AL MCALONEY: Member of the Universals and Midwest Drag Racers Assn. Al is a key member behind GSTA's 1976 Nova SS race car. He has been written up in Hot Rod, Super Chevy, and Motor Trend for his car builds. Al revamped and updated GSTA's member contingency program. Al has been a key liaison in our relationship with Brainerd International Raceway.

KEITH STEIES: Member of the Street Customs of Minnesota car club. A GSTA fan since high school, he started showing cars at GSTA's Rod & Custom Spectacular in the 1970's. Today he is a Top 20 GSTA show participant for having shown the most entries. Keith hosts GSTA car show and swap meet events at his business location in Orrock.

BOB MALARKEY: Member of the Cogs car club. Always the first to step up, he stays to get jobs done for GSTA. Bob sets up the GSTA areas at the MSRA Super Secret Fun Run and the Street Machine Nationals. Bob manages the Trophy Rack and equipment trailer loading. Bob is the pit driver towing Shelly, and others, in the GSTA dragster.

SHELLY MALARKEY: Cogs member and GSTA Secretary for last 12 years. Key person in planning and conducting all GSTA activities in those years. "A Great Ambassador for GSTA Everywhere." The newest licensed driver of GSTA's Jr Fuel nostalgia dragster. Her abilities shine through in her leadership positions in other organizations, such as Chevy's Best Car Club and as a newly elected Director of MSRA, bringing credit back to GSTA.

Bruce Aherns 1964 Ford F-100
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 John Anderson 1969 Chevrolet Camaro
 Ken Ball 1955 Chevrolet Nomad
 Mike Beavens & Dixie Romo 1948 Pontiac 4-Door
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 Jon Kosmoski 1958 Ford F-100 Pickup
 Jon Kosmoski 1936 Ford Pickup
 Dave Kuehl 1938 International SWAT Vehicle
 James Launderville 1979 Harley Davidson Lowrider



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 Paul Lovas 1932 Ford Roadster Pickup
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 Rodney Mead 1959 Mercury M-100 Pickup
 Stuart Meche 1933 Ford 5W Coupe
 Shelly & Scott Meneley 1951 Willys Pickup
 Steve Meyers 1967 Chevrolet Camaro
 Buddy & Ky Michaelson 2022 Beer Powered Motorcycle
 Tony Miller 2017 Chevrolet Camaro
 Hayden Montour 1960 Chevrolet El Camino
 Dustin Nelson 1969 Chevrolet Camaro RS / Z28
 Matt Nelson 1981 Chevrolet C10 Pickup
 Blake Neyssen 2021 Boss Jr Dragster
 Kimberly Novotney 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle Convertible
 Chuck Olson 1964 Chevrolet Corvette
 Gary Ostberg 1957 Chevrolet
 Michael Pahl 1953 Willys M38
 Dianne Pederson 1935 Chevrolet Coupe
 Smokey Moe Peterson 1937 Chevrolet Coupe
 Renee Quimby 2010 Dodge Challenger SRT
 Dave Rademacher 1932 BSA Sloper
 Joel Reinhard 1932 Ford Roadster
Mike's Auto Restoration (Best of Show 2022) 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air
 Mike Rheinheimer 1941 Willys Americar Coupe
 Chuck Rice 1973 Harley Davidson Sportster
 Dennis Riemenschneider 1960 Ford Starliner
 Dave Robinson 1926 Ford Roadster
 Richard Rohda 1932 Bantam Altered
 Verlyn & Holly Sandhurst 1969 Plymouth GTX
 Scott Sanford 1993 Chevrolet Camaro Z28
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