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### **Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Eastern Series – Round 4: The Grand Bend Motorplex in Grand Bend, Ontario**

*Thomson on top*

CONCORD, Ontario (July 22, 2013) – In one of the busiest drag racing weekends ever at Grand Bend Motorplex, the huge crowds got to see one of the best weekends of racing by the Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Eastern Series competitors. It was a weekend that saw a bit of everything, from hurricane force winds on Friday night to hot, steamy temperatures that engulfed the track the rest of the weekend. The track crew at The Motorplex had their hands full with a packed slate of activities, while also battling persistent gremlins that continued all weekend.

Rocky's Harley-Davidson® sponsored Pete Thomson made the best of his opportunities, but it was Chris Fox of Fox Harley-Davidson® who continued to impress.

In Saturday's delayed qualifying sessions, it was Thomson who managed to come out on top with his best ET of 9.282 seconds and a top speed of 141.83 mph. Fox used one of his best runs to date to come in a close second place with an ET of 9.329 seconds and a top speed of 140.46 mph. Ottawa's Mitch McCallum continued on the come-back trail, and had a great outing with an ET of 9.381 seconds and a top speed of 139.78 mph. Kitchener Harley-Davidson® rider Dan Thomson was next, with rookie Dave Hodare and Ray Philp just behind him.

Things really heated up on Sunday, and fatigue and mechanical issues started to take their toll. In the first elimination round, Pete Thomson dispatched Ray Philp, while Chris Fox used some late contest repairs to send Dave Hodare to sit with the spectators. After overcoming some issues earlier on, Dan Thomson had a solid run and defeated Mitch McCallum.

In the second round of eliminations, Pete Thomson got a bye and posted an ET of 9.263 seconds, backing up the brilliant run he had made earlier. Despite still having some problems with his shifter, Chris Fox continued to hammer forward and did even better, posting an ET of 9.254 seconds and a top speed of 140.18 mph and sending Dan Thomson to the sidelines.

The final saw old rivals Thomson and Fox line up beside each other once more, as the two riders continued their battle for the prestigious Eastern Series Championship. As they lined up for the race, the tree flashed to green almost immediately, sending Thomson to the win and Fox to the sidelines; finally overtaken by mechanical issues he had been struggling with all weekend. With the win, Thomson has a strangle hold on the championship hunt, with only one race to go in the East.

Thomson was ecstatic after the event, commenting, "Chris is coming on so strong, I'm really going to have to pick up my game," then adding, "sometimes it's better to be lucky than good."



The next race for the CMDRA Eastern Series will be on August 10 and 11 at Toronto Motorsports Park in Cayuga, Ontario.

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