

## A Wonderful Day at the Races

Growing up in the 60's meant cars. One of the favorite things to do on a Sunday way back when was taking my dad's 1960 Chevy out to Thompson drag strip. Of course, he never really knew about that. If he did, he



would have tanned my hide!! I moved out to the West Coast in the mid 60's and recently came back to my roots. CA was great, but there is nothing like being back home with friends and family. I have not visit Thompson Drag Strip in over 40 years. Kenny Edger and I would "sneak out" with our cars and head out to the races. Forty years later, on a hot very hot day in July of 2011 Mike Cavotta and I head out to Thompson. To our amazement, the owner of Thompson is none other than Kenny, who really loved it back in the early sixties.....and he still

had his 1964 GTO to boot!! How cool is that!! If that wasn't enough, the legendary Gene Schwarz, the National Gasser champion back in the mid sixties was there in full force. While his 1952 Chevy red lined at 11,000 RPM's going through the traps, his brother Glen, a world renown guitarist, pounded out some great songs. I thought I was dreaming.....

I can't tell you how much this afternoon meant to me. I felt like we were just graduating and I was racing dad's car again. One thing for sure, either the cars have gotten noisier, or my hearing is more sensitive. Hope you enjoy a short trip back to Thomson Drag Strip.

To see a short video [CLICK HERE](#).

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Class of 1962

