



B&T Speed Shop 50th Year Reunion

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At Dead Mans Curve Wild Hot Rod Party Weekend

B&T 50TH Year Reunion August 2014

The reunion took place on August, 29th and 30th 2014 at the DEAD MANS CURVE 3rd Annual Wild Hot Rod Weekend in Mahwah NJ. Customers and friends of Tony Monopoli and the B&T Automotive Speed Shop that opened its doors in Palisades Park NJ, in 1964. The shop transitioned into a Nationally Known Entity through 1986. B&T's former customers, first and second generation family members reunited, gathered and caught up, chatted, minced and mingled at the B&T Reunion tent and the presentation. The B&T Shop is long gone but those memories live on forever. The Dead Mans Curve event provided special parking area Cars that were built and owned by attendees. The Group Photograph includes the Company Sign that was hung in the late 60's and withstood the test of time as the centerpiece to the reunion itself. Tony Monopoli presented a back in time B&T Slide Show Presentation on Friday & Saturday. Attendees brought and shared photos and memories of the decade. B&T evolved through those times from a small town Speed Shop to one of the earliest niches, as "B&T" Street Rod City, Chrome Makes It. Both provided Mail order services worldwide of off the shelf and already chromed Street Rod and Show Car products which earned Tony the Monica "Antonio-Chrome-a-Lione". Full service Appraisals were started circa 1965 which progressed into AVM Automotive Appraisals and Consulting along with The International Automotive Appraisers Association that was founded in 1994 and the AutoMediators Association founded in 2007.

B&T

located at 18 Ruff Ave Palisades Park NJ 1964



B&T 1964

The first B&T store featured specialty products that included American Racing & Ansen wheels, Bell Auto parts, Moon Equipment company, More-Drop Axles, PSI & Elco products, Antique Sheet Metal, now (Brookville Roadsters), Challenger Products, the PSI company, Hilborn Injection units, Stewart Warner Gauges, Wieand Superchargers, Offenhauser products, DA Speed & Sport oil and Howard Cams & Wheels, along with much more.

Duchesse was in charge of Complaints and Customer Service



- B&T Automotive opened its doors 50 years ago. It was a time when it was fashionable to “Cruise the Drag” and Drag Race on the street. Street racing was popular on the yet to be completed Interstate Route 80, NJ State highway Rt. 46 and Rt. 17, Brooklyn’s Connecting highways and other places like Sterling Forest NY. To get a Race one would go to Main Street Hackensack, Stewarts in Paramus, The White Castle in the Bronx, Callahan’s in Fort Lee, The Texan, Buffs Ice Cream Parlor, Jiffy Berger, Wetson’s Drive Inn in Staten Island NY.

The Speed Shop Relocated to 16 East Columbia Ave Palisades Park NJ 1968



B&T Automotive

- The Name of the Shop was B&T Automotive
Just to get a certificate of occupancy, the business name could not contain any reference to racing. The B&T Famous Triangle sign that hung above the shop couldn't be hung until 1969 when the town became familiar enough with the shop so that it could say," B&T Automotive Speed Equipment".

B&T Had all the right stuff check out the amount of oil in stock







B&T East Columbia Ave Store



A typical Scene at B&T late 60's



- The 1960's was a time when street cars had names like '*Persuasion*', '*Locomotion*', '*Suddenly*', '*Savage*', '*One Time*', '*It's Dynamite*' and '*Sunday Kind of Love*'. Some racers had nicknames too, such as '*The Beard*', '*Radio Rich*', '*Big Z*', '*Zippy*', '*Flippy*', and '*Tony B&T*'.

- The speed shop that started it all operated for 22 years in Palisades Park NJ. The earliest years brought the
- B & T Automotive Logo through several stages the First Card Had A 40 Willys Racecar. A 56 Chev 210 Yellow Shop Wagon was lettered with Strictly Speed Equipment on the doors, the 6ylinder was replaced with a 301CI engine with a Corvette 2x4 set up. The Shop Wagon was replaced with a loaded out 1969 Town and Country Wagon with a factory 375 horse engine.
- The beginning years saw several Race Cars with the “B & T Automotive Speed Equipment” name proudly painted on the side of several of the friends and patrons cars.
- The 40 Willys Logo on the business card was so Cool that a customer Tattooed it on his arm

B&T Racing History

- The Small Shop was one of the First Sponsors for the Brand New Englishtown Raceway Park. B & T sponsored a Host of Race Cars that were diverse and included Frank Katic's 1967 Corvette that held the NHRA National Record for A-stock automatic. NHRA Record Dropped with his 68 and 69 big block Corvettes under the B & T Sponsorship. Another Famous Car was the Northern Hauler raced by John Zoytnia, the first was a 1956 Chevy Sedan Delivery that was raced in Modified Production and then D/Gas the Next Northern Hauler was a 60 Corvette that won many East Coast Events with and Captured The IHRA National Records. Then there was the dynamic trio of LAW Automotive. The LAW 1957 and 1958 sedan delivery's were raced by Lou Covello, Ann & Walter Toews, who won many events throughout the east in NHRA Stock Class. The Trio held several records in their respective classes. A 1957 Corvette owned and driven by Ron Krause, 1955 Chevrolet Raced by Bob Carlson, Steve Seaman and Dominic Ronaldi team with the 1965 Mopar (Its Dynamite) won Indy and many National Events. Steve Seaman went on to receive a Lifetime Achievement award in 2012. The Cars that raced weren't limited to Drag Racing, Racer Walsh campaigned his pinto in SCCA along with Julio Perez in his Big Block Corvette Road Racer and one of our Sponsored Stock Car owned by Jeff Hammer was so successful with a GMC 6 cylinder that caused stir on the dirt tracks. The shop stocked cutting edge like naturel rubber tubes and the latest engine components.

B& T Sponsored Racer Walsh Who Provided the Decals that became the shops Logo



John Zoytnia Northern Hauler



D/Gas Northern Hauler

John Zoytnia Northern Hauler

Northern Hauler II

Bob Carlson FIA

Lou Coviello LAW Automotive

Doug Johnston & Fred Summers

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Katic Keenan & Smith

Bill “Grumpy” Jenkins Autographing Katic, Keenan & Smith National Record

Frank Katic

The first Dog Gone Vette was a 1967 that ran A/SA. It held numerous NHRA national records with a Bill Grumpy Jenkins built engine. The Dog Gone Vette II also dropped many NHRA Records.

The 69 Corvette ran a Truppi-Kling built engine.

Franks grandson and nephew were in attendance at the 50 Year Reunion.

1955 Chevy belonged Joe The TILE Guy DeVito

Rapid Ron Krause

B&T Visor Promotion at the Summer Nationals

B&T Promos

B&T promotions were numerous, they included the visor that was distributed at Englishtown Summer Nationals. The Kendall motor oil company provided new 15 gal drums that sported the popular B&T triangle decal were used for trash receptacles at major Drag Race Events in NJ.

A Red White and Blue Triangle T shirt was distributed in celebration of The New Jersey Centennial. The Side Walk in front of the store was painted with the Red White and Blue Flag Theme in 1976. The little shop got national recognition with its promos. A B&T drawing for a Cabbage Patch Kid, which was nearly impossible to get made one lucky child happy on Christmas.

B &T Display Asbury Park Convention Center

B&T Products

The B&T Street Rod City and Chrome Makes It catalog and brands introduced many new products to the market first; Custom Chrome plated leaf Springs & Suspension components and the original (Spring Glider™), spring liners. The catalog included chromed, Alternators, Water pumps, Pulleys, Timing covers, Oil pans, Dip-sticks & tubes. Braided stainless hose cover and polished stainless steel bolts (Fancy Bolts™) were innovations that led the way. Many of these products date back to 1964 and others were introduced as part of the B&T national magazine advertisements or sold at car shows and the NSRA Street Rod Nationals.

NY Coliseum Car Show

Fred Carucci's Roadster Won Best Engine at NY Coliseum Car Show

John Sansari Mini Roadster had many B&T innovations

Roy Corvette Wins Big in the NY Coliseum

Spring Gliders were a B&T Product

Timonium Maryland East Coast Nationals

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B&T Promotion at the Timonium Maryland East Coast Nationals

The B & T Street Rod City Catalog went around the World

B&T Coupe at the NJ Playboy Club

NJ Playboy Club NESRO

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B&T Display at the NSRA Nationals Columbus Ohio

Polished Aluminum Intakes Were a B&T Specialty

'32-34 Ford
REPLACEMENT FRAMES
495⁰⁰



B&T Street Rod City \$495 Frame + the other goodies



B&T Attended NESRO Rod Runs in Sturbridge MA

NESRO Rod Run Sturbridge MA

Life's Highway Hartford CT

**Read Tony's Interviews with Carroll Shelby, Steve Saleen,
Drew Lieberman (of Ebay) Gary Bennett (of Barrett Jackson)
at Auto-appraisers.com "Classic Car News"**

The First B&T Reunion

Silver Springs MD was the First East Coast Nationals

Steve Seaman and Stills with B&T Shirt at 1st East Coast Nationals

All Good Things Must End But True Love