

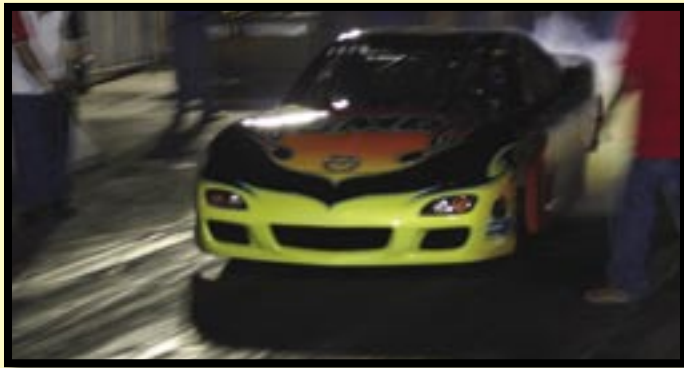


The 2005 PanAmerican Nationals

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FANS GATHERED FOR THE 1st part of the 12th Annual PanAmerican Nationals, “Puerto Rico vs United States”, a celebration of the fastest & quickest imports of drag racing in Puerto Rico. Nine of the fastest cars from the United States faced the quickest cars of Puerto Rico in a tough “bracket” event. On the eve of Saturday, more than 50 cars, rotaries and four cylinders battle to qualify for Puerto Rico’s team. Only a selected group of “Boricuas” succeeded in this competitive task.



Team Puerto Rico's top qualifier Eddie Colon from "Sporty Racing"

For Team Puerto Rico; all rotary-powered, qualifying in first place, and tying Abel Ibarra's two rotor world record, as well as, taking the national record of rotary legend "Rafaelito" was Eddie Colon from "Sporty



Team USA's top qualifier "Monkey Racing"



Racing" with a 7.44 et @ 178mph. In second place, the fiercest 3/4 chassis rotary-starlet in the world, "La Atrevida" with 7.68 et @ 172mph then "La Baby Turbo" with 7.85 et, "Jaimy Lee" with 7.92 et, "La Zagas" with 8.02 et, "La Sarita" with 8.12 et, "Sammy Promotion" with 8.13 et, "La Fabiola" with

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8.16 et, "Wichito" with 8.18 et and "Papote" with 8.19 et.

For Team US; qualifying first place, was "Monkey Racing" with 7.89 et @ 165mph. In second place, "El Duke Racing" with 7.90 et, then "PJ Racing" with 8.00 et, "Ferdy Turbo" with 8.22 et, "Caneca Racing" with 8.55 et, "La Pulga" with 8.79 et, "Ortiz Racing" and "Gringo Racing" with 8.99 et.

Team US, "Rosado Racing", an outstanding competitor, set an incredible

record with his red "old school" toyota corolla 1.8 of 7.63 et @ 178mph two nights ago at a personal match with "La Atrevida" from Team PR. Unfortunately for Rosado, immediately after his third-seven second pass, his car busted a fuel line, sprayed the engine and caught fire destroying the car. For Team PR, it was Eddie Colon "Sporty Racing" that later became a casualty by having engine problems and therefore did not show up on



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competition day.

After an incredible spectacle in the battle of the titans, the winner of the PanAmerican Nationals and winner of the \$4,000 was “La Baby Turbo” of Team Puerto Rico. An emotional David Perez expressed his proud feeling of “Boricua” as he became the victor at such a prestigious event. In Second place, but second to none, was “Caneca Racing” from Team US. Over \$7,000 in prizes was given to all the finalists.

The 2nd part of the 12th Annual PanAmerican Nationals will take place July 15-17 at Atco Raceway in New Jersey. For more info log on to www.atcorace.com

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First Round

AUTO	R/T	DIAL	ET	MPH
(G) Wichita (P) Ortiz Racing	.703 .826	8.18 secs 8.99 secs	8.20 secs 9.49 secs	159 mph 126 mph
(G) La Atrevida (P) Monkie Racing (Red Light)	.669 .470	7.70 secs 7.89 secs	9.82 secs 8.07 secs	124 mph 161 mph
(G) La Pulga (P) Sammy Promotion	.921 PROB.	8.79 secs 8.10 secs	9.03 secs PROB.	146 mph PROB.
(G) La Baby Turbo (P) Gringo Racing	.833 1.007	7.85 secs 8.99 secs	7.90 secs 8.99 secs	168 mph 119 mph
(G) Jaimy Lee (P) Ferdy Turbo	.872 .480	8.00 secs 8.22 secs	8.09 secs 8.55 secs	153 mph 153 mph
(G) Duke Racing (P) La Sarita	.723 .790	7.90 secs 8.20 secs	PROB. 8.17 secs	PROB. 142 mph
(G) Caneca Racing (P) Zagaz	.561 .823	8.55 secs 8.00 secs	8.75 secs 8.06 secs	151 mph 166 mph
(G) Papote (P) PJ Racing	1.019 PROB.	8.18 secs 8.00 secs	8.20 secs PROB.	161 mph PROB.

This is the was the first round that resulted in five (5) winners representing Team Puerto Rico (Wichito, La Atrevida, La Baby Turbo, Jaimy Lee y Papote) y three (3) of Team USA (La Pulga, El Duke Racing y Caneca Racing).

Second Round

AUTO	R/T	DIAL	ET	MPH
(G) Caneca Racing (P) La Atrevida	.552 .662	8.65 secs 7.70 secs	8.69 secs 7.81 secs	146 mph 171 mph
(G) Jaimy Lee (P) Duke Racing	1.622 PROB.	7.95 secs 7.90 secs	SLOW PROB.	SLOW PROB.
(G) La Baby Turbo (P) La Pulga	.793 .667	7.85 secs 8.85 secs	7.96 secs 9.72 secs	160 mph 134 mph
(G) Wichito (P) Papote	.758 1.056	8.18 secs 8.18 secs	8.24 secs 8.22 secs	162 mph 158 mph

This second round resulted in three (3) winners representing Team Puerto Rico (Jaimy Lee, La Baby Turbo y Wichito) and one (1) Team USA (Caneca Racing).

Third Round

AUTO	R/T	DIAL	ET	MPH
(G) Caneca Racing (P) Jaimy Lee	.556 .618	8.59 secs 7.95 secs	8.73 secs 9.95 secs	142 mph 93 mph
(G) La Baby Turbo (P) Wichito	.502 .615	7.85 secs 8.18 secs	7.91 secs 8.26 secs	169 mph 156 mph

This third round resulted in one (1) winner representing Team Puerto Rico (La Baby Turbo) and one (1) of Team USA (Caneca Racing).

Final Round

AUTO	R/T	DIAL	ET	MPH
(G) La Baby Turbo (P) Caneca Racing (Red Light)	.443 .418	7.85 secs 8.59 secs	9.12 secs 8.82 secs	106 mph 144 mph

Winner: David "Lilo" Pérez (La Baby Turbo / Team Puerto Rico) • Best Reaction: .502 (David "Lilo" Pérez)
Best ET: 7.81 secs (La Atrevida) • Best MPH: 171 mph (La Atrevida)

The History of the Pan Ams

WHAT THE SUPER BOWL is to football or the World series is to baseball, the spectacular Pan American Nationals is to Import Racing. Take the Top Imports from Puerto Rico, pit them against the Top Imports from the US and what you get is just the biggest and best Import Drag Racing of the year.

This noted event began back in 1993 at height of a frenzy new way of competition between compact vehicles, rotaries and 4 cylinders, at Puerto Rico's International Speedway. Back in the early 70's local racers got creative and started building "econo boxes" (imports cars) to keep on racing... things develop all the way thru 1992 when they started an experimental racing - rotary engine cars racing against 4 cylinder cars. The event, Rotores Vs. Pistones, jump-started and gathered the first group of racers representing the island of Puerto Rico to race other puer-torican racers from the United States. For the past 12 years, The Pan Americans Nationals has become the world largest Hispanic motor-sports event. The event draws every year over 25,000 fans invigo-rated by the most dazzling, most exciting and most colorful Import Drag race cars on the planet. In early March the event takes place in Puerto Rico and in late July it follows in Atco Raceway, NJ.

To all racers, they view The Pan American Nationals as a "mirror" to proudly show their best, follow the progress of this sport—molded in ingenuity and the creativity of mechanics, programmers, chassi builders, paint artists, and radical projects that have taken the heart of Import Racing.