

Hawley Drag Racing School's Houston Super Class Provides Training for Students with Vast Backgrounds

Not unlike other Frank Hawley's Drag Racing School classes held throughout the year, the most recent trip for the school to Royal Purple Raceway in Baytown, Texas, found a group of students whose backgrounds and reasons for participating in the Super Class varying widely.

This class included those who were going to be headed down the quarter mile for the first time, such as airline pilot Skipper Bennett, to those, like Marcais Lawson, who were making a return trip to the school as a refresher and to renew his NHRA competition license.

Skipper Bennett had always longed to participate

in drag racing and points out that although he and his friend had planned to do so after high school, 'life happened' and his dreams were put on the backburner, only to be rekindled recently. "Last year at our church for Father's day, they had an event with all kinds of cars, bikes and boats on display for all the dads to ooh and ah over. There was a dragster there and it re-stirred my interest in racing," he explained. "Recently, I started looking into getting a car and one thing led to another. My nephew had found a '68 Camaro his friend had and I bought the car. I had also got a copy of National Dragster and saw the Frank Hawley Drag Racing School ad. While having no previous experience, I thought Frank's class would help me, as I jumped into drag racing."

Bennett began flying as a hobby and eventually pursued it as his career. "I have flown jets mostly and have always liked the rush of high performance anything," he exclaimed. "I figured that like in aviation, classes led by experienced instructors can cut the learning time down a great bit, as well as teach me the correct and safe way to do the task. It is easier to learn good habits than it is to unlearn bad ones. So I thought that Frank's class would benefit me immensely and I was not disappointed."

"The training for race cars and airplanes is very similar on many levels," he pointed out. "The systems knowledge, safety concerns, as well as performance issues are there in each realm. Like Frank said in his talks, we can read, hear, and discuss things over and over, but until you actually do it you don't realize the complexity of it. It is surprising how difficult something can be on the first try or two when you thought you had it down cold in your head. That's why we have instructors in flying. With airplanes though, the instructor is in the plane with you until you are competent to fly alone. The race car on the other hand is different. Trial by fire will separate the men from the boys rather quickly."

"Frank's classroom instruction was excellent," he continued. "When I first strapped in, I felt very confident and secure because I knew that the crew, Frank, Matt, and Jimmy had properly prepared me for the runs. The after run critiques and



reviews were a great learning tool. His teaching and coaching would help us to understand what we did right as well as what we did wrong while always maintaining a positive uplifting environment.”

While Bennett has a Camaro sitting at home, he participated by driving one of the school’s dragsters in his Super Class and notes that now he will be in the market for a dragster of his own soon. “I’ll probably keep my Camaro for my other fun car, but I can see myself racing in Super Comp and maybe up to Top Dragster in the future.”



“My overall experience with the class and the guys was exceptional,” he said. “What I learned working with Frank would have taken me years to learn by trial and error. I’m a much better racer than I would have been without the class. Since taking the class, my confidence and knowledge level is such that I’ll feel comfortable racing against anyone, anywhere, anytime. I would highly recommend Frank’s class to anyone who races at any level, because there is so much to be learned there. Not only the driving instruction but the personal improvement lessons Frank teaches, as well.”

Twenty-six year old Marcais Lawson, who currently works in the steel/commercial construction field in the Mesquite, Texas area, made the trip back to Frank Hawley’s Drag Racing School during this recent Super Class. Lawson had earned his NHRA Competition License during his Super Class in 2007 and was looking to renew it.



“The latest Super Class I attended was nothing short of amazing,” he admitted. “Everything from the track prep, Frank’s classroom lectures and the staff, it was all top notch. The cars were even quicker and faster this time!”

“The lectures that Frank gives are well planned and based on years of experience,” continued a very enthusiastic Lawson. “They are presented in such a manner that everyone should feel a huge sense of confidence when they get in the cars. If I could, I’d take a course every 6 months of so....I mean, I really love attending Frank Hawley’s Drag Racing School! It’s my belief that if people follow the advice Frank gives in his lectures, their chances of success can increase exponentially!”

Frank Hawley’s Super Class remains the most popular program available from the school and is offered year-round at numerous locations all across the country. For more information on the Super Class, where drivers can earn their NHRA Competition License [4A/4B 7.50 and up], visit www.frankhawley.com or call 866-480-7223 [Outside the U.S. 678-804-8835]. For exclusive info, contests and more “Like Us” on [Facebook!](https://www.facebook.com)

