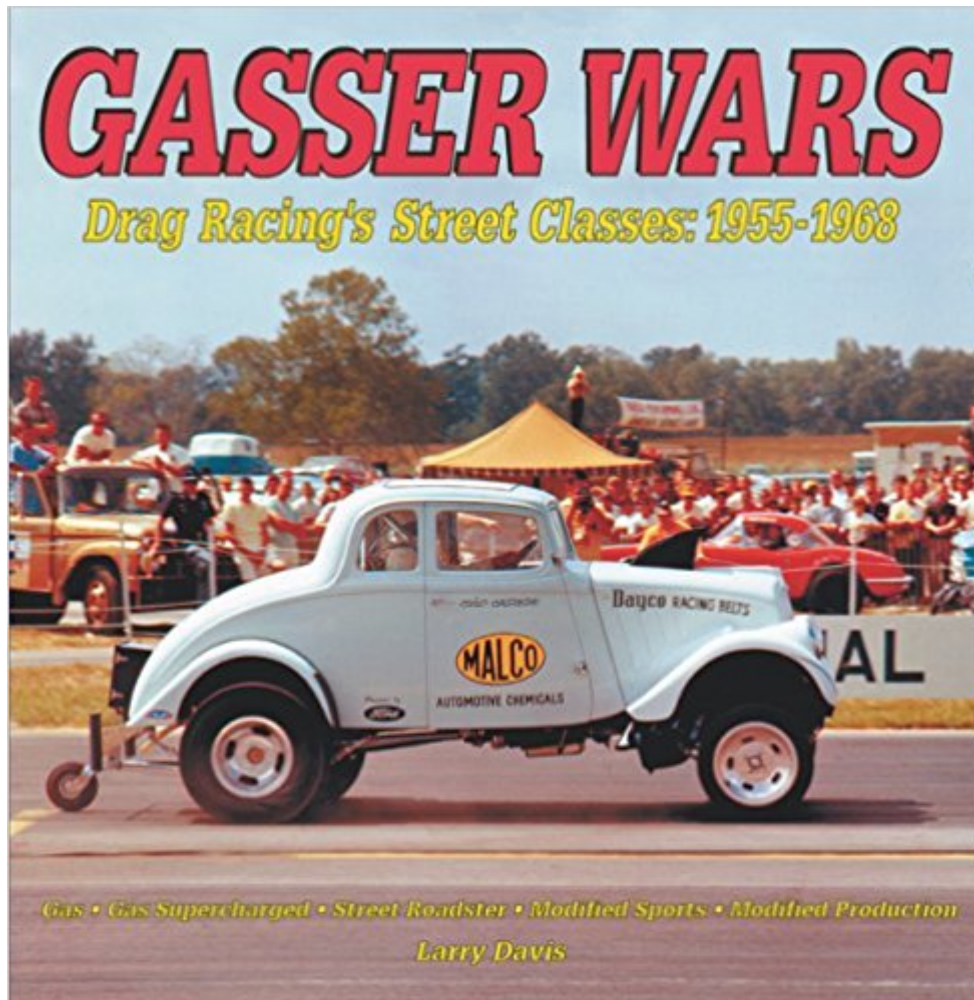




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Gasser Wars: Drag Racing's Street Classics: 1955-1968



Synopsis

In the late 1950s, thousands of street legal hot rods participated in organized drag races across the country - they ran in three major classes: Gas, Modified Production, and Modified Sports. As the racers got more serious, these cars were street legal in appearance only. Yeah, they had headlights, taillights, and interiors, but they were full-on race cars, with huge blown Hemi engines, wide racing slicks, raised front suspensions. Racers soon discovered that small, lightweight cars were the fastest, and the classic Gasser was born - cars like the Stone Woods & Cook '40 Willys. Because these cars resembled street vehicles, they had a huge fan base, and their short wheelbases and wildly overpowered engines made them exciting to watch. And, as car manufacturers began sponsoring cars and touting their accomplishments in ads, the "Gasser Wars" were born. Thousands of spectators flocked to events where the top Gassers in the country would face off in grudge matches. Some cars even raced internationally in Europe and Australia. These were among the most popular and exciting racers of the era - many of the top original cars have been restored and are now valuable museum pieces, and the "Gasser" look is popular again among hot rodders.

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Customer Reviews

Larry Davis was a hobby drag racer between 1960 and 1970, competing in various Stock Modified Production and Super Stock classes. His efforts included participation in the 1967 and 1969 NHRA National Championships to Indianapolis, MN. When he wasn't racing, he was an avid fan of the Super Stock class and took many photos of the cars and crews. He currently resides in Canton,

Ohio.

I grew up in Southern California in the era of Gasser Wars and famous gassers like Stone, Woods, & Cook, Big John Mazmanian, Chuck Finders, Ohio George Montgomery, and so many others. This book tells the tales of the days of racing and the friendship of the crews when they were on the road. There are a few secrets revealed that made some cars better competitors and drivers winners. There are pictures from almost every major drag strip in America and fields full of Willys gassers, 55-57 Chevys, even strange creations such as a Packard Sedan or a Studebaker coupe. If you lived in this time in drag racing history, this is your book. If you enjoy great racing, these were the cars, teams, and drivers who made the histories we hear about. This was a great time to be a racer or fan. You'll love this book.

Nice book that was in much better condition than I expected. A great buy.

if you are at ALL interested in historic drag classes, horsepower, hot rods, etc. this book is a must. There simply isn't any other source of information and photographs on gassers out there. Hundreds of rare photographs of gassers from the golden age make this a perfect coffee table book. The appendix at the back listing all the cars and the classes they raced in is also very helpful if attempting to "recreate" a historic gasser. This book is required reading!

my wife got it for my birthday, first time she got anything on .com and it worked out great!!!! thanx!

Great book!!!!!!

Like Davis' previous book on Super Stockers, this one's a keeper. Unlike that one, this one has a wealth of color photographs. And Davis supplements the pix with interesting, well-researched text. Anyone with an interest in this class or drag racing history in general will love this book. An A+ effort.

I DO NOT HAVE THE HARD COVER BOOK THOUGH I HAVE THE PAPERBACK ADDITON ON THIS. THIS BOOK IS GREAT ALOT OF PHOTOS STORYS TO MUCH TO LIST. THYE TALK ABOUT HOW THEY ALL GOT STARTED. S&S RACING FROM FALLS CHURCH VIRGINA ,PORK ZARTMAN HOW THE FITHLY FORTY GOT IT NAME FRED BEAR , DAVE HALES THE HOLE

S&S RACE TEAM HOW THEY GOT THERE START. BIG JOHN , THE FLINSTONE FLYER, BARB HAMILTON SO MUCH TO LIST IT REALLY IS ALMOST A CONVERSATION PEACE AS WELL AS A COFFE TABLE BOOK.THERE ARE PHOTOS OF CARS HOW THEY RAN THEM BACK IN THE DAY ALSO HOW THEY PROGRESSED IN THE EARLY DAYS. I LIVE IN CLEVELAND OHIO SO BARB HAMILTON , OHIO GERORGE AND GENE SCHWARTZ ARE REAL BIG OUT HERE.THOMPSON RACEWAY PARK IN THOMPSON OHIO IS IN GEAUGA COUNTY FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS OR SO THEY WILL DO A GASSER RENUION NORMALLY THE FIRST WEEKEND IN JUNE . YOU WILL SEE ALOT OF CARS IT IS A TREAT TO SEE THE S&S RACE TEAM MAKE THE TRIP UP TO OHIO . AROUN 6 YEARS AGO I BOUGHT THE PAPERBACK BOOK AN STARTED TO TAKE TO THE GASSER MEETS IN OHIO AND GET SOME OF THE DRIVERS TO SIGN MY BOOK ON THE FRONT COVER AS WELL AS INSIDE THE BOOK BY THERE SECTION OR THERE CAR PICTURE.A LOT OF THEM HAVE PASSED ON THROUGH THE YEARS BUT THEY WERE THRILLED TO TAKE THE TIME TO TALK AND SIGN STUFF FOR US FANS THEY ARE THE GRAND FATHERS OF DRAG RACING.THIS IS A GERAT BOOK FOR ANY RACE FAN.IT ALSO MAKE A GREAT GIFT FOR ANYONE WHO YOU ARE NOT SURE WHAT TO GET THEM. GREAT PHOTOS ,STORYS ALOT OF COOL STUFF BUY THIS BOOK YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPOINTEED.

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