



AHDRA SEASON OPENER – Valerie Thompson Racing Update:
 Screamin' Eagle Performance Parts Bike Week Nationals Presented by
 Gainesville Harley-Davidson

Race one of the 2007 AHDRA season was March 2-4th in Gainesville, FL and was a season opener to remember for a number of notable reasons. Unfortunately for racers and fans alike, Mother Nature wasn't cooperating and gave little time for test and tune and was a test of patience for all as the weather nearly wiped out qualifying.

On Saturday the clouds finally broke and the field was able to make a single pass in both the V-Rod Destroyer and Super Gas class's. VTR lit up the Destroyer class and qualified second with a career best 9.27 ET. The Super Gas class was a different story as we qualified in the field of 32 bikes even though I had to shut it down and coast through the finish line. It was apparent going into Sunday's Eliminations; we were going to be a strong team to contend with.

Sunday was full of sunshine to my delight however; to our surprise the bike would not start. After further evaluation it was decided not to run the bike at all. Despite the hard work from my crew chief Mickey Eddinger and the help we received from Jason Miller, Brian Batzel, Team Mate Native Racing and BWR we withdrew from the competition and handed the other teams a lucky break.

Despite the disappointment of our fans and sponsors, our spirits are remaining high as we are preparing for race two in my hometown, Phoenix, AZ. We are excited to get the Phoenix Nationals underway and put on a show for my local fans while racing for the trophy. Be sure to come by and say hi if you can, and check-out the OCC-Go Daddy.com Chopper, great videos, tons of give-aways and celebrate AZ bike week!

In other news, VTR Team 2007 is proud to announce new sponsor and crew's favorite, MAC Tools. Thanks to everyone at Mac Tools especially Terry Larkin and Steve Cottle who while at the race, made the best of a bad situation by displaying my broken steed in their booth, drawing lots of attention for their brand. And another special thanks, this time to Vanson leathers who did the impossible by getting my leathers to the race on time and once again proving to me why their the best in the business.

Let's Race!

Valerie Thompson #20

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