

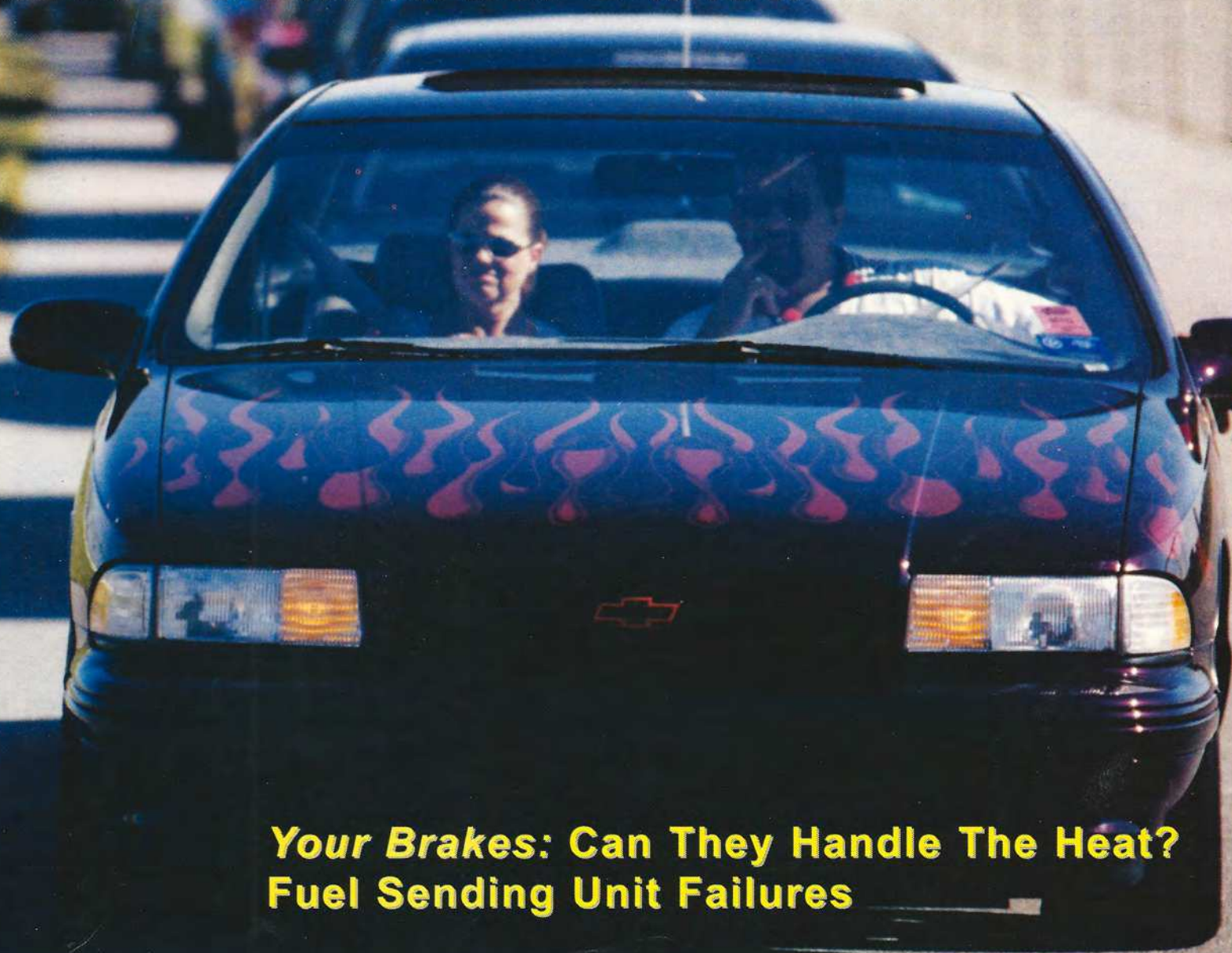
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In The Staging Lanes

By Karl Ellwein



I just finished reading the July-August 2002 *Impala SScene* and am really impressed by all the six speed conversions. I've been thinking about a six speed for my car recently after spending two days in the quickest B-body with a 6 speed, Nabil Guffey's 13.0 @ 104mph Blue WAIL. His six speed is pure pleasure for the street. At the track I'm not quite sure. I do know that Nabil can

win bracket races with his six speed since he was in sixth place for the ECIRS championship at the time I wrote this. I do know that the current 2001 street bracket champion at Maryland Int'l Raceway is Dan Hoyler, who did it in his Mustang 5.0 with stick shift in hand. I'm led to believe that you can enjoy at least a few good rounds of bracket racing without the ease and consistency of the 4L60E automatic. What's holding me back from doing the conversion?

The only thing keeping me away from the six speed is that an automatic car still has an ET advantage. You'd think that the efficiency of the six speed would out perform the slush bucket performance of the automatic...but it doesn't. Right now, automatic tranny B-bodies get out of the hole dramatically quicker than their clutch dumping brothers. I don't know though, maybe one day I'll give up a few tenths in the 1/4 and go visit Josh Korsower for the BBHP six speed kit.

Speaking of Josh, I've got to say that he is one of the coolest B-body owners I've ever met. He might not want to admit it, but he actually showed me how to pull B-body engines and swap heads-cam. After learning from him, it gave me the confidence to attempt my own motor swaps, cam changes, head swaps, tranny swaps, you name it. We all learn from someone. Who did you learn from? Email me with a story about learning from one of your B-body heroes so I can put it here and not have to write about myself all the time!

So who did you learn from? Were you fortunate to learn from a family member? Dad, Mom, sister or brother? Did you learn from another B-body owner? I learned a lot about bracket racing from a fellow WAIL-ISSCA member, Paul Kemlage. I saw that Paul was a bracket race point member at his local track and that just fascinated me. He was the current "WAIL King" when I met him. The WAIL King is what we call the current WAIL drag day bracket

race champion. I'd seek him out at any WAIL event he attended and I'd pick his brain for bracket racing tips. I wouldn't go as far as saying Paul is older, but let's just say that he has a great amount of experience. Because of Paul's inspiration, I decided to join the points championship at my local track, MIR, and it was here that I really started to learn how to race. I also learned how to enjoy this form of racing called Bracket Racing. Bracket racing is something you have to acquire a taste for. At MIR I hung around the best racers that I could find, the top 10 in points. I'd pick their brains and show time slips to them and watch their technique at the starting line and at the finish line. I learned mostly from a girl, Lisa Bolton, who drove a Luke Duke Mopar and whose husband was one of the point leaders, (Eddy Bolton), who drives a 360 Dart. This Mopar clique was quite a tough crowd to be around and I'm not the sociable type but somehow I was able to learn from just watching these guys. Be persistent and watch the very best racers at your track and get close to them. See you in the staging lanes.

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