



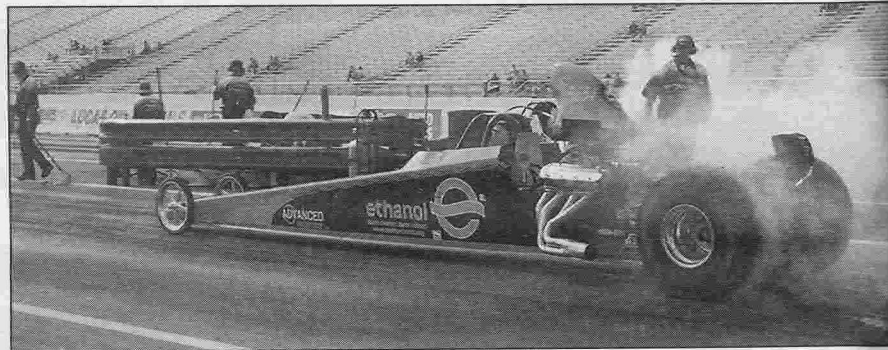
**S**uper Comp racer Schaun Schnathorst holds the Brainerd event close to his heart, having gone to school for commercial art and computer graphics just 30 miles from Brainerd. The Huron, S.D., native carried his camera with him to the event, and although his race weekend was finished after a first-round loss, Schnathorst still managed to have a pretty good time.



*"Before I left for the Brainerd event, I convinced two of my crewmembers to help me alter the trailer. The project became something out of the television show Chop Cut Rebuild. Needless to say, I owe Tom and Jason dearly. On Tuesday, car owner Tom Light and I set off on the five-hour journey. We stayed at a hotel and got up bright and early to wait in line for seven hours Wednesday (above). I may have gotten the best damn parking spot on the track, though, right next to the main gate and across the fence from the Pros. I was able to photograph the passersby, promote ethanol, and sign autographs (above right) when I wasn't competing."*



*"This is my seventh year of racing with a 100 percent race-grade ethanol but my first year with corporate sponsorship. The Ethanol Promotion and Information Council (EPIC) signed me as an ambassador for ethanol for the 2007 season. It's important that we continue to educate the nation on the benefits of ethanol and the need to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. I use ethanol as a performance-enhancing fuel that reduces carbon buildup and wear on engine components. A lot of people don't realize that you do not get the corrosiveness that you experience with methanol. To learn more about ethanol, log on to [www.tsrdagster.com](http://www.tsrdagster.com) or our corporate website, [www.drivingethanol.org](http://www.drivingethanol.org)."*

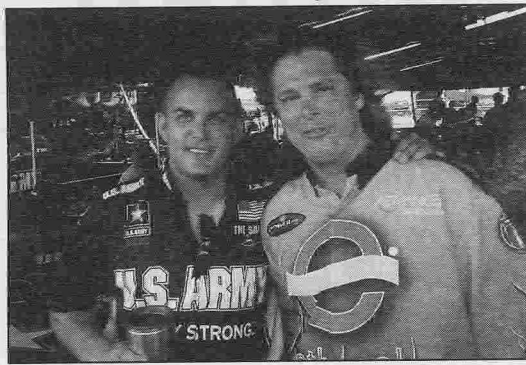
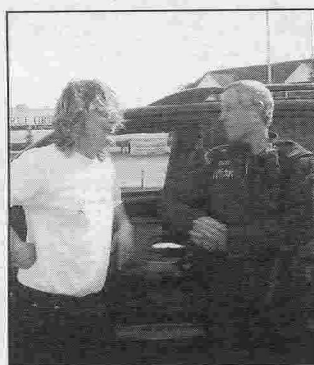


*(Above) "Thursday's weather was hot and muggy. I changed some throttle-stroke settings a week earlier while at the divisional event in Cordova, Ill., so we needed every run to get the car dialed. The closest we came was an 8.94, but I was confident the weather would come to us on Friday morning, and it did. I ran a breakout 8.891 with a .019 reaction time in round one against Todd Malik's 8.914 and a .009 reaction. Todd Tree'd me, and I took the stripe by .013-second. It was a tight race, and Todd, who is a local racer and a great competitor, deserved the win." (Left) "Going out in the first round gave me the rest of the weekend to continue to promote ethanol and help out Paul Anderson's Top Alcohol Funny Car team, which went all the way to the semi's. I have helped Paul and his parents Don and Famey at a divisional event before, so I jumped in where I could. Being involved with a TAFC team requires clockwork precision in a ballet of chaos."*



*"From left are Tom Light, Trevor Gerrits, and Jason Beals. We grilled some food Saturday evening before heading over to The Zoo (the track's lively campground)."*

*"I chatted with Cy Chesterman in the staging lanes (right) and also hung with the Williams Brothers gang. I especially thank the Cheney family for helping me with some driving advice. They exemplify how and what a drag racing team should be."*



*"I had an important meeting on Saturday. When I heard a team looking for a driver, I do my best to get in touch. It was fortunate to get the opportunity to speak with Mark Lewis, senior vice president at Don Schumacher Racing. Most people probably think I'm crazy, that they would never give a guy like me a chance, but let me tell you something that my father taught me a long time ago: If you don't try or ask, the answer is no, and you have already lost. I learned a lot about what teams look for, and it gave me some direction as to their expectations and requirements. I also got a photo with driver Tony Schumacher, which was icing on the cake for this part of the story."*