



ting with World of Outlaws legends like Steve Kinser) helped build Gaerte Engine's reputation years ago. In picture, Mark Kinser, #5M, goes to the inside of Steve er at the Dirt Track at Las Vegas Motor Speedway during 2002 World of Outlaws season finale.

he latest "something" is a project to develop Mopar ks and heads for short track racing. "Mopar is preteceptive to suggestions from engine builders. Some SCAR technology is carrying over and so we're helpto develop some things," Gaerte explains. "It should pretty big."

his commitment to excellence in the engine departt also carries over to parts. Gaerte builds a number ne parts used in its motors and supplies them to the ng community as well. "We build a lot of the parts ole take for granted including front covers for late els, roller tappets, oil pans, oil tanks and valve cov-- we do a big business in valve covers."

aerte sells more than 500 dyno-tested carburetors a , as well as gear drives, camshafts, valve springs and r components. The company is a performance waree for many top manufacturers, offering its services to



nponents needed for a rebuild are identified with the 's balance number.

other professional engine builders.

"We're not looking to attract the mail-order type customer," explains Gaerte. "We want the relatively low-volume guys who want more than one part at a time. We have two sales people trying to cultivate a relationship with engine builders as well as the parts stores looking for a performance supplier.

The relationships built over the past three decades are evident on every hall and wall at Gaerte Engines. Every kind of performance vehicle imaginable is represented by autographed pictures of some of the top names in racing. Yet this high-profile company has a low-key, smalltown atmosphere with an open door policy. Professional racers are encouraged to visit the shop to see their engines being built.

"There's no black magic here," says Gaerte. "Any of our customers is welcome to come have a look at how we build his engine." **EB**

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Earl Gaerte, founder and president of Gaerte Engines, will be the keynote speaker at AERA's International Expo 2003 in Las Vegas, NV, at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 24, 2003, in S3 of the Las Vegas Convention Center.



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