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## **Portable Shade and King Racing set new UK record**



After the rain curtailed European Championship opener the Portable Shade Top Fuel Bike team elected to run the UK Summernationals to test their new components prior to the Nordic tour. With the Nitro Nationals in Finland fast approaching they needed valuable track time and immediately showed that the close season preparations and key component changes had moved them up a notch in their quest for a fourth European Championship crown.

An off the trailer first run of the season resulted in personal bests in both elapsed time and speed, with a 6.317 second 221.06 mph run despite dropping a cylinder at three quarter track.



As the final loomed without spare clutch parts the team decided to open up the clutch bleeds in an attempt to alleviate the clutch slip problems for the final, but this action proved a step too far and the primary belt broke after the engine pulled down at gearchange and could only watch as their sizable advantage at half track was surpassed by the Nitro Harley of Ian Turburville.

However, with two new personal bests and a new UK record in the bag things look good for the Portable Shade Top Fuel Bike team heading into the second round of the European Championship.



The team rely on only the best parts and services from leading companies in their chosen markets :-

[Portable Shade](#) – The world's premier awning and modular exhibition product company

[JE Pistons](#) - The world's premier manufacturer of high performance forged pistons

[Kibblewhite Precision Machining, Inc.](#) - The highest quality valves and components for motorsport.

[Swecomposite](#) - The leading supplier of carbon fiber parts to the racing, performance and custom markets.

[Craft Safety Helmets](#) - The ultimate in safety and unique in design.

[Del West Engineering, Inc.](#) -Pioneers in valve train design.

[Torco Oils](#) – The only oil recommended by engine manufacturers Puma Engineering.

[Goedhals](#) – Precision specialist gear cutting and engineering.

[Mickey Thompson Tyres](#) – The best drag race tyres in the world bar none.

[Goodridge UK](#) – The original and the best in fluid transfer systems.

[Gates](#) – The world's most trusted name in drive belts, hoses and hydraulics.

[Vanson Leathers](#) - 30 years producing the best quality track tested motorcycle apparel.

[Performance Machine](#) – The leader in after market custom wheels, brakes and components.

[Kent Cams](#) - Specialists in motor sport camshaft manufacture, short runs and one -off's.

[Pro Alloy](#) – UK's leader in fabrication of alloy racing tanks, intercoolers and radiators.

[PsycheWorkz](#) – The UK's best custom and race fabricators and innovators.

[House of Kolor](#) – Manufacturers of the world's most stunning specialist paints.

[Cannon Engineering](#) - Gear cutting and precision engineering services.

[Zodiac](#) – Europe's largest supplier of performance and aftermarket HD parts.

[Pixeyleye](#) – Innovative graphic and website design

[MRE](#) – Leaders in trackside support for drag race components and air shifting systems

[Customize](#) – Premier sign makers and vinyl sign and design services

[Turboville](#) – Your one stop dragracing resource

NitroShutter – The combined efforts of ace photojournalists Ivan Sansom and Rose Hughes

Wackyshack – Creators of stunning paintwork and murals.

The Portable Shade Top Fuel Bike will to compete at the following events in 2008: -

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July – Alastaro, Finland

24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July, Mantorp Park, Sweden

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Gardermoen, Norway

14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August, Hockenheim, Germany

4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September, Santa Pod, England

Follow the team's progress on Eurodragster's live event coverage at [www.eurodragster.com](http://www.eurodragster.com)