

# Having a hearing loss will not keep you from...



## going really, really, really fast!



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## Kitty O'Neil

At the age of four months Kitty O'Neil became deaf from Spinal Meningitis. She went on to become a Hollywood stuntwoman and noted racer. In 1979 her accomplishments were portrayed in a movie about her life, "Silent Victory: The Kitty O'Neil Story," with Stockard Channing playing the title role. Mattel created a doll in Kitty's image in 1978.

In the Mojave Desert in 1977, Kitty piloted a hydrogen peroxide powered rocket dragster to the quickest quarter mile elapsed time in motorsports history. She achieved a timed run of 3.22 seconds at 396 mph with an average speed of 279.5 mph. During the same

time, Kitty also made a quarter mile run with a top speed of 412 mph. These achievements are not recognized as an official record because they do not meet rules set by NHRA that any run that sets a record on a drag strip must be backed up within one percent during the same meet; and FIA rules that land speed records require any run to set a record must be based on the average of two runs, each way, within one hour.



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Kitty O'Neil doll

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