

# LIGHTNING AND FLAME IN THE SKY AND ON THE TRACK

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(Commerce, GA – June 26) The lightning and thunder didn't stop racers and fans from having a good time at the Powerade Night of Fire. As a given, there was plenty of fire to go around, with jet dragster racers Elaine Larsen in her new Miller Welders dragster and Ernie Bogue in his "The Beast from the East" ride. Benny "the Bomb" raised a dynamite conflagration, suiting up in an old car and sitting through a TNT explosion. Kids were fired up with an entertainment area, featuring an inflatable slide, an inflatable castle bouncer, and a "Spin the Apple" mini-carnival ride.

The midway was buzzing, as fans went from Georgia Graphics (armed with Bulldog paraphernalia) to Rupture Streetwear ("clothing with an attitude"). The younger ones were drawn to Hoppin' Hot Rods (die cast car retailers), while racers perused S.I.T. Safety Equipment for the latest in race car safety. Elaine Larsen brought a huge Miller Welders display to set off her new dragster in honor of "80 years of welding," and provided three interactive booths for trying out welders. Fans were lined up for autographs and hero cards, after being treated to thrown free t-shirts in the grandstands. Photos by MSA Staff. To see more photos, visit [www.motorsportamerica.com](http://www.motorsportamerica.com)

