

WHO IS PAUL NOAKES?

It has always been Paul Noakes destiny to be a drag racer, the fact is he was born and bred into the sport having attended his first drag race at the tender age of 6 weeks old, as father Brian's biggest (well actually smallest) fan. Brian spent many years as a pioneer of the sport, before his fiery crash in Grand Bend in 1969 side-lined his career as a driver. Paul however continued to watch and mentor beside his father, as Brian switched focus from racer to car and engine builder.

The Noakes family then teamed up with one of NHRA's 50 greatest and hall of fame driver Frank Hawley, as in 1974-75 Hawley took to the wheel of the Brian Noakes racing 1972 Dodge Challenger BB/FC Funny Car. The wheel duties where passed on to Herb Rogers in late 1975 before Brian chose to park the car. These were formative years for Paul, galvanizing his drive and desire to pilot a Funny Car down the quarter mile.

The chance finally came in 1988, while working at a local speed shop in London, Ontario, Paul Noakes successfully got his Advanced ET Racing License and he never looked back. The 1990's were spent 'cutting-his-teeth' in the Pro Comp, Quick 8 and Top Alcohol Funny Car ranks. In 1995 Paul won his first Top Alcohol Funny Car race at St. Thomas raceway. His debut at the NHRA level was not as successful however, with his first NHRA race resulting in a badly burned car at the famed Indianapolis Raceway. The true competitor he is, Paul took his lumps and continued to move forward through the UDRA and IHRA Alcohol Funny Car series, and in 1996 he won the UDRA AFC Championship, the same title Frank Hawley won driving Brian Noakes' car in 1975.

From 1997 to 2004 Paul contested IHRA and UDRA, while also going to teachers college and becoming a high school automotive tech teacher. At the races or in the classroom, Paul always shows his winning desire and commitment to succeed, a trait he tries to instill in his fans and students. But the racing desire burned deep and in 2005 Paul got serious about drag racing. The joint effort of Paul Noakes and Jay Johnston, President of long time Noakes racing sponsor Harman HVS, a more serious and consistent approach was taken to the racing effort.

Paul contested the entire World Alcohol Racers (WAR) Series and won the Championship! Over the next 3 season Paul would focus his determination on the IHRA Alcohol Funny Car Championship, raising his game winning 6 national events and coming in 2nd in the Championship standings in 2008 while driving for Terry McMillan in the Amalie Oil Instigator Funny Car at all 11 IHRA National events. Having raced Pro Mod Racers Association in 2010, and teaming up with Larry Dobbs racing in 2011 contesting a number of NHRA national and divisional events, the Noakes Johnston team continued moving forward with a whole new approach for the next 3 seasons starting in 2012.

The Noakes and Johnston partnership proved to be a powerful combination, with Jay's experience of business planning, team building, setting and achieving goals combined with Paul's strong desire to succeed, amazing reaction times and driving skills, plus positive attitude and top mechanics skill, the stage was set for the 2012 season. With Jay as team crew chief, Paul as one of the best drivers in the sport and a whole new set of components, parts, setups and most of all You the sponsor, we are set to take Noakes Racing to a whole new level of winning the NHRA Alcohol Funny Car World Championship!

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