

MONTE GREEN, COMPETITIVE DRAG RACER

Graduated from Revere High School

Monte Green owns his own business, Green's Repair and Machine in Haxtun, and is a competitive drag racer who was the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Champion for 2011 in the Top Sportsman Class in NHRA's Division V. Division V includes racetracks in Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming and New Mexico.

For several years, Monte has competed in this class, which is the quickest and fastest of the sportsman door car (non-dragster/non-funny car) category in the NHRA. He has been competing on the track for 32 years, with his debut being in 1979 at Kearney Dragway in Kearney, Nebraska, in his street 1967 Ford Fairlane, 289, 4 speed. His current race car is a 1995 Ford Probe with his best time being 6.95 seconds at 202 miles per hour in the quarter mile. In 2009, he earned a sixth place finish, was named runner up in 2010 before being named Champion in 2011. Last year he scored points at a number of race tracks in several states. In March, he won the event at the Texas Motorplex near Dallas. He then had a quarterfinal finish at SCRA Motorplex in Great Bend, Kansas, and then won the Divisional event at Brainerd International Raceway in Minnesota. Following that race, he posted another quarterfinal finish at Cordova Dragway in Illinois and made strong finishes at Firebird Raceway in Phoenix, Tri-State Raceway in Earlville, Iowa and Bandimere Speedway in Denver. He clinched the championship with a total of 324 points at The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Recently he won an NHRA Divisional Race in Cordova, Illinois, which means he is back in the running for the 2012 title.

Green's Repair and Machine has helped to provide jobs in Haxtun, with him also owning a NAPA Auto Parts Store that provides parts/repairs to area farmers and businesses. The scope of automotive, diesel and agricultural machine repair that his business offers not only provides needed local service, but brings in business from great distances. His racing engine business, Green's Racing Engines, has customers from as far away as Australia.

Monte received his advanced training in Automotive Technology from Northeastern Junior College in Sterling. His business has provided much in terms of local economic stimulus. He is active in his community and served as a volunteer girls basketball coach for several years. He then served as Haxtun High School Girls Basketball Head Coach for seven years. During his tenure, the Haxtun Lady Bulldogs went to state four of the seven years he coached, earning a 2nd, a 3rd, a 4th and a 5th place at state. It is very touching to see that when the girls he coached in high school return home from college, they almost always go to his shop to visit him. It is obvious that they respected him greatly and I'm sure the feeling is mutual.