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King Racing in 2011

An exciting line up of team partners and associates are headed by iconic oil company Gulf Oil who have who have joined the team as primary sponsors for their 2011 assault on the UEM European Top Fuel Bike Championship.





Normally associated with the world's leading sports cars, Gulf's distinctive powder blue and orange racing colours will now adorn that of the most advanced Top Fuel bike today. Featuring innovations new to dragracing and using state of art clutch, fuel and ignition control technologies this groundbreaking bike is currently under construction in the workshops of Puma Engineering, the world renowned manufacturer of nitromethane powered drag racing motorcycles.

The 1500 horse-power Gulf Racing Top Fuel Motorcycle, capable of accelerating from 0 - 250 mph in under six seconds, will be ridden by Ian King, five-time European Top Fuel Bike champion and crewed by the most decorated team in European Top Fuel competition, King Racing. The bike will compete using Gulf's premium range of lubricants and gear oils as it aims to become the fastest accelerating Top Fuel motorcycle in the world.

Performance potential

0-60 mph: 0.7 secs 0-100 mph: 1.1 secs 0-250 mph: under 6 secs

Machine Specifications

- Estimated 1500 Horsepower depending on tune
- Purpose built Puma engine, with aluminium cases and billet steel crankshaft
- 1584cc inline 4 cylinder
- 12V DOHC billet aluminium cylinder head with aluminium bronze hemispheres
- Supercharged, over 430 litres of air and fuel into the engine per second
- Fuel injected, consuming over 11 gallons of Nitromethane per minute
- 8 inch three plate multistage clutch
- Fuel injection / clutch management by electronic, hydraulic & pneumatic systems
- 14 inch wide rear slick tyre
- Puma Engineering Chrome Molybdenum chassis, 102 inch wheelbase
- Full aluminium bodywork
- Braking by two 4 piston calipers at front, 6 piston caliper at rear and parachute assisted
- Onboard multichannel datalogging and analysis system

"We are excited to be involved with the most sophisticated motorcycle of its type in the world," explains Keith Jewers, Director Gulf Retail. "It is a fine example of engineering excellence and an ideal platform to demonstrate the performance and quality of Gulf's lubricants."

"We are delighted that Gulf has chosen King Racing to become part of their illustrious motorsport history," said Ian King, Team Principal of King Racing. "The iconic Gulf brand and the quality of their products are a perfect fit with our team and other blue chip associates."

King Racing welcome new members to its world leading team of associate sponsors for 2011:-



GRAND PRIX ORIGINALS - The brand for drive and lifestyle, past and present



NCTENGINEERING – The world's leading non contact torque sensors for motorsport





WORLDWIDE BEARINGS - The world's leading supplier of ceramic bearings for racing



COMETIC GASKETS - The premier manufacturer of racing gaskets

King Racing have benefited from an extremely strong and loyal team of associates whilst winning their previous five European Championship titles. They are extremely proud to announce that these associates are to remain on the team in their quest for an unprecedented sixth European Championship title: -

APE — The world's most innovative manufacturer of aftermarket parts for race bikes

CRAFT HELMETS - The ultimate helmets for safety and uniqueness in design

GATES - The world's most trusted name in drive belts, hoses and hydraulics

GOEDHALS - The name in precision specialist gear cutting

GOODRIDGE - The most innovative and the best in fluid transfer systems

JE PISTONS - The world's premier manufacturer of high performance forged pistons

KENT CAMS - Specialists in motor sport camshaft manufacture, short runs and one -off's

KIBBLEWHITE PRECISION MACHINING - The highest quality valve train components available

MICKEY THOMPSON - Simply the best drag race tyres in the world

MRE - Leaders in trackside support for drag race components and air shifting systems

NITROSHUTTER - Europe's leading dragracing photojournalists

PORTABLE SHADE - The best custom branded collapsible canopies available

PRO ALLOY MOTORSPORT - UK's leading fabricator of alloy tanks, intercoolers and radiators

PSYCLEWORKZ - The UK's best custom and race fabricators and innovators

PUMA ENGINEERING - Manufacturer of the world's most powerful motorcycle engines

RSG CUSTOMIZE - The UK's most creative website designers and vinyl artists

VANSON LEATHERS - The most iconic brand in motorsport leather goods

ZODIAC - Europe's largest supplier of performance and aftermarket HD parts

2011 Calendar - FIM/UEM European Drag Bike Championships

28th April-1st May: Kunmadaras, Hungary

27th-30th May: FIA Main Event, Santa Pod Raceway, England

10th-12th June: Tierp Motorpark, Sweden

30th June-3rd July: FHRA Nitro Nationals, Alastaro, Finland

28th-31st July: Veidec Festival, Mantorp Park, Sweden (TFB, ST eighth mile)

5th-7th August: Sunoco Drag Challenge, Gardermoen, Norway

12th-14th August: NitrOlympX, Hockenheim, Germany

8th-11th September: FIA European Finals, Santa Pod Raceway, England

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