

GDP goes all out for customer appreciation day

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A group of both spectators and racers showed up at the Gear Driven

Performance, six people did a little test and tune. Out of the six, four decided to compete for trophies in the E.T.

him from bringing home a trophy of his own.

Here are the best elapse times (ET) and mile per hour (MPH) runs from all of the Gear Driven Performance crews' test and tune throughout the day.

Winchel had the fastest ET and MPH out of the group from GDP, with a run of 11.669 et @ 117.15 followed by Eric Arneson, service manager of GDP, on his 2000 FLT. Arneson's best run of the day was a 12.009 et @ 112.01. Wickman had a run of 12.601 et @ 107.01. Next was Meeks' run, 13.00 @ 104.98. Fritz was consistent all day and had a best time of 13.504 @ 97 MPH. Last, but not least, was GDP's good friend and customer Wayne "Slippery" Baker, with a time of 14.050 @ 93 MPH. Baker had an issue with grip at the starting line, earning him the nickname "Slippery" He sure was exciting each time he left the starting line.

The racing finished around 3 p.m., and the crew started back to Mauston, returning around 5 p.m.

Gear Driven Performance would like to thank everyone who showed up for the ride to Rock Falls and hope you will join us again. GDP is planning another Run to the Rock on Sept. 20 and would like to invite anyone interested in joining us. It doesn't matter if you race or ride motorcycle. This event is just fun to be a part of, and we hope to see you there.

A huge thank you from the employees and customers of GDP goes to GDP owner, Randy Winchel for making this all possible.



Randy Winchel, owner of Gear Driven Performance in Mauston, took his place on the starting line at Rock Falls Raceway, near Eau Claire, July 18.

Performance (GDP) motorcycle service and repair shop in Mauston for a 250-mile round trip ride from GDP to Rock Falls Raceway, located just west of Eau Claire, for an exciting, fun-filled day of quarter-mile drag racing.

The day started out very cool and cloudy, but the weather eventually cooperated, providing a dry day that would warm up to a comfortable temperature.

The group left the shop shortly after 8 a.m. and had a rest and fuel stop in Osseo. We reached Rock Falls Raceway about 10:30 a.m. in time to get some test and tune runs done. GDP provided lunch and paid the spectator fee for all of the people who showed up at the track representing Gear Driven Performance.

Out of the 27 people who

Bracket Racing competitions. Of the four competitors, three won first place in their class. The big winners were:

Chris Meeks of Reedsburg on a 2007 Harley-Davidson Dyna, friend and customer of GDP Mark Wickman of Rice Lake on a 2003 Harley-Davidson Screaming Eagle Deuce, and T.J. Fritz of Friendship, GDP friend and customer, on a stock Polaris Victory.

The only competitor not to bring home any hardware was GDP/DRM Industries Corporation owner/ president Randy "The Winch" Winchel on his 2006 Harley-Davidson Dyna.

Winchel ran very well all day, but unfortunately double-red lighted during the competition, eliminating