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## Race Update

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Well after a short winter break Gracie is back together and ready to go. Much work has been carried out and although parts were ordered the week after the Winter Nationals nothing seems to arrive until the last minute. With the help of our hard working crew Gracie is assembled and loaded in the trailer to head up North to Sydney for the first round of the season. With 12 Top Bikes entered we are nervous about just making the field as 7 of the bikes entered have already ran six second passes and our best is a 7.48.

We arrive in Sydney a day early so that we are able to attend the Championship dinner that is held each year at the start of the season and myself and the crew consisting of Sam, Simone, Joe and Doug have a great night.

Out to the track Friday and prep the bike ready for the first qualifier at 5.00 p.m.

The format at Sydney really puts the pressure on, as you have to not hurt the motor in the first qualifier, as there is only 4 hours between the first and third qualifier.

First run the motor noses over at the top of first but comes on strong after shifting to second and we record a 7.53 at 181 MPH. A good first run with plenty of room for improvement, but has us as second fastest so we are happy.

Second has us still as number three so we are happy still. We have found the head gasket on two cylinders is not holding so we are not keen to run the third qualifier but will risk it if we have to. We are last pair up and have sixth spot so we are good to go. Fire the motor but head sealing is shot so we shut down and head back to the pits for repairs.

Saturday and we remove head and reseal. We have the Nitro Harley of Single Ashelford first round and give ourselves a 50/50 chance of picking up a win. The Attitude bike has a 200 cubic inch (3.2 litre) motor and is the biggest in Australia compared to our 74 cubic inch (1.2 litre). The guys put this thing together a couple of years ago and are getting on top of the combination, but so are we.

On the hit of the throttle Attitude are out in front and stay there the whole run. Gracie is running well until about the 800' mark when again she noses over and slows. Still a 7.6 at only a 131-MPH showed that until she nosed over she was storming. The Ashelford's recorded a PB on that run and show they have a handle on the combo.

Looking at things and discussing with our tuning guru Mic B we decide that possibly the fuel pump is dying a death and is to be tested in Queensland. We fly home to Geelong reasonably happy with proceedings.

Billy and I fly to Sydney on the Monday night and drive to Ipswich arriving Tuesday night.

We strip the head and pump off the bike Wednesday morning and take the head to Scotty Lynch and pump to Wayne Jones. Wayne finds that the old pump is down but our spare is fine. He runs up the fuel system for us, Scotty finishes surfacing the head combustion rings and we return to track for assembly. Thursday the motor goes back together and all looks good. A short fire up tells us that the motor runs. Friday night and our first qualifier, a storm passes through just before our run and the humidity is 91%. The bike runs terrible and we presume that we are just too rich. Sammy fly's in at midnight and we decide on a number of changes for tomorrow.

Saturday morning a quick check of leakdown tells us we have a bent valve.

A mad rush to remove head replace valve and reassemble has us miss the second qualifier by about 5 minutes.

Out for the third qualifier and the bike is so lazy of the line I could have run faster.

We lean the fuel out big time for the last run but still hosing fuel out the exhaust. An 8.3 has us out of the field by just 0.4 of a second and frustrated. Sunday we continue to test the motor and change settings. We replace the transformer for the magneto but no difference. We return to the old fuel pump and still not better. This is when we decide it has to be magneto. After using about 15 litres of Nitro just starting up and trying we put the bike away and go and watch the finals.

An uneventful trip home getting back into Geelong on Tuesday afternoon. Take the magneto down to Melton for testing and yep its heartbeat is that weak it is amazing that it could even ignite the Nitro. We will have it back ready next week and will again test to make sure there are no other issues, however I am confident that all will be well and we start preparation of bike and parts ready for the trip to Perth at the end of November. There could be upto 14 bikes in Top Bike in Perth so the pressure will be well and truly on. But this is what will make the class stronger and we can't wait to record that first 6 second pass for me and Gracie in Perth in front of her old hometown crowd.

Phil Parker

*Phil Parker had an Event to Forget at the 42nd Australian Nationals.*



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## Season 2007/08 Television Coverage

The largest and most comprehensive television deal in the history of Australian Drag Racing is being broadcast this season, with the coverage shared across three broadcasters, including Channel 9, SBS and the Foxsports Channels. Coverage will include all major ANDRA Group One rounds, from tracks all over the country. The new coverage will make it much easier for fans to keep up to date with the latest results from all the events, no matter where they are run. The content will differ significantly from previous drag racing coverage, with a real focus on the people and stories behind the performances. As the drag racing road show makes its way around the country, there will be tales of inspiration, stories of heartbreak and celebrations of triumph. The partnership between the media channels and DRAG Ltd

secures broadcast television rights for the next three years and will see a series of significant developments that will expand the television coverage of Australia's fastest motor sport. The total coverage will consist of 26 half hour shows shown on Channel 9 fortnightly, 26 one-hour shows on SBS also shown fortnightly and 26 one-hour shows on Foxsports with repeats through out the week. The hour-long shows will include highlights from Groups 2, 3 and 4 as well as Group 1 action. Over 100 hours of television. Hundreds of the country's fastest racers at each meeting. 12 huge events per season. Pro Stock, Top Doorslammer, Pro Stock Motorcycle, Top Alcohol, Top Bike and Top Fuel – TOP TELEVISION!

TV Date	EVENT	TV CONTENT
8/9	East Coast Nationals	Top Fuel/Top Alcohol
22/9	East Coast Nationals	Top Doorslammer/Top Bike
6/10	East Coast Nationals	Pro Stock/ Pro Stock Bike
20/10	Australian Nationals	Top Fuel/Top Bike
3/11	Australian Nationals	Top Doorslammer/Top Alc.
17/11	Australian Nationals	Pro Stock/ Pro Stock Bike
1/12	Perth—T/A and PSB	Top Alcohol/Pro Stock Bike
15/12	Golden State Titles	Top Doorslammer/Top Bike
29/12	Golden State Titles	Magazine Episode
12/1	Int'l Top Fuel	Top Fuel/Top Alcohol
26/1	New Year Series	Top Alcohol/Pro Bike
9/2	Top Fuel Round	Top Fuel
23/2	Summernationals	Top Doorslammer/Top Bike
8/3	Summernationals	Top Fuel/Top Alcohol
22/3	Summernationals	Pro Stock/Pro Stock Bike
5/4	Summernationals	Magazine Episode
19/4	Westernationals	Top Doorslammer/Top Bike

Further programs each fortnight. **11.30am on Channel 9**

## What's Next?

Next issue of Parker Racing, Race Update We'll give you the details of a fantastic opportunity to see the Parker Racing team and buy some good quality tools at a sponsors day at 'Qualitool' in Mercer street Geelong. If you need to buy any seriously good quality tools, why not head on down to Qualitool in Mercer Street Geelong

where you will be looked after. Say you're a Parker Racing Fan for the best deal possible! We'll also keep you updated on the repairs on Phil's nitro burning beast and give you the expected delivery date for Sam's new nitro bike. We'll also have a look at the Team's first ever trip across to Perth to contest the Top Bike round over there in

December. If you would like Parker Racing to do a display at your business, please feel free to contact the team where they can discuss the possibilities with you. From drawing passing traffic's attention to your store, to a motivational session for your workers - Parker Racing can cater for everything! Until then,

keep your eye's on the TV guides as the ECN's programs will be airing on Channel 9 and foxtel over the next few Saturday's.

Sam Parker



That's all for this issue, stay tuned for next issue

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