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JOLIET, Ill. – This weekend’s Burndown at Sundown race is a big deal for Spiro Kontos’ Kon Rodz Racing Top Alcohol Funny Car team. They’ll be racing in front of family and friends, along with a few new members of the Kon Rodz Racing family.

“We have a lot of family members from the Chicago area that plan on joining us at Route 66 Raceway. Our web and media designer, Artist Butch M, is bringing his family to hang out with us for the first time. Since our last race in Norwalk, we also added a few new crew members to our outstanding team; clutch tech Londos D’Arrigo, transport driver Steve Prince, and Graham Rowe on top end. We welcome them to the team and look forward to continuing the season with them,” Kontos said.

The team is ready to lay down great passes and win rounds on Sunday. The Kon Rodz car driven by “Sassy” Cassie Simonton showed promise at the past few races. Crew chief Randy Anderson will be setting the car up to run fast on hot track conditions, as the weather forecast shows high temperatures in the low 90s all weekend.

“Last year, we had one of the better cars on hot tracks, so we’re not really worried about it,” Simonton said. “We’ve struggled a little bit so far this year, but we’re all confident that we can do well in qualifying and go three rounds.”

Racing at the Burndown at Sundown doesn’t just mean on-track activities for Simonton. Last week, Cassie took over the Twitter account at Route 66 Raceway (@Route66Raceway) to answer fan questions and talk about the event. She’ll also be doing a radio interview in the Joliet area, a 7:05 am appearance on classic rock station WRXQ on Wednesday morning.

“It was really cool to talk to the fans and answer their questions about everything from Top Alcohol Funny Cars and our sponsors, to my racing history and the team’s history. I had fun with it. I’m also looking forward to the radio interview; any chance we can get to spread the word about alcohol racing and the Burndown at Sundown this Saturday, we’ll take it,” said the former Jr. Dragster driver.

“Sassy” Cassie Simonton and the Kon Rodz Racing team will get three qualifying shots over the course of Friday and Saturday, before eliminations on Sunday. Show times for Saturday are 5pm and 9pm. The Burndown is the third race on the LODRS North Central Regional schedule. Spiro, Cassie and the entire Kon Rodz team look forward to seeing all of the Chicagoland fans. A special thank-you to Route 66 track manager Charlie and the staff for offering their hospitality this weekend.

Kon Rodz Racing is a NHRA Top Alcohol Funny Car team owned by Spiro Kontos, competing in the Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series. 25-year old Cassie Simonton drives the team’s 3,000 horsepower Chevy Monte Carlo funny car. Spiro, Cassie, and the whole Kon Rodz Racing team would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued

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