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Race Update

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Parker Racing Claim Record at Ballarat

Mid-season testing is proving to be very worth-while for Parker Family Racing after a successful trip to regional 1/8th mile strip, Ballarat Dragway.

“We are members of Ballarat Drag Racing Club and always enjoy bringing the bikes there for a lap or two” Commented Sam. “Despite being an airstrip track, the facilities are wonderful and the track provides enough grip for us to test most things. The concrete launch pad is more than grippy enough to allow us to try clutch setups that we would use at any national level track, and that is exactly where we are still learning with the Pro Bike.” Just before

the lunch break the team brought Sam’s bike out to do its first pass. “I only intended on taking it easy for the first run to get a feel for where the track was at, but not that easy!” Laughed Sam who launched the bike in 5th gear for the first run. “The gear lever goes the opposite direction to the last bike and I knew it would catch me out one day. I’m just glad it was on a test run and not the first round of the Nationals or something! The good news is, I now have that out of my system and we didn’t hurt anything in learning that lesson.”

This meeting was also the first opportunity the public had to see Parker Family Racing’s new nitro bike. “We brought the new nitro bike along to do a fire up for the crowd” Explained Phil “Despite wanting to get it out on the track, we are still sorting out the somewhat dated brakes on it and will be sure to have it ready to attack the strip for Ballarat’s next meeting. Luckily,

nitro bikes don’t need to be on the track to be entertaining!” Laughed Phil. During the lunch break the team fired it up on Nitro

methane which quickly built a large crowd around the bike who were taking in all the sights, sounds and smells that the fickle fuel has to offer. “It was a great opportunity for local’s to see a drag bike of this kind, with the current lack of



National tracks in Victoria its easy to forget what a nitro burning machine is like”

Commented Phil.

Nearing the end of the day, Sam brought his bike out for another shot down the Ballarat 1/8th mile. “We really wanted to get a good run in, the Ballarat Courier had ran an article during the week saying how I was here chasing the track record. With a hype up like that, I wanted to give it a shake at least!” Laughed Sam. “On the same hand we



didn’t want to go crazy as the second half of the track is a tad slick and does take a bit of steering to keep them straight. We backed the launch and shift revs down 1500rpm to soften everything up a bit, but it sure didn’t feel like it!” The bike marched down the track to a stunning 4.93 @ 141mph. “We’re not exactly sure what the existing record was, it was definitely a 4, but members of the club believe it was around a 4.98. I’m claiming it as the new record anyway!” Laughed Sam.

“The crowd really get into these bikes at the smaller regional meetings, the number of people that came up and congratulated me after the 4.93 was amazing. We head to Warracknabeal this weekend to try and break my own track record of 5.47. The track there is a little bit slicker, but the crowd are even more enthusiastic. I can’t wait!” Said Sam.

Thank you to www.burnoutsunlimited.com for the excellent shots.



We Need a Painter!!!

With the Parker Family Racing Sponsor's Day this weekend, the naming rights sponsor will be drawn from the hat and a paint scheme for the Team's Pro Stock Bike will start to take shape. The Problem is, we don't have anyone to paint

the bike yet.... We don't expect to get the job for free (although it would be fantastic and appropriate recognition would be given if this was the case!) we would be looking for someone who can give us a good deal. The bike is based

in Geelong so a painter in Victoria would be ideal - however if someone interstate was able to help out we would definitely consider it. If you can help, please contact Sam or Phil (Sam: 0438414011, Phil: 0408481663) Cheers!



Know someone who could paint the Team's Pro Stock

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Sponsors Day This weekend!!!

This Sunday the 5th of November will be the Team's "Sponsor's Day". All are welcome to come and enjoy the festivities held at U-Brew It on Barwon Tce Geelong. It is a family event, so bring the kids along for some lollies, a bbq lunch and maybe a photo on each of the race bikes. The team will have the entire race setup on display, the bikes will be fired up for the crowd, there's a BBQ lunch, Beer, Wine and soft drink - all provided. The team will also be holding raffle's and a motorsports auction where you will have the chance to win items ranging from very unique racing memorabilia, car cleaning kits to gift baskets of chocolate and champagne!!! The main activity of the day will be the drawing of the winning sponsor - make sure you don't miss it!!!



From left to right: Parker Family Racing's new nitro bike, Crew Chief Simone Armour working on the Pro Stock Bike clutch and the Nitro Bike in preparation for a fire up - crowd starting to gather.

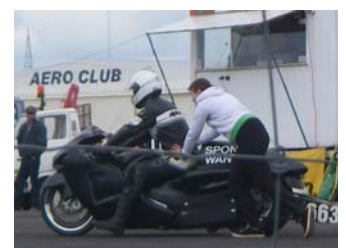
What's Next?

Our next issue of Parker Racing, Race Update will feature a full wrap up of our Sponsor's Day. We'll have plenty of pictures, a report and (of coarse) tell you who is our naming rights sponsors for season 2006/07! We'll look at how the team performed in War-

racknabeal. We'll also look at progress on the Pro Stock motorcycle over this short break in the season as some further development is on the cards for it. We'll have another Sponsor's insight of one of our fantastic promotional partners and preview

the team's next competitive outing. Until then, thanks for reading and if your on the net - check out www.dragrace.com.au Our new website is stil under development, but is up and running.

Sam Parker



See you all at the Sponsor's Day!