

PERFORMANCE  
PARTS  
**LSX**

# DRAG RADIAL

OCTOBER 11-14, 2007 • MEMPHIS MOTORSPORTS PARK • MEMPHIS, TN

8th Annual  
**NITTO**  
**NMCA**  
WORLD STREET FINALS

PRESENTED BY  
**Keystone**  
AUTOMOTIVE OPERATIONS, INC.

**NMCA**  
**Edelbrock**  
MUSCLE CAR NATIONALS

Written by Derek Putnam  
Behind the Lens: The FSC Staff



## Key Ingredients

After all the headaches Tom Kempf endured to better his program for the shootout, a last minute thrash got his battered car done in time to make round one of qualifying in Memphis. And after his first two passes netted positive results, "for the final qualifying shot I said let's lean on this thing," admits Kempf. The result was a 7.85 pass that netted them the number two slot and a bunch of confidence heading into Sunday's program.



"You couldn't ask for anything better," said Kempf. "The car worked, the tune worked, the chassis worked, everything worked out real well." And the reason it worked well? "I'm lucky to have a great group of people that work 24/7 and put their heart and soul into this car," said Kempf. That list includes Joe, Harlan, Steve Derty, Kevin and Billy Briggs, plus a lot of family support for a guy who thought Tuesday night he'd be watching the races instead of winning them.

"I'm lucky to have a great group of people that work 24/7 and put their heart and soul into this car."