

## 2005 Topeka, Kansas Dyno Drags

This was my first VMOA event, the first year for this particular event, and the first event I helped organize! I want to thank Sean and Sherry Morley, Kent Clawson and Topeka Harley Davidson, and the VMOA officers. I also owe a lot of thanks to Sean Morley's parents, Rex and Phyllis Morley. They did a wonderful job with the BBQ lunch.

The event was the idea of Mark Vancamp and Sean Morley. Sean called me and said the VMOA should rent the Dynamometer at the Topeka HD shop. I agreed, it was a great idea! I contacted Kent Clawson, the Dyno operator. Kent quoted us \$400 for all day use of the Dyno room. Sunday, July 17, was the official date for the event.



Kent told me that they're closed on Sunday and we would have exclusive use of the service area.

I made some calls and shot

off a couple of emails to see who was interested. We received a lot of interest but several riders had prior commitments. We had a total of five riders planning to make the trip from Omaha to Topeka. Those five riders were Frank Roark, Jason Phillips, Mike Lesicko, my brother, John Milne, and myself. Mike Lesicko had to cancel due to drive train problems with his VMAX. Sean Morley indicated he had at least a dozen Vmaxers planning to attend the event.

We left on Saturday morning for KC. My buddy, Frank, knew a great Mexican joint for lunch so we took the long way. The trip down was uneventful, but very freaking hot! We arrived in Topeka around 5:30 or so. We hooked up with a fellow Vmaxer,



Karl Thompson. Karl and I corresponded via Email for a couple of weeks before the event. Karl was unsure of joining but I told him to join us at the event anyway and make a decision based on the event and the members attending. I'm happy to say he's now a member!

The Dyno event started at 9:00 on Sunday morning. After the introductions, we lined up the bikes in front of the Dyno room. Make sure you check out the pictures, it was a very impressive facility! It was very sweet being able to stand in the Dyno room and watch Kent work the machine. It was especially cool watching the air/fuel graph on the monitor. It seemed a majority of the bikes were rich on the top end. As an example, Frank swapped out the stock main jets for 147.5 mains on his 1999 with full 4 into 2 Hole-shot exhaust. My 1989 benefited a bit from a reduction to 150 mains.

Sean Morley and his crew were testing his new Muscle carb kit. This kit is similar to a Stage 7 kit. The main difference is that the stock air box is retained but the air box lid was modified to accept a flat K&N air filter. He was also using the stock jet

needles. For more info, I really encourage you to talk to Sean Morley. His Dyno numbers were just as high as a Stage 7 kit but his low and mid range horsepower and torque numbers were much better.

We kept a marker board of everyone's Dyno pulls. Frank Roark came in first place for horsepower. Sean Morley was very kind to donate one of his Morley Muscle seats to Frank for winning. Sean also gave away a ton of BG products to all the riders. Thanks Sean!

I received a follow-up Email from Kent at Topeka HD. Kent said he had a blast and that everyone at the dealership hopes the VMOA makes this a yearly event. Kent said that by the end

of the day, we tested 16 bikes and made over 160 dyno runs! The group's Dyno results can be viewed in Sean Morley's article. There were two other bikes dyno'd. My brother's 2002 Dyna Wide Glide pulled well and Jason Phillips' 2002 Bandit pulled 107.14 hp/77.21 torque.

I want to, again, thank Sean and everyone in his family and group. And, kudos to Rex and Phyllis Morley, the food was awesome! I was very impressed with the hospitality that Kent and his crew showed us during the event. We were allowed the use of his service shop space, lifts, tools, etc. They also took steps to ensure the Dynamometer didn't break down.



Sean and I have some ideas for next year including an organized ride, games, and more prizes. I hope that this will become an even more successfully event each year!

Those who attended the event:

- Frank Roark
- Jason Phillips
- John Milne
- Sean and Sherry Morley
- Kevin Rowl
- Mark Vancamp
- Chris and Erin Joynt
- Mike Sanders
- Karl Thompson
- Mark Nutsch
- Trevis Reuther
- Scott Peterson
- Ben Benedict
- Jim Taylor
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