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THE TEXAS MILE

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The Texas Mile is a unique three-day event that was recently extended to three times a year from its previous fall and spring offerings. Just as the name implies, it's a one-mile event run at an airstrip near Goliad, Texas. Competitors go from a dead start on solo passes with time intervals and top speed recorded in several classes, with special recognition for class winners and those qualifying for the 200 MPH Club. This speed-fest draws car and motorcycle racers from all over the world, but Lamborghini loving sports car enthusiasts with their Italian racing gloves need to be warned. This race has its share of quarter-mile killers that have added taller gears and some NASCAR tape to assault the 5280. The big ques-

tion for 2011 is can someone take a modified American-made production car and end the rein of foreign sports cars?

The Texas Mile started in October of 2003 and has grown into a spectacular power-infused festival that would make for entertaining television, but if viewing nearly every kind of domestic hotrod and exotic supercar or superbike screaming down the runway at over 200 MPH is desired, making a trip in person to the Lone Star State is what it takes. For now, you won't see the event on TV, but it was featured on Speed Network's The Battle of the Supercars, "Texas Muscle," hosted by Lee Reheman. This is a great



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Tire smoke and haze continue past the 1/4 mile, but those Mickey Thompson 275/60-15 radials hung in there at over 200 MPH and kept the car going straight.

show featuring professional drivers Tanner Foust and Paul Tracy who drive the latest exotic cars from manufacturers and aftermarket builders that tweak for speed freaks who aren't satisfied with stock performance. During the episode shot at The Texas Mile, a Shelby GT500, built by Autograf, and a Chevy Camaro, built by Fastlane, faced off in a head-to-head competition of acceleration, speed, and handling.

Many participants record onboard videos and post them on YouTube for the viewing pleasure of those who want to see just what it's like. Just go to YouTube, search for "The Texas Mile," and watch some incredible footage. It's sure to get some racers in the mood to run the mile, but registration is closed for the next event scheduled for March 25-27, 2011, which means you will be reading this right around the time of that event. Spectators and future participants are welcome to attend, and it's a great opportunity to see some of the fastest cars in the world, or scout the competition for upcoming 2011 events on May 27-29, and October 21-23. Just

be sure to register for future events the minute they open, because all the spots sell out within hours, not days.

Not every speed freak at the event has an exotic supercar. Most range from stock or modified performance cars such as late model Corvettes, Mustangs, Camaros, and Challengers. One unusual participant at both 2010 events was Mike Woods, owner of Nitrous Express, and the driver of a 94 Mustang powered by a nitrous-fed, turbocharged Duramax diesel producing over 1000 horsepower. He achieved a personal best at the famed mile during the October 2010 event, with a blistering 205.00 MPH, besting his earlier 202.40 MPH run set back in March 2010. What's really amazing about the car is its streetable nature that has allowed Woods to drive it thousands of miles while competing in Hot Rod's Drag Week, and getting 40 MPG in the process.

On of the most impressive cars to compete in previous events is a Lamborghini Gallardo Superleggera that flew to an incredible

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250.1MPH. Its pilot is Richard Holt out of the famed Underground Racing camp owned by brothers Kevin and KC Howeth. Their hobby turned business, who's name came from a secret password-protected internet forum, was created by them to bring the illegal street racing scene together in North Carolina and organize racing events in their area. It was a real underground racing operation that has come into the light of day as a legitimate business. Events like The Texas Mile give them a place to show off. Their specialty is taking a \$200,000 Lamborghini, give it an Underground Racing treatment that generally starts in the neighborhood of \$90,000, and scare the hell out of the owner with insane horsepower. Some bottomless pockets have pumped up their Lambo's to 1800 horsepower thanks to the brothers of the underground! Insane speed demons like this can be seen at The Texas Mile fighting it out for several coveted titles.

Family-friendly events are not as abundant as they used to be, but the Texas Mile does what it can, with plenty of choices in food and souvenirs. Hit speeds of 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 190, or 200 MPH, and there are shirts for that. T-shirts to show support for top-end terrors are many, with several designs to choose from. Don't scoff if someone is wearing a 130 MPH shirt, they could have a moped with a nitrous bottle strapped to the back, and that adds a whole new appreciation for the number.

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The Texas Mile has lines just like drag racing, but it's a great opportunity for competitors to meet fellow gear-heads and swap stories or share tips and tricks. Shelby Mustangs, Corvettes, Camaros, and other American muscle wait to run, along with Ferraris, Lamborghinis, and other exotic cars. Land speed racers and other purpose built cars are scattered among the majority of cars which are production-based. Racers who want to improve aerodynamics and keep their hoods, trim, and other items from blowing off at high speeds, use racer's tape or even painter's tape to keep air out of the gaps. Racer's tape holds up much better, but can leave a sticky residue that requires some elbow grease and adhesive remover to clean, especially on hot days. Immediate removal after use provides the best results.

Safety rules apply at The Texas Mile just like any other race, so roll cages, window nets, and fire suits are a great idea for those 200 MPH blasts that could be extremely dangerous if something goes wrong.



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Here's the photo you've been waiting for! Several words come to mind when you first see the turbocharged, nitrous injected Duramax diesel in Mike Woods' Stang, but the first few are, unbelievable! Incredible! Even, awesome! Mike, owner of Nitrous Express (NX), built his Mustang to demonstrate the potential of NX diesel nitrous systems. If that's not enough, get ready for his diesel-powered dragster that should eclipse the 250 MPH mark in 2011.

Underground Racing's Richard Holt drove this Orange Lamborghini Gallardo Superleggera for all its worth, hitting an incredible 250.1MPH while competing in the Unlimited Street Car With Turbo class.



Bill Warner is the current Motorcycle Record Holder with an impressive posting of 278.6 MPH on his 1299cc turbo-charged Suzuki Hayabusa that cranks out an amazing 650 horsepower... and he has the official time slip to prove it!



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Participants make single runs with one mile to hit their top speed and 1/2-mile to shut it down. A stroll through the participant area shows a wide variety of thrill seekers and their motorcycles, performance street-cars, racecars and land speed racers. Many drag racers participate in the event by simply changing out rear gears and adding a little 200 MPH tape. It's a change of pace that any adrenaline junky can appreciate. Unlimited runs and unlimited fun are waiting, with, "No Speed Limit," so check out the Texas Mile website for dates, rules and more information at texasmile.net.



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