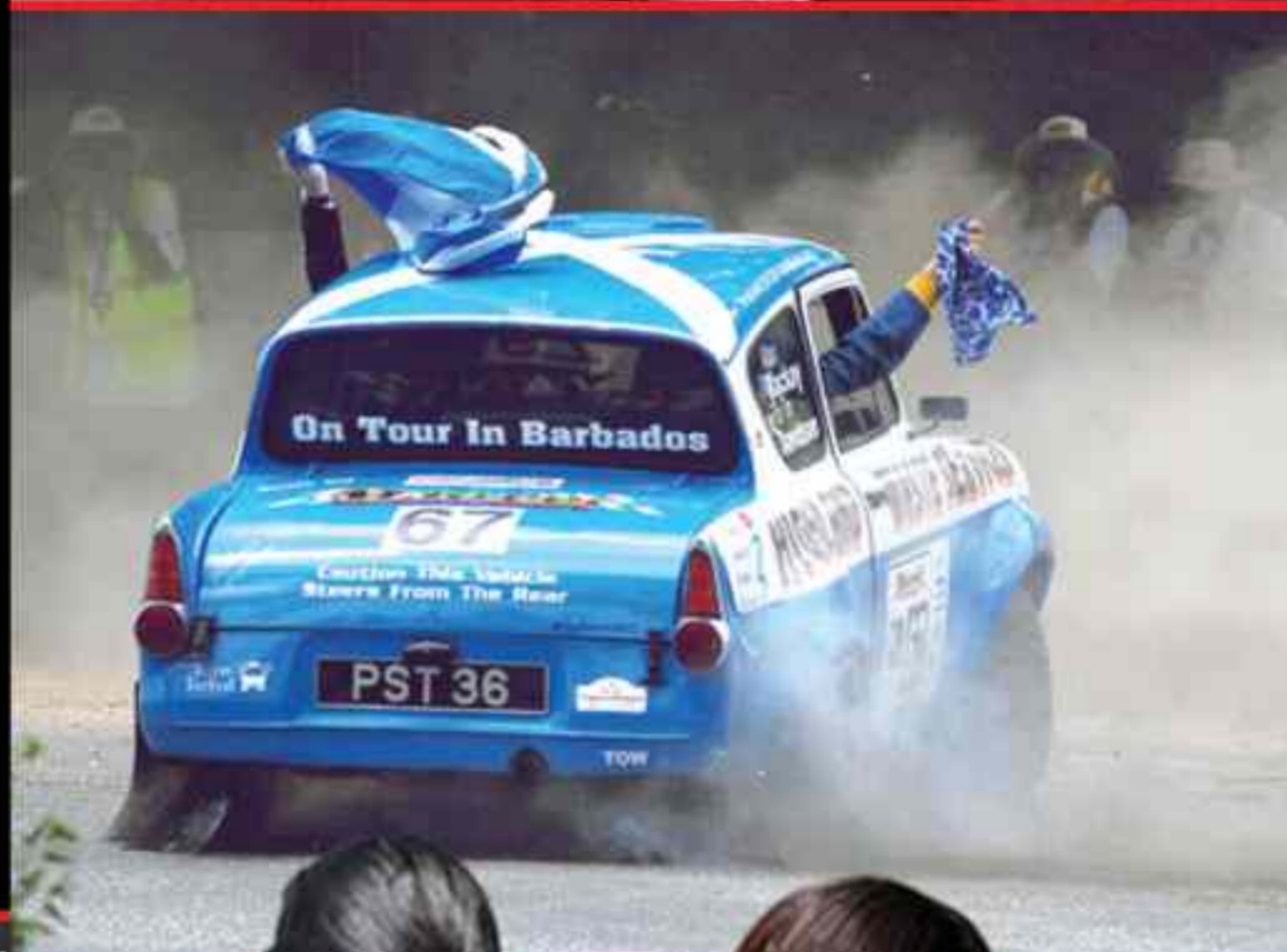


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RALLY BARBADOS 2011 SCORES ANOTHER WIN FOR THE CARIBBEAN

Rally Barbados delivered another fantastic weekend (June 4-5) of motorsport cementing its trademark as the island's biggest sports tourism attraction. Over 87 crews from 14 nations across Europe and the Caribbean, including the host country, contested 16 classes before a large crowd of over 30,000 spectators. New changes were added such as the Pickerin stage and a return to the SuperSpecial at the island's Bushy Park racetrack. After the smoke cleared and the anti-lag stopped, local Bajan driver, Roger "the Sheriff" Skeete did a back to back double with as much pressure as the year before. The Honourable Stephen Lashley, minister of Family, Culture, Sports and Youth, attended a packed Prize-giving ceremony at The Boatyard on the outskirts of the island's capital Bridgetown, and offered continued Government support.



IHRA Top Fuel Pro Tony Schumacher (left) congratulates T&T's Sheldon Bissessar on breaking the IHRA Top Dragster World Record.

T&T MOTORSPORT HERO HEADS TO INDY

After setting the top dragster world record at Palm Beach International Raceway Florida January 2011, Sheldon Bissessar also qualified no. 1 and won the Open Outlaw race at the NHRA Sunshine Dragstrip, Florida later in February 2011. In the process, he reset the track record.

Bissessar is now rebuilding the entire car with some new advanced technology including the engine, chassis, supercharger, fuel system and electronics. The dragster is powered by a 526 ci supercharged hemi V8 running on 100% Methanol. Some advantages of using Methanol as fuel is the fact that it produces massive amounts of horsepower and it is a clean burning fuel. It has taken Sheldon 27 years to reach this level of international racing.

The Methanex sponsored race team's next race will be at Dorchester Dragway, South Carolina on July 3, 2011. This will be an all out, heads up Pro Top Outlaw race ("run what you bring"). Some of the best pro racers will be present fighting for a qualifying spot where only the 16 fastest cars will qualify. Following this, the team will head to the most prestigious drag racing facility in the world - Indianapolis Raceway Park Indiana. This track is home to the biggest drag race in the world - The NHRA U.S. Nationals. On the 8th of July, Sheldon will take part in the Friday Night Rage Ultimate Dragster race. It will be his first time competing at Indy. If everything goes as planned, there should be some good results for Trinidad and Tobago. All of this would not be possible without the sponsors: Methanex, Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Total Lubricants, VP Racing Fuels, and PSTL.



KARTING ACTION
 Craig Sumair topped Rotax International recently.
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Rally Tobago3 set for July

Tobago will host the 3rd running of the Tobago Rally Festival, which is carded for July 9th at the adopted home of Rallying in Tobago - Courland Estates in Black Rock. Over 22 RALLY TEAMS will compete on the 1.2 km gravel course which transcends the length and breadth of the Estate. The Tobago Rally Festival kicks off with the Parade of Cars throughout the streets of Scarborough, with scrutineering and display for Public viewing on the Esplanade in the Scarborough, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm on Friday 8th July. Tobago Rally Festival is Free to the Public and Food and Drinks vendors will be on Site for the duration of the event.