

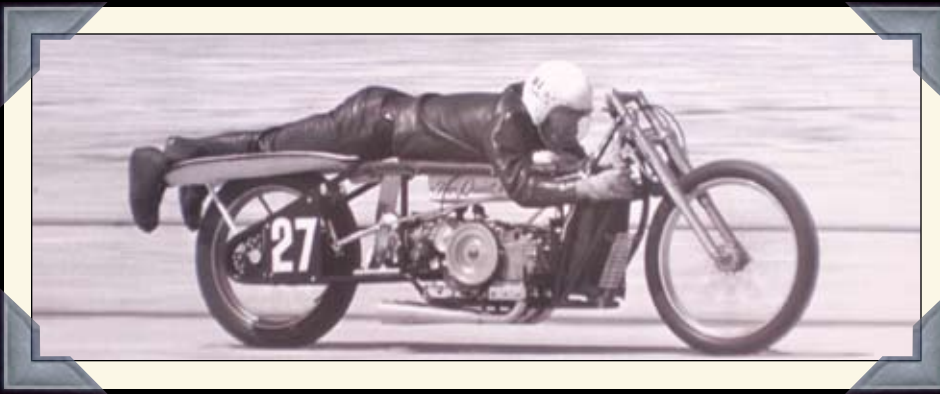
Larry Monreal's **Over 60 Years on the Salt**



Larry partnered with fellow San Berdoo Roadsters member Jim Harber in 1949 to build one of land racing's first belly tank lakesters. They worked for Witherspoon Buick in San Bernardino at the time and ran with a variety of flatheads for a couple of years. The lakester ran a best of 167 at Bonneville. Charles Scott purchased it and the Scotty's Muffler car later became the first American open wheel car to go over 200. It lives on in the fiberglass replicas Jack Kelly made from it.

By 1959 Larry was a San Bernardino city fireman and building unusual motorcycles, both for drag racing and land speed venues. This is "The Quiet Kid" — a 1939 Henderson Ace with a 1937 Evinrude outboard motor. This combo topped out at 138 MPH and was anything but quiet.





In 1961 he upped the ante with "The Quiet Kid 2" — a supercharged Scott-McCulloch outboard motor-powered special that ran 168 MPH to claim the title of world's fastest 2-stroke bike. You could hear this one coming, and going, too, with its megaphones.

Larry switched to Volkswagens in 1976 with this, his first Karmann-Ghia. In over 30 years of El Mirage and Bonneville racing, he's set 40+ records. He's owned and operated Larry's Old Volks Home in San Bernardino repairing and modifying Volkswagens, first in his spare time while being a fireman, and still today in retirement. This car has been restored and is presently in England.

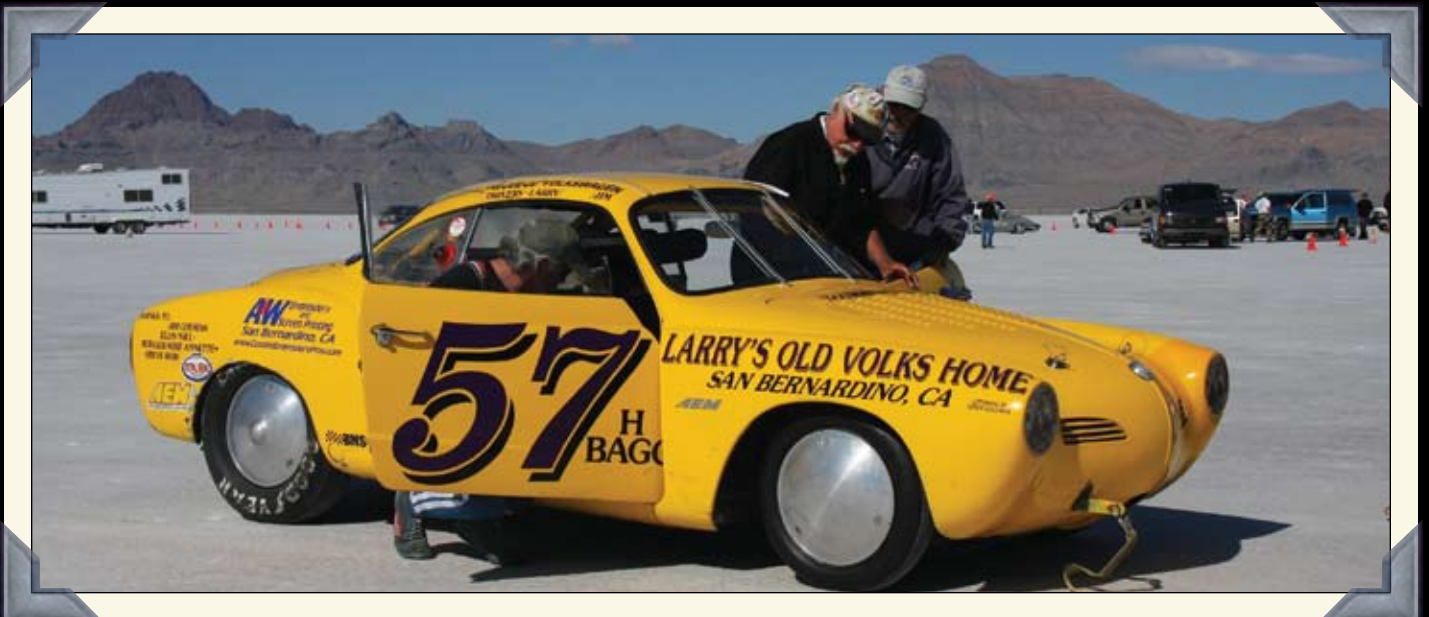


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This VW is the current race car. Larry tuned and drove his vehicles for almost 60 years, but now counts on Jim Bradshaw to drive and credits Mike Manghelli of White Goose Bar Racing and John Romero of AEM Systems for tuning help. Crews have included sons Mike, Steve, Rodger and Ronnie along with grandsons Nathan and Ross. The Larry's Old Volks Home entry currently holds four Bonneville and two El Mirage records with a best of 164 MPH.