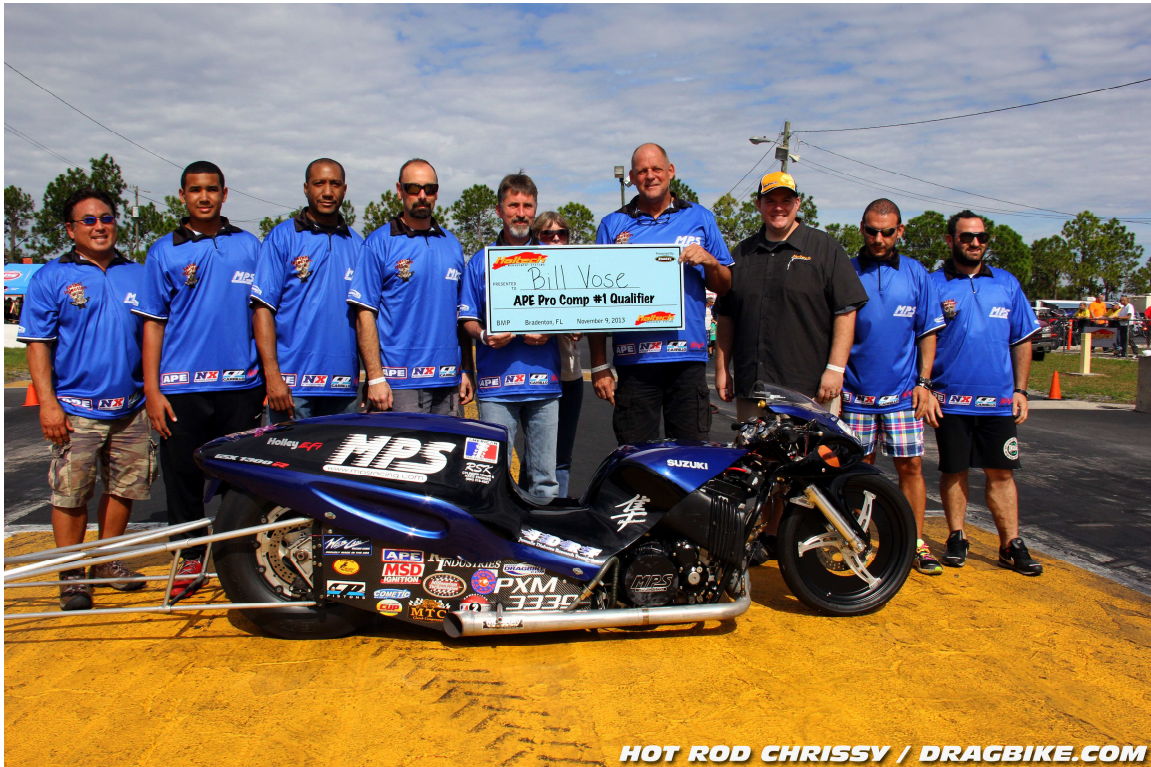


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MPS/Thyen Racing Manufacturers Cup Haltech Finals Race Report

Casselberry, FL 11/10/2013 – With 33 countries represented at the final Manufacturers Cup race of the year in Bradenton, FL, the event had a decided international flavor. The race was highlighted by Eric Teboul on the “Rocket Bike” running a phenomenal, unbelievable, incredible, and every other expletive you can come up with 5.12 @ 264 MPH.

We were leading the Manufacturers Cup Pro Comp championship points by a scant 5 points ahead of C.D. Watson, and 6 ahead of Brunson Grothus. We had to go at least as far as either of them to win the championship.

We paced the field for the first round of qualifying on Friday with a 4.110@172.74 MPH. While doing routine between run maintenance we discovered the crank

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was extremely tight in "Problem Child". This engine seems to be living up to its name. We had experimented with some new bearing technology and it had bitten us. We installed "Moe" on Friday night and we were ready for Q2. Billy blasted off a team best 4.072@ 173.94 MPH resetting the quickest run for a Hayabusa powered motorcycle. Because we had hurt one of our best engines in just one round of qualifying and we were already qualified #1, we elected not to run the third qualifier. A calculated decision that paid off, as no one was able to best our Q2 time and we would stay #1 qualifier.

Sunday first round was an earned bye run, so we decided to save wear and tear on our engine and just break the beam. Second round we had Kim Morrell, a former ADRL "Battle of the Belts" winner. She had problems in the burnout box and couldn't make the run. We ran a 4.104@172.87 to advance to the Semis against Brunson Grothus who had just run a 4.08 in the previous round. C.D. Watson had been eliminated earlier. The championship coming down to a one race shootout is just the way we wanted it. We had detuned slightly for the 4.10 pass the second round, so we knew it was stand on it time for Grothus. Billy ran slightly quicker with a 4.110 to Brunson's 4.114, but Brunson's stellar .015 reaction to Billy's good .027 was enough to get Brunson to the finish line .008 ahead of Billy. We had gone 1.02 sixty foot times every run this weekend except this one, a tire spinning 1.04. Seems we got after it a little too much.

All in all a great season for our team, we have qualified in the top 3 at the last three races of the year! We have the "World's Quickest Hayabusa" and are #2 in Pro Comp points for Manufacturers Cup. In addition, we have the best rider in the class and 90+ years of combined drag race motorcycle experience. We will be back next year with a vengeance!

About the bike: This bike is a totally unique combination for Pro Comp. It starts with a highly modified Suzuki Hayabusa powerplant with an MPS billet block, CP Pistons, Crower rods, Cooper Performance cylinder head with Kibblewhite valves, APE springs and cylinder studs in an Innovative Performance Racing chassis. It features what we call "MPS Lethal Injection," a combination of MPS Spyder Dry Nitrous system and the new Holley Dominator ECU. This custom EFI/nitrous system controls all motorcycle functions including data logging.

We would also like to thank all our other parts suppliers without whom we could not race. Thanks to Kevin at Lectron Fuel Systems for the awesome new "Injectrons", Tim at Holley EFI, Ray at MSD Ignition, Jay at APE, Snake & RC at CP-Carrillo, Bill at Robinson Industries, Kerry at Crower, Lori, Debbie, and Melissa at Web Cam, Mike at Cometic, Go Go at Nitrous Express, Kurt at Millennium Technology, Will at Kibblewhite Precision Machining, Carl at ARC, Eric at MTC Engineering, Dave at Worldwide Bearings, and last but not least Brandi at Dragbike.com for the great coverage of our sport.

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