

POCI Racer Profile

Richard Killian, Orland Park, Illinois

Richard Killian— Orland Park, IL 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix Nostalgia Super Stock

Richard owns and operates an environmental consulting and contracting firm in Oak Brook, Illinois specializing in asbestos, lead and underground storage tanks. His love for Pontiacs has always been with him having owned and raced a '62 Catalina 425A car "back in the day." He recalls swapping out the pumpkin and rear tires every weekend with 4.30 gears and Bucron tires for racing at Owego, Illinois and US 30 Dragway in Indiana.

After getting out of the armed service, Richard worked for Horse Power Engineering, welding headers and enjoyed seeing Jess Tyree, Arnie Beswick and Hayden Proffitt in the era of Pontiacs ruling the drag



strips.

After a few years racing a nitrous fed '83 Firebird, a friend, Ken Kliener introduced him to the world of Nostalgia Super Stockers. The group tours the drag strip circuit with recreations of the famous Pontiac, Chevy, Ford and Mopar super stockers— but now traveling the quarter mile in three to four seconds less elapsed time.

Richard located a '62 Grand Prix in Tennessee and methodically transformed it into the eye-catching and crowd-pleasing piece that it is today. His greatest satisfaction is the fans telling him when they owned, rode in, or knew someone that had an era Pontiac like his— "it sure is humbling."

—DAVE BENNETT

TECH CARD: Richard Killian

Body: 1962 Grand Prix, FRP doors, fenders, wheel wells, hood and bumpers. Sheet metal floor and trunk, Lexan windows, Ventura interior w/dash deletes
Color: '62 Pontiac Bamboo Cream, Lettering by Bob Behounek of Chicago Brushmasters

Frame: Narrowed 1962 Pontiac "Swiss Cheesed," rails stiffened, 12-point cage, powder-coated by Rick's Racecraft—Yorkville, Illinois

Rear: FAB 9-inch Alston four-link with 4:30 ratio spool

Front Suspension: Ford F-150 disc brake spindle assembly

Tires/Wheels: Front: Weld Ultra Lite w/4.5-inch Mickey Thompson tires
Rear: Weld w/10.50x30x15 M/T slicks

Engine: Block: IA-II, 535 cid, 4.5-inch SCAT crank, GRP rods, CP 15:1 gas-ported pistons

Heads: Ported & port-matched Edelbrock Performer

Cam: Erson Solid Roller with 4/7 crossover

Valve Train: Jesel

Induction System: Wenzler Tunnel Ram with two Edelbrock AVS 800 cfm carbs

Dyno & Builder: 820 horsepower @ 7100 rpm, with 685 ft. lbs. of torque @ 5200— built by EAS Engines

Transmission/Converter: ATI Turbo 400 with trans brake & 5,000 rpm stall

Fuel: VP 116 Octane

Race Weight w/Driver: 3,500 lbs.

Best 1/4-mile ET & Speed to Date: 9.70 secs. @ 138 mph

