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Valerie Thompson - Team Marines Racing Team Report

Valerie Thompson "America's High-Speed Sweetheart" briefly holds Land Speed Record at the Bonneville Salt Flats

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (September 9, 2009) – Team Marines Racing member and current NHRA Pro-Stock Motorcycle racer Valerie Thompson set her third land speed record at the famed Bonneville Salt Flats only to have it erased two days later. After running 151 mph on her first attempt, Thompson was planning to make her second (and most likely fastest) pass of the event when her team discovered a stress fracture on their bike. As a result, she was unable to better the record she had set two days earlier.

Thompson set her two previous land speed records riding for Keith Ball and the Bikernet.com team. She added a third record to her résumé in the A-PF 3,000cc class during the recent BUB International Speed Trial Event. The crew of Thompson's NHRA Pro Stock team flew into Bonneville in order to support her ambitious efforts however Thompson was denied the customary six to eight runs during the week due to mechanical issues. As a result, another competitor was able to better the record she had set.

"I am disappointed for our sponsors, the team and the many people who have supported me," said Thompson, "The bike felt great on the first pass but on the return run I felt that something wasn't quite right and I had to finesse the throttle at 168 mph to keep the bike steady otherwise we might have been able to go another 10-12 miles-per-hour faster. We fully expected to repair the bike and make another three or four passes but unfortunately we were unable to do so.

Valerie Thompson Racing also announced that the team is currently making plans to return to the event with a faster bike in 2010 in an effort to break the 200-mph barrier. In addition, the team will now focus on their NHRA Pro Stock Motorcycle program and are in the process of attempting to secure sponsorship that will enable "America's High-Speed Sweetheart" to run all 17 events in the 2010 NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series.

"At least I had my third record to sleep on for a couple of nights", Thompson noted. "I can't wait to bring back some different equipment next year and raise the bar on our land speed goals. I want to thank Palmer & Associates, Mr. D's in Las Vegas, the Scottsdale Cigar Club and FueledByFans.com for all their support. We will be back and we will go faster next year."

Find out more about Valerie at www.valerithompsonracing.com

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