



DRAG STRIP
HOT RODDERS

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HOTRODDERS

THE LIGHTS SIGNAL
RED TO YELLOW...
...THEN-
YELLOW TO GREEN
AND THE RACE
IS ON!

SEE THEM ALL IN...

THE TIRED
CREAMPUFF

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THE MONEY

THE
WHEELSTANDERS

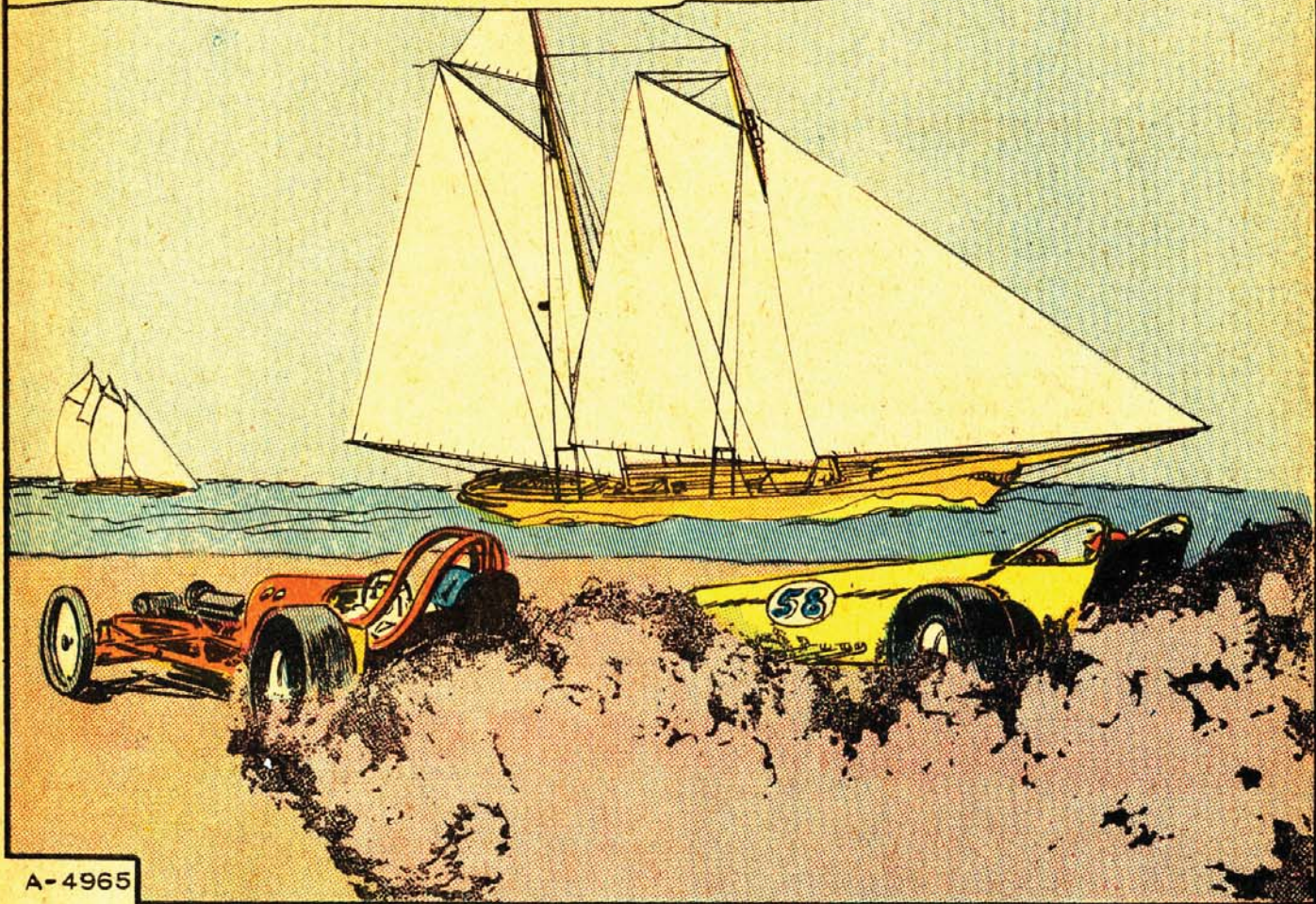
*and more
exciting
spills and
thrills!*



GREAT MOMENTS *in Racing History*

"RODS ACROSS THE SEA"

IT WAS IN 1851 THAT THE U.S. SENT A HIGHLY SPECIALIZED TEAM ACROSS THE OCEAN TO COMPETE WITH GREAT BRITAIN FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TROPHY, THE AMERICA'S CUP! ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVE YEARS LATER WE SENT THE FIRST COMPETITORS IN ANOTHER FIELD...HOT-RODDING...TO VIE WITH ENGLAND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY!



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1851: GEORGE STEERS PRESENTED SAIL-MAKERS WITH A REVOLUTIONARY SAIL DESIGN!

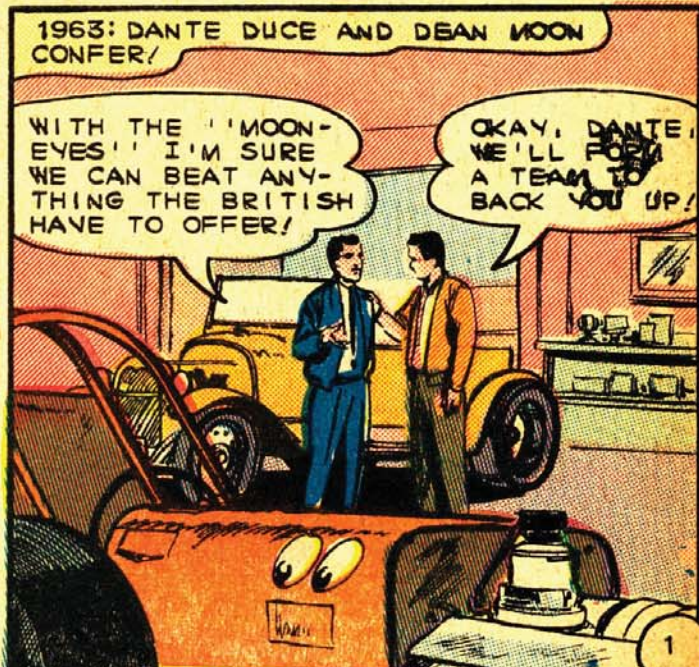
WITH THESE "FLAT-BOARD" SAILS I'M SURE WE CAN BEAT THE BRITISH!



1963: DANTE DUCE AND DEAN MOON CONFER!

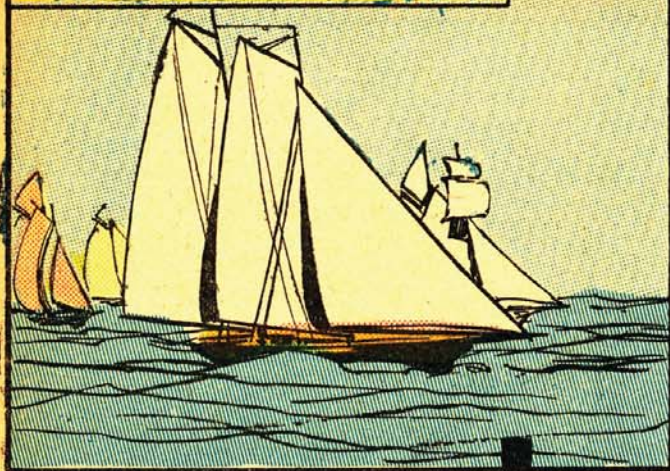
WITH THE "MOON-EYES" I'M SURE WE CAN BEAT ANYTHING THE BRITISH HAVE TO OFFER!

OKAY, DANTE, WE'LL FORM A TEAM TO BACK YOU UP!

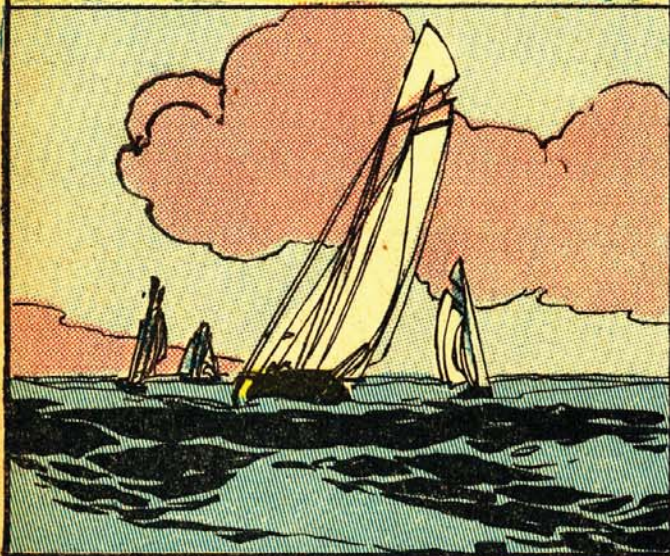


1851

THE AMERICA WAS PITTED AGAINST FOURTEEN BRITISH YACHTS!



IN THE TRIAL RACES SHE KEPT HER CENTER-BOARD CHAINED UP, SO THAT SHE NEVER WENT FULLOUT UNTIL...



THE LAST RACE!

IT'S THE AMERICA, YOUR MAJESTY!

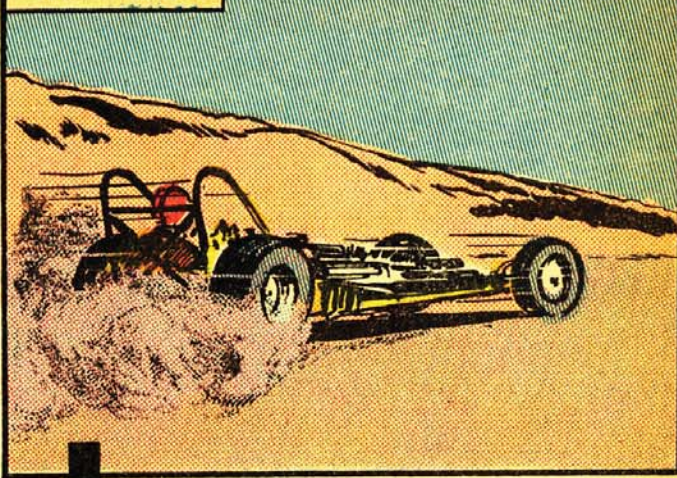
WHERE ARE THE REST?



THE 'FLAT-BOARD' DESIGN WAS SO SUPERIOR THAT BRITISH SAIL DESIGN WAS SOON CHANGED!

1963

IN ENGLAND SYDNEY ALLARD TESTED HIS CAR!



SOON THE CHALLENGE WAS ISSUED TO THE AMERICANS!

ALLARD SAYS HIS TIME'S TWO-TENTHS BETTER AND HE WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT A RACE!

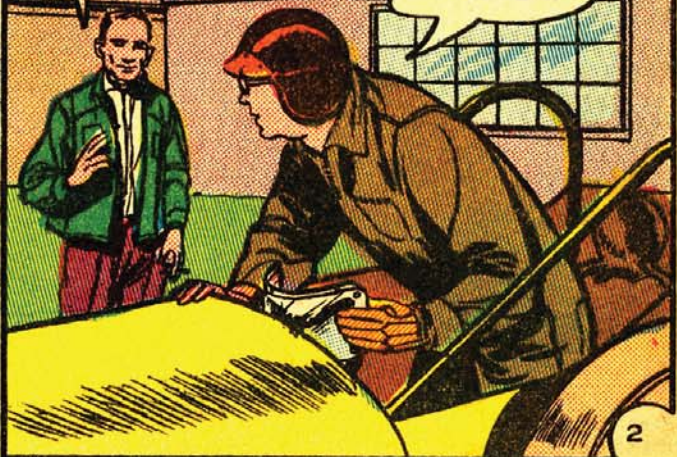
SURE, WE CAN GET UP A TEAM TO GO OVER!



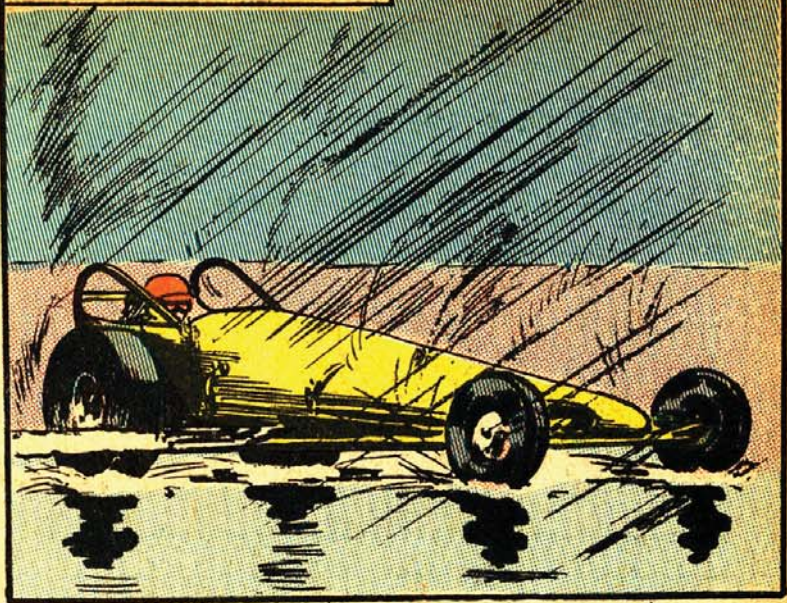
THE PREPARATIONS CONTINUED IN ENGLAND!

NICE GOING, OLD CHAP!

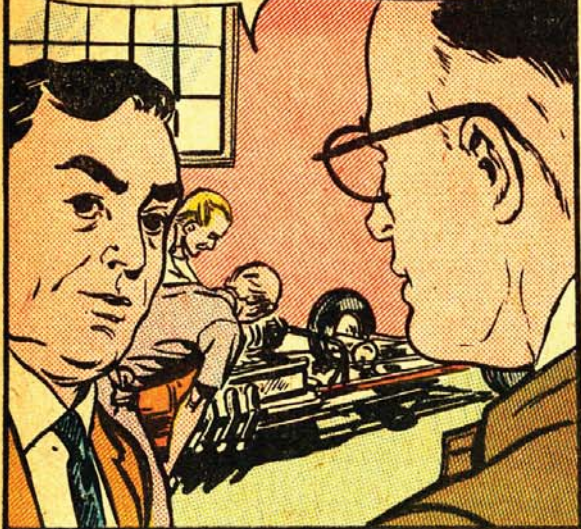
BUT WE'VE GOT TO PEP UP A BIT! THE YANKS ARE STILL FASTER!



RAIN OR SHINE, SYDNEY ALLARD TESTED HIS CAR!

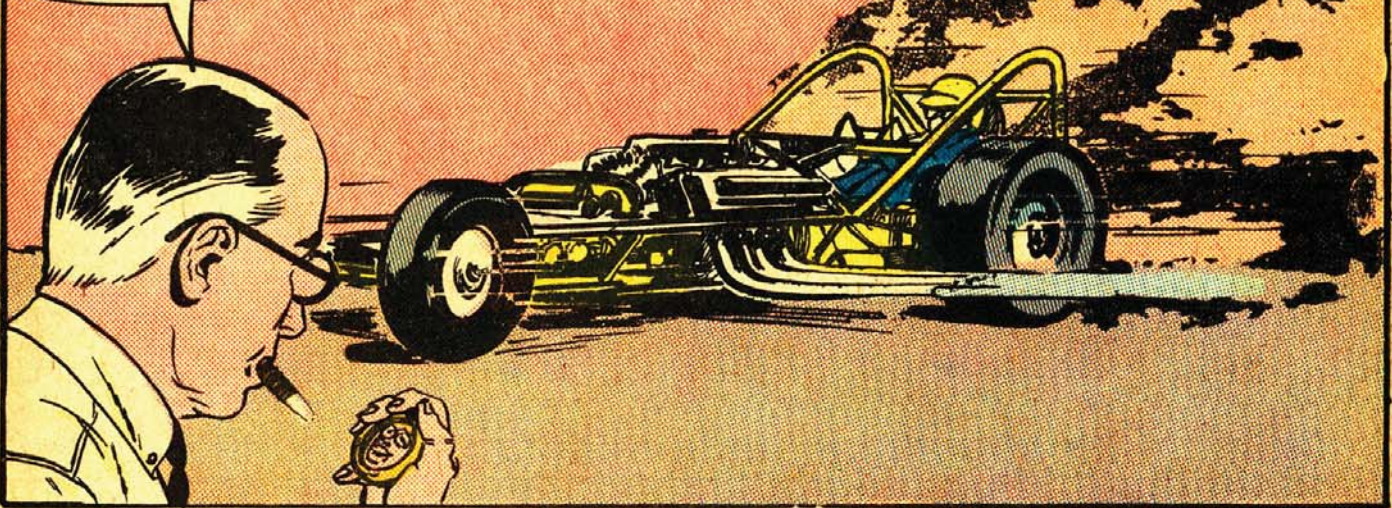


WE'RE PUTTING IN NEW LINKAGE AND FORGED RINGS!

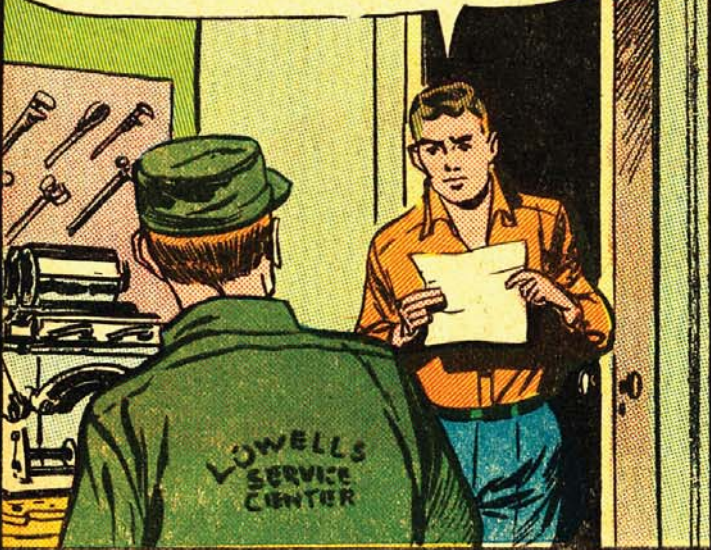


CHANGES WERE MADE, THEN CHANGED AGAIN! PERFECTION WAS THE WATCHWORD!

THAT'S BETTER! NOW TO ARRANGE A RACE WITH THE YANKS!



HERE'S ANOTHER LETTER FROM ALLARD! HE'S STILL HAVING TROUBLE! THE ROYAL AUTO CLUB WON'T APPROVE OUR DESIGNS!



MONTHS LATER!

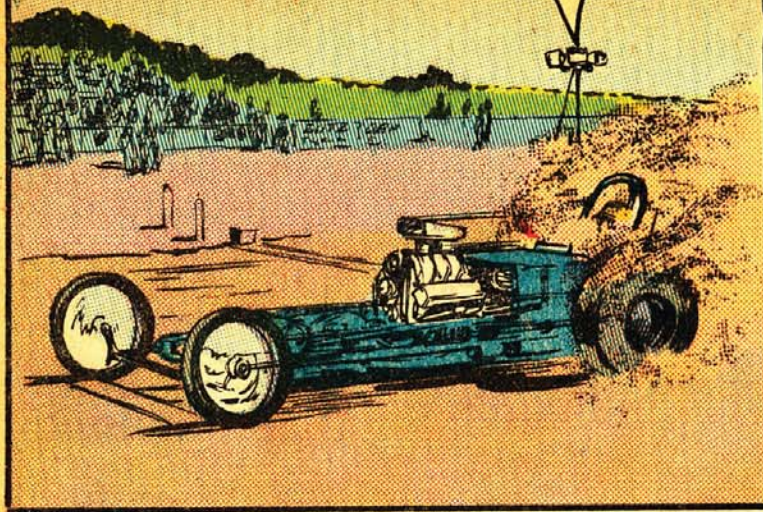
...AND I'M AFRAID WE COULD NOT SANCTION SUCH ALTERATIONS!



RED TAPE PILED ON RED TAPE!

IN LAS VEGAS

DUCE WINS! TIME...



IT'S A PITY YOU CAN'T DRAG SYDNEY ALLARD!

I'M GOING TO CALL HIM DIRECT! THERE IS TOO MUCH SHILLY-SHALLY THIS WAY!



DUCE

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THIS IS DANTE DUCE IN LAS VEGAS, SIR! I'D LIKE TO RACE YOU IF WE CAN CUT THROUGH THIS RED TAPE!

BULLY, OLD BOY! I'LL DO WHAT I CAN AT THIS END!

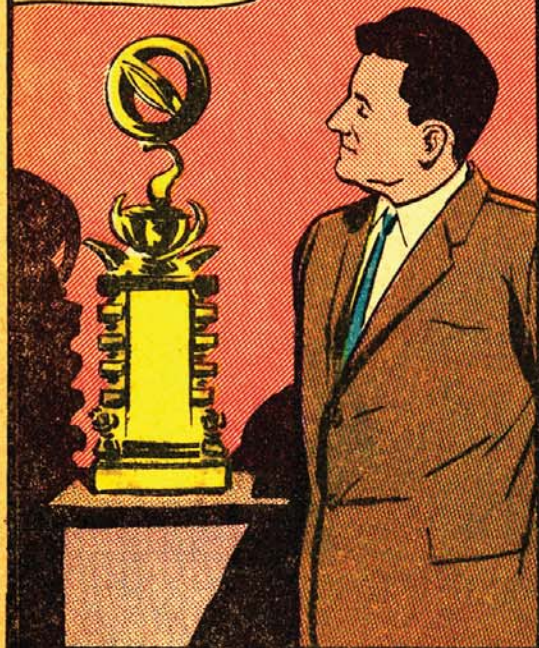


AND SO AT LAST THE DRAG WAS ARRANGED; DUCE AND MICKEY THOMPSON REPRESENTING THE U.S.

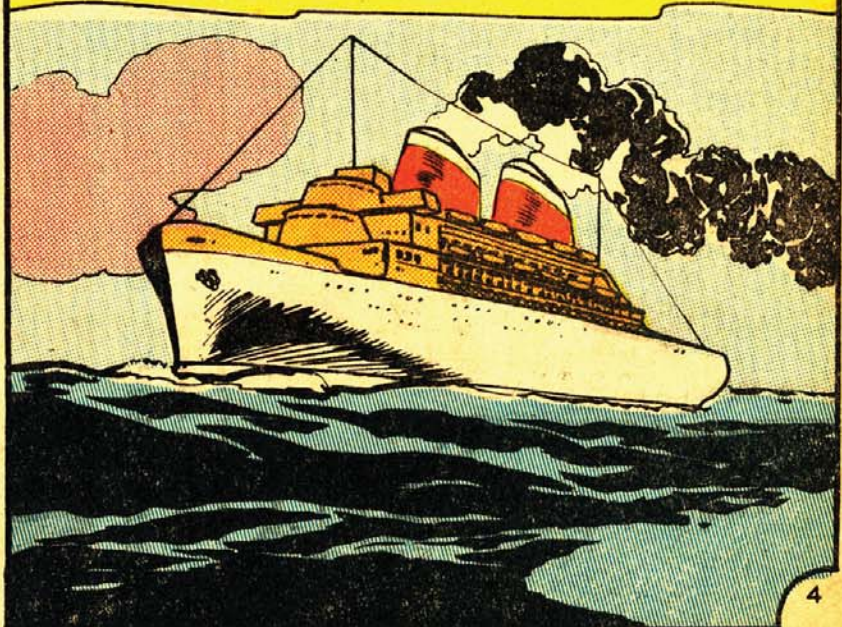
GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US MICKEY; DEAN MOON, ROY GAMMELL AND BRIAN CHUCHUA ARE MY CREW!



ED ISKENDERIAN DONATED THE TROPHY!

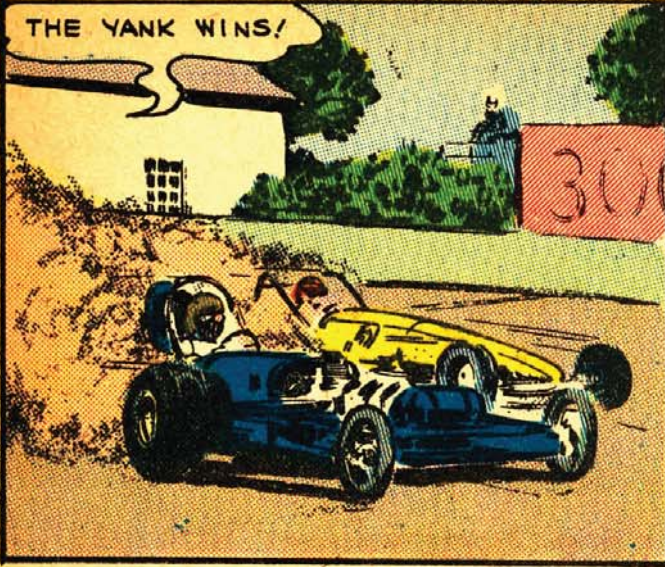


SO ONCE AGAIN A SHIP SAILED TO ENGLAND CARRYING AMERICANS ABOUT TO INAUGURATE A NEW FORM OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION!

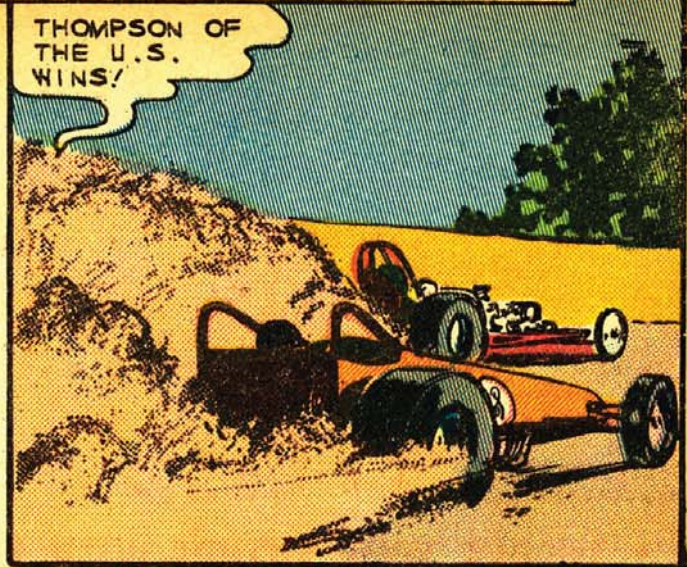


AT FOUR MEETS AMERICAN AND BRITISH DRAGSTERS FACED EACH OTHER!

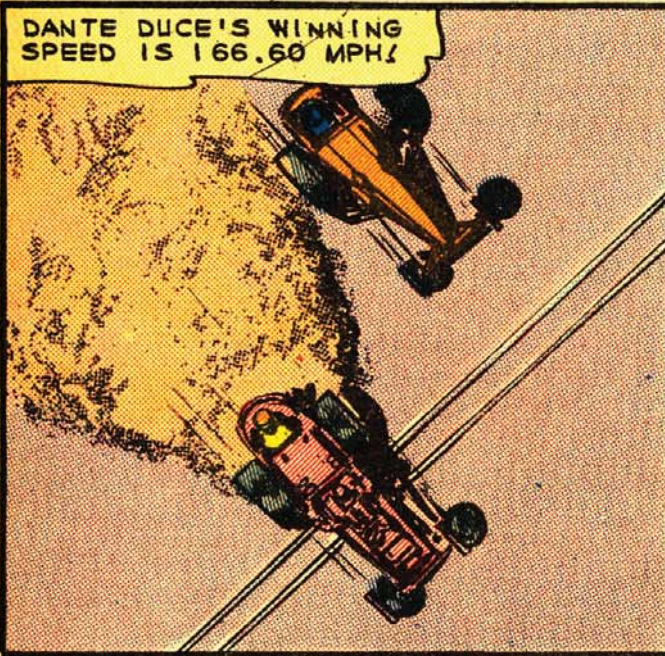
THE YANK WINS!



THOMPSON OF THE U.S. WINS!



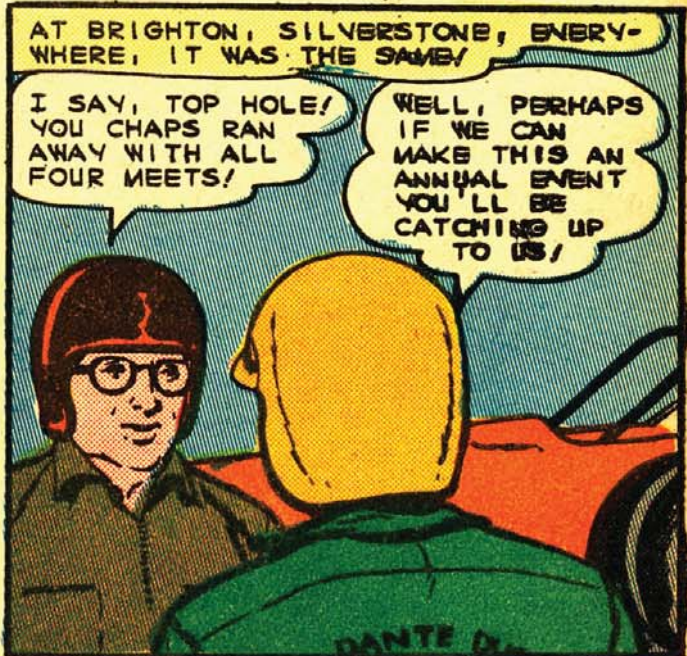
DANTE DUCE'S WINNING SPEED IS 166.60 MPH!



AT BRIGHTON, SILVERSTONE, EVERYWHERE, IT WAS THE SAME!

I SAY, TOP HOLE! YOU CHAPS RAN AWAY WITH ALL FOUR MEETS!

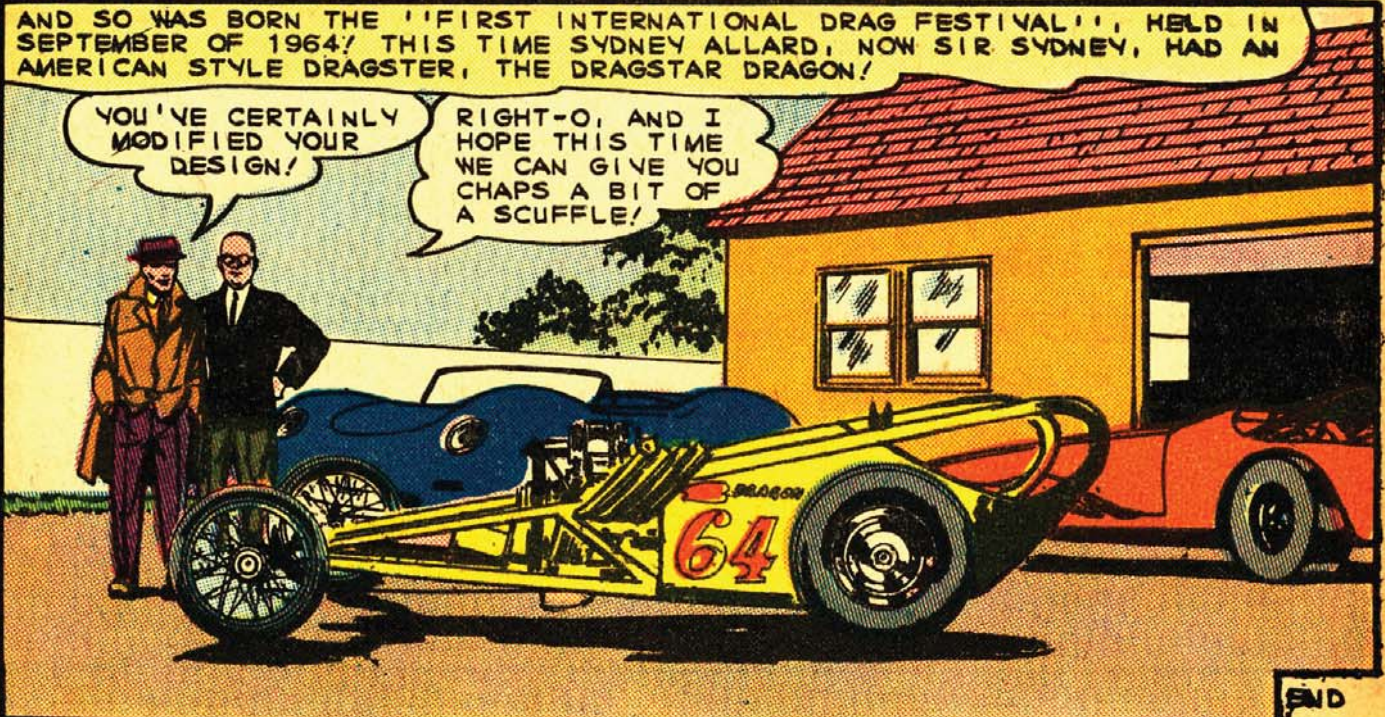
WELL, PERHAPS IF WE CAN MAKE THIS AN ANNUAL EVENT YOU'LL BE CATCHING UP TO US!



AND SO WAS BORN THE 'FIRST INTERNATIONAL DRAG FESTIVAL', HELD IN SEPTEMBER OF 1964! THIS TIME SYDNEY ALLARD, NOW SIR SYDNEY, HAD AN AMERICAN STYLE DRAGSTER, THE DRAGSTAR DRAGON!

YOU'VE CERTAINLY MODIFIED YOUR DESIGN!

RIGHT-O, AND I HOPE THIS TIME WE CAN GIVE YOU CHAPS A BIT OF A SCUFFLE!



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