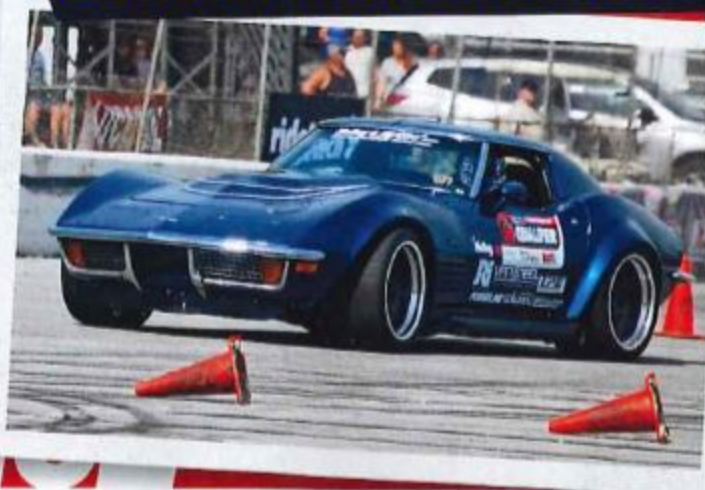


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BEECH BEND HOSTS A GAUNTLET OF LS PERFORMANCE

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If you enjoy watching today's top-performing Chevy muscle cars in action like we do, we highly recommend attending Holley's LS Fest in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Whether you're into old or new muscle cars, wheels-up drag racing or tight-handling autocross competition, LS Fest has it all.

With seven drag racing classes, including an exclusive fifth-gen Camaro index class hosted by Nitto Tire and the increasingly popular heads-up class Holley EFI Real Street, spectators get to see a whole myriad of performances—all from LS engine-powered muscle cars.

There's even a Drift Challenge and Engine Swap Challenge where teams compete by swapping an LS into an old car and the winner gets to keep the engine equipped with numerous Holley Performance parts including a brand new EFI system. For the autocross portion of the event, racers compete in five different categories where points are scored and the one with the highest score is crowned the LS Fest Grand Champion.

This event is also the third stop for the NMCA LSX Challenge series, a four-event competition where drag

DRAG RACE RESULTS

JE Pistons LSX Drag Radial

Winner
Runner-up

Driver
Mike Brown
Andy Essary

E.T.
7.11 @ 196 mph
11.89 @ 76 mph

ERI Performance LSX All-Motor

Winner
Runner-up

Greg Delaney
Don Baskin

8.35 @ 162 mph
8.70 @ 156 mph

Holley EFI Real Street

Winner
Runner-up

Kevin Rounsavall
Jesse Coulter

8.44 @ 162 mph
8.66 @ 162 mph

Proform LSX Index Rumble

Winner
Runner-up

Bobby Admire
Camren Massengale

12.01 @ 110 mph
10.02 @ 136 mph

Nitto Tire Fifth-Gen

Winner
Runner-up

Ronnie Hackelton
Regina Pucket

10.05 @ 122 mph
12.02 @ 114 mph

Shut-Your-Face

Winner
Runner-up

Ray Litz
Steve Hopkins

4.93 @ 148 mph
4.94 @ 148 mph

racers compete for a championship and supreme LS glory. We love to keep up with what's going on in the LS world, so once again our team

headed out to the lush rolling hills of Kentucky to bring our readers a glimpse of the types of cars that you can see at this wild event.



Danny Popp, 2013 LS Fest Grand Champion

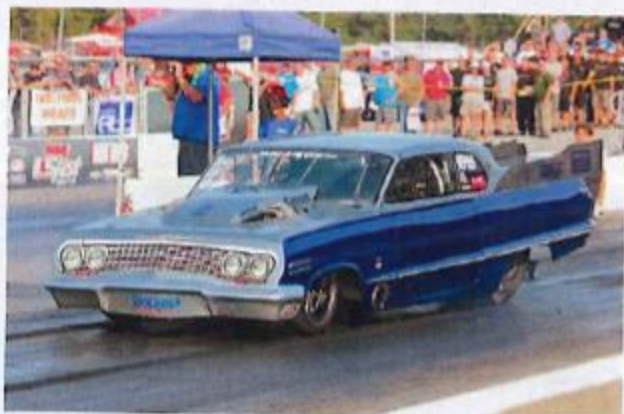


Mark Carlyle qualified third in JE Pistons Drag Radial with a 7.35, but was taken out by eventual class winner Mike Brown.

LS FEST 2013 GRAND CHAMPION SCORING

Driver	Cruise	Show-n-Shine	Bracket/ Index	Autocross Street	3S Challenge	Points	Overall Rank
Danny Popp	5	5	11	25	25	71	1
Brian Finch	5	5	14	20	20	64	2
Kyle Tucker	5	5	7	22	22	61	3
Johnny Cichowski	5	5	8	16	18	52	4
Tim McGilton	5	5	20	5	16	51	5
Mike Dusold	5	5	22	0	13	45	6
Randall Farless	5	5	16	7	11	44	7
Larry Woo	5	5	12	10	10	42	8
Rich Gregory	5	5	1	13	15	39	9
Anthony Palladino	5	5	5	15	7	37	10

This year's event featured a Pro LSX class where Pro Mods such as David Adkin's twin-turbo Impala made some wicked 4-second eighth-mile passes.



Larry Woo's first-gen Camaro placed Seventh in the battle for the Grand Champion crown.



In ERL Performance All-Motor class, Greg Delaney made it all the way to the finals and eventually took out Don Baskin's speedy Nova with a stellar 8.35 at 162 mph pass.

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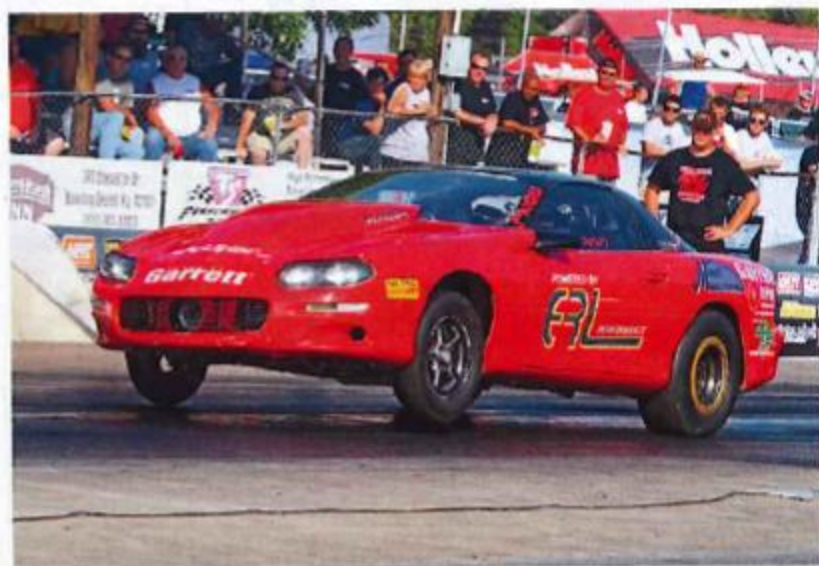
Bruce Raymond's winged Z28 added to the variety of autocross cars at this event.



Tim McGilton made it into the top twenty in the Grand Champion scoring. Look for his Detroit Speed built Camaro in a full feature elsewhere in this issue.

JET-HOT HIGH PERFORMANCE COATINGS SHOW & SHINE TOP TEN

Driver	Car	Class
Luke Claremont	1984 Peterbilt	Street Rod
Mike Fisher	2008 Chevy Corvette	Street Machine
Kevin Kirby	1955 Chevy Truck	Classic Truck
Steve Rutter	1955 Chevy 210	Classic Custom
Donnie Turley	2010 Chevy Camaro	Late Model
Clint Richardson	1992 GMC Sonoma	Muscle Truck
Tim Poole	1969 Chevy Camaro	Muscle Car
Randall Farless	1996 Nissan 240SX	Non-Domestic
Danny Popp	1972 Chevy Corvette	Competition Racer
Chris Girard	2008 Chevy Trailblazer	Late Model Truck



As you can see from this image, Ray Litz kept his Camaro's wheelies under control this time and managed to grab a victory in the Holley Performance Shut Your Face Race, running 4.93 to take down Steve Hopkins' 4.94 in the eighth-mile. Both cars ran 148 mph!



In Holley EFI Real Street, Jesse Coulter got to the finals with his new turbocharged combination, but lost to Kevin Rounsavall despite a killer .007 reaction time.



We enjoyed watching the LS-powered Corvair wagon of Mike Meyers making passes down the strip. Here's an example of the weird stuff you can see at this event—it's not all Camaros and Chevilles.



In Nitto Tire fifth-gen, Ronnie Hackleton won it all once again in his 10-second supercharged machine.

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Randy Bulach entered his hoop-hanging Camaro into the JE Pistons Real Street class, but was taken down by Jesse Coulter in round one.



One of our favorite Monte Carlo drivers, Dan Howe, was on the premises beating up his cool G-body. Rumor has it he's building another '80s muscle machine for the Fifth Annual LS Fest in '14.



Chris Strong entered his unique-looking '96 Z28 into the True Street portion of the event and managed to clock a 10.50 average; not bad for a total street car.



Kudos goes to Michael Barnes for taking home the Chevy High Performance High Noon Shootout Car Show award with his '66 El Camino. And get this; Michael drove all the way out from Elk Grove, California. His efforts earned him a cool CHP plaque and a \$500 gift certificate from Holley Performance Products.

CHEVY HIGH PERFORMANCE HIGH NOON SHOOTOUT AUTOCROSS

Position	Driver	Car	Time
1	Brian Finch	1971 Camaro	36.826
2	Kyle Tucker	1970 Camaro	37.058
3	Karl Dunn	1968 Camaro	37.360
4	Larry Woo	1968 Camaro	37.499
5	Chris Jacobs	1966 Chevelle	37.678
6	Brian Nutter	2002 Corvette Z06	37.835
7	Bob Bertelsen	1971 Camaro	37.872
8	Billy Utley	1972 Nova	38.147
9	Eric Earney	1967 Camaro	38.203
10	JB Granger	1967 Camaro	38.739



Charlie Polly qualified number two in his '98 Camaro in Real Street with an 8.50 at 160 mph. He made it to the second round, but Jesse Coulter took him down.

Brian Massingill had his 9-second COPO Camaro on the grounds at LS Fest. The Texas resident typically competes in index classes with his ride, however for this outing, he entered it in the heads-up All-Motor class.



Last year's Grand Champion, Brian Finch, was nearly able to defend his title, but Danny Popp's Corvette topped him in the autocross and 3S challenge, giving Popp the point advantage. **CHP**

