

## **Eighteen New Super Class Graduates Emerge Energized After Hawley's Drag Racing School**

Drivers from all walks of life and backgrounds enjoyed the Florida sunshine during the most recent Gainesville Super Class at Frank Hawley's Drag School.

Two of the most recent Florida Grads are Lori Roy of Ontario, Canada who attended with her husband Lawrence, both in hopes of picking up some new techniques to improve as drivers.

"Laurence had raced a Valiant early on, then bought and built a 1974 Dodge Dart to run in the Stock class (F/S). He has raced his car in between house renovations, building our girls junior dragsters, cancer, life events," she explained. "Then in 2007, he built a 1978

Dodge Aspen for me (G/SA). I think he didn't like the idea of driving a standard, so that was my cue. I have raced for 3 years at Grand Bend and Cayuga, Ontario and had the privilege of racing at Norwalk, Ohio last September in the Moparfest. I have won only a few rounds here and there, and that's where the idea of Frank Hawley came to be."

"Last fall, Laurence and I talked about my starting line focus and we investigated into drag racing school," she continued. "Laurence was keen on going to Frank's school as he lives and breathes all of the statistics and felt that Frank Hawley's Drag Racing School, given Frank's background and reputation, would be the best school to attend."

Both Lori and Lawrence drove one of the school's Super Gas Firebirds during their class at Gainesville Raceway and while they enjoyed the time on the track, it was Hawley's classroom time the couple will thoroughly relish.

"I cannot stress how impressed both of us were with the class. Our main focus signing up was to hear the motivational speaking. We really wanted to hear Frank talk about the approach styles that people have, how to clear your mind, how to set goals, how do you judge progress, how to get comfortable in your setting," she noted. "Of course, running the Super Gas was just a bonus to the experience. And what a blast we had!"

Fellow graduate, A.J. Myers of Navarre, Ohio only recently became hooked on the sport of Drag Racing during some of his volunteer work and a meeting with NHRA Top Fuel Champ Tony Schumacher.

"Tony invited me to the Nationals at Summit Motorsports Park in Norwalk, Ohio to hang out with him for the day and I was hooked from that point on," said Myers. "I was invited back to join him this past year and that's where I met Don Graham. Don has an Army sponsored Super Comp Dragster and a Super Gas car. He invited me to hang out with him for the rest of the season where I helped maintain & clean the cars. He began to teach me, give me pointers, and direction in the racing community. I had asked Tony at one point about schools and how he got started and he brought up Frank Hawley. Don also recommended Frank's school and



after a lot of research on my end, I determined that this would be my best direction to start my racing education.”

Myers licensed in not just one car during his two day course at Frank Hawley’s Drag Racing School but in both the Super Comp Dragster and the Super Gas Firebird.

“I want to go back and do it again,” Myers exclaimed. “I learned a lot about driving the first time, now I would like to learn more about racing. I had never been in a car before and had no experience or know what to expect. Now that I have a beginner's grasp on what it takes I want to learn how to compete. Frank did an amazing job keeping me interested, focused and inspired on what was about to happen. He was entertaining as well as informative and I have another role model to add to my racing legends.”



“This was one of the most positive experiences I have ever had. The cars were perfectly maintained, clean and ran flawlessly,” continued Myers on his Hawley School Super Class experience. “The staff was knowledgeable, friendly and inspiring. The whole experience is something I'll never forget. I would urge [folks] to attend whenever possible and that I hope to return some day for a second round with Frank. I can only imagine how much I could learn going again now that I have a little experience under my belt.”

Lori Roy echoed many of Myers’ remarks, “I've come back with so much knowledge. I can't wait to put these theories into place and clear my mind of all the junk! Our car will be coming out in another couple of weeks and I am really excited and looking forward to my new plan of action.”

“Plus how impressed we were with your cars and crew,” she added. “The cars ran absolutely superb all day, without fail. They were extremely consistent. Jimmy looked after my car. He was so professional, courteous and was a real joy to talk to. He is a real asset to [the school’s] team.”

When asked if she would recommend others, no matter what their skill level to attend one of Hawley’s classes, “Absolutely, without hesitation.”

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