

RACER OF THE YEAR



qualifying pass, but we were able to replace the entire engine in under 3 hours, just in time for the eliminations. We went on to win our class, and received tons of respect from fellow racers and disappointed competitors. That event really tested our commitment, motivation and drive, and after all the hard work that the team put in, we felt like we really earned our first place trophy.

On August 20th in Maple Grove, Pa, we raised the bar and bring the IDRC "Street 8" world record into the 9s with our 9.58 pass on DOT-rated tires. That event still holds as the only one where a "Street 8" racer ran a 9-second pass during competition.

T: What changes are you considering for 2001?

AY: We are looking at converting the car for competition in the Quick 16 or Outlaw 8. We're not certain what rule cahnges will be announced for the next season so we're not sure what direction we'll be going. We intend to bring a full-time crew chief and are seeking more sponsors to help us have another winning season. We would like to attend 20-25 races next year, and need to have a car that would be legal and competitive to race under the rules of several sanctioning bodies. We will decide what direction to go in when the 2001 rules come out, and after meeting with our sponsors. Whichever direction we go in, you can count on us being noticed and setting new standards in the 2001 race season.

ARI YALLON STREET CLASS

T: How many races did you compete in during 2000?

AY: This season w raced in 10 import events, including IDRC, ID Drag Wars and NIRA. We were rained out of eight events this season, some as close as Texas and Oklahoma and some as far as Colorado and New Jersey.

T: Rundown your top finishes.

AY: We were able to qualify in the number 1 position at every event this season except Englishtown (July 2) when our engine got hurt. We won every event except for the two where we had

mechanical problems (broken axle at Motorplex and wreck at Moroso).

T: What's your best pass (ET and MPH) of the season to date?

AY: 9.587@147.66 MPH on DOT tires.

T: What do you consider the highlights of the 2000 season? Why?

AY: This season has been very, very exciting for us, full of new experiences with several highlights coming to mind.

At the beginning of the season we broke into the 9s, breaking all the records, with a 9.62 at the IDRC event in Houston on March 12.

On July 2nd at the IDRC "Summer Slam" in N.J., our engine was broken during our first

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Feb 27	ID Drag-Wars	Houston Raceway Park, TX	1 st
Mar 12	IDRC	Houston Raceway Park, TX	1 st
May 14	IDRC	Maple Grove Raceway, PA	1 st
Jul 2	IDRC	Englishtown Raceway, NJ	1 st
Aug 20	IDRC	Maple Grove Raceway, PA	1 st
Oct 2	Lower Level	Thunder Valley Raceway, OK	1 st
Oct 15	TX Import Rage	River City Raceway, TX	1 st
Oct 21	IDRC	Bandimere Speedway, CO	1 st
Aug 12	ID Drag-Wars	Texas Motorplex, TX	2 nd (Broken Axle)
Apr 9	NIRA	Moroso Raceway, FL	Quarter-Final (Wreck)