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54. They say you can never go home again. To test this assertion we dispatched Bruce Caldwell to the land of his youth, Washington, to cover the second Fallnationals. Merrily humming "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head," Caldwell found the rain gods favorably disposed toward drag racing—although things were a bit damp in the mornings, the sun appeared with amazing punctuality. Inhaling too much clean air has had its effects, however; Caldwell is still mumbling about Potlaches, Sasquatches, and something no one in LA has seen—trees.



76. To find out what makes Tom Turner's record-holding D/MP Corvette run, we went straight to the horse's mouth. The horse in question is named "Smokey" (right), a close neighbor of Tom Turner (left). Although the horse refused to disclose his last name, there is a nagging suspicion that it might be "Yunick."



84. This particular pose has been characteristic of an inordinate number of Corvette Funny Cars—those that aren't on fire, that is. To uncover why Corvettes seem to have such a magnetic attraction for guardrails and other immovable objects, Competition Editor Jon Asher contacted his photographer cronies to put together this portfolio of plastic-bodied mayhem.

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