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### **CMDRA Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Eastern Series –Final Round In Cayuga, Ontario at Toronto Motorsports Park**

#### ***Thomson Triumphs at T.M.P.***

CONCORD, Ontario (August 12, 2013) – Reigning Eastern Series Champion, Pete Thomson, retained his title and earned bragging rights in one of the closest battles this weekend at Toronto Motorsports Park, during the final event of the series.



The Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Eastern Series competitors battled hard and close all weekend, with Thomson setting the tone early to qualify in the top spot going into the ever important finals on Sunday. Thomson watched closely as the other racers worked diligently on set-up and tuning all morning, then he ran a cool ET of 9.248 seconds and a top speed of 139.18 mph. Mitch McCallum is enjoying a meteoric rise in the series, and had the best run of his career with an ET of 9.313 seconds and a top speed of 138.82 mph to take the second position.

The urgency of Sunday's final quickly became the undoing of half the field in the first elimination round of the day. Thomson lined up with Dave Hodare who squeezed out of the chute early handing the win to Thomson. Next up, McCallum had a brilliant run with his best ET of 9.298 seconds, but it was for naught, as McCallum too ran afoul of the light. McCallum's miscue handed the win over to Jeff Pitre. Ray Philp, who has been coming on strong as of late, took himself out of contention with a red-light in his contest with Chris Fox.

In round two of eliminations, Thomson had a lonely trip up the drag strip with a bye, but still ran a healthy 9.239 seconds. Chris Fox had the best reaction time of the day at 0.007 seconds, enough to send Jeff Pitre to the sidelines. At the end of the quarter, Fox went through with an ET of 9.287 seconds and a top speed of 140.27 mph, also the best of the day. Pitre had a great comeback performance after destroying his clutch on Saturday, with an ET of 9.510 seconds and a top speed of 132.86 mph.



With only 0.048 seconds of a difference between them, Thomson and Fox once again committed to line up and settle the difference in what was shaping up to be the closest contest between the two in their season-long battle.

As the clouds began to roll in and the temperatures dropped, Cayuga race fans were treated to an incredible contest. Fox again had a brilliant reaction time, but Thomson still managed to show him a wheel. The small

distance that Thomson managed to gain on Fox held up, as both riders charged through the trap. This time, the difference was whittled down to 23 thousandths of a second (0.023 s), with Thomson ending up on the right side of it. When the dust finally settled, Thomson earned the win with an ET of 9.264 seconds and a top speed of 139.75 mph, while Fox ran an ET of 9.287 seconds and a top speed of 133.76 mph. With the win, Thomson retains his Eastern Series Championship, and will once again be looked upon to challenge the winner of the Western National Series in Edmonton at the season finale, which takes place on September 7 and 8 at Castrol Raceway. The Western riders have one more event at Fort St. John, British Columbia on August 17 and 18.

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