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Top Fuel undercover – Sheehan in canopy car for Nitro Champs

It's the car that is creating plenty of buzz in the Top Fuel paddock and for the very first time Mark Sheehan's brand new Morgan Lucas Racing-built dragster, complete with canopy over the cockpit, will be racing on Australia's east coast.

After successfully campaigning a number of nitro powered vehicles over previous years including funny cars, altereds and dragsters, Sheehan headed to MLR headquarters in Indiana to tie up a replacement for his former Dave Grubnic BME racecar.

After debuting the new car at Perth's recent Nitro Max event, the Sydney crowd will be treated to the new beast in full flight as Sheehan takes on reigning Top Fuel Champion Phil Lamattina and a packed field of quality nitro-powered racecars.

Sheehan feels like the new car has some funny car style about it when he's under the canopy when compared with the old car.

"The cockpit is pretty cool, the vision is purely just what you need to see, its actually quite comforting being inside with the lid down. Maybe that's just through my Nitro Funny Car experience? It would be interesting to get an opinion from another driver who hasn't been in a Funny Car before."

With the new car also comes a new clutch program, possibly the most vital part of any nitro car's performance.

Many drag racing commentators believe that the Nitro Champs might just see Australia's first 4.4-second quarter mile pass, however a lot of the will depend on weather and track conditions.

Top Fuel Champion Phil Lamattina had only this comment, "We are going to run as quick and fast as we can – we will be going all out!"

Sydney Dragway has also confirmed that Ladies will be half price on the Sunday and kids under 12 FREE for the entire event, again making the Nitro Champs an action packed event guaranteed to entertain the entire family!

2015 Nitro Champs
2-3 May 2015
Sydney Dragway
Ferrers Road, Eastern Creek

Tickets and event details can be found at www.sydneydragway.com.au.

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