

Valerie Thompson with the Team "7" Racing crew at Bonneville Salt Flats



▼ Seven-time land speed record holder **Valerie Thompson** of Scottsdale earned the title of world's fastest female motorcycle racer on September 1 at the Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials in Utah, with a blistering one-measured-mile average speed of 304.263 mph (489.66 km/h) riding the famous Denis Manning designed Team "7" Racing streamliner. After three mandatory license qualification runs, Thompson scorched the salt with two memorable runs over 294 and 304 mph. Her highest exit speed exceeded 313 mph, earning her the Top Speed of the Event Award and her new title as the World's Fastest Female Motorcycle Racer.

"I've dreamed about this since I first started racing. This never would have happened without Denis Manning and team owners John Jans and Joe Harralson. I can't thank them and the entire Team "7" Racing crew members enough for all their hard work during the competition," said an enthusiastic Thompson.

"Joe Harralson and I couldn't be happier with these results. Valerie has the talent and drive to be the fastest motorcyclist in the world—period," stated John Jans, owner of Team "7" Racing.

The four-day Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials is the premier motorcycle land speed racing event of North America.

Scottsdale's Valerie Thompson ran 304.263 mph at Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials, the AMA Land Speed Grand Championship, in the famous Denis Manning designed Team "7" Racing streamliner (photo above: Lou Fischer, BonnevilleStories.com).

ca. The AMA and FIM sanctioned event offers national and world speed record opportunities.

"Valerie has quickly adjusted from racing a conventional motorcycle to driving a streamliner with twice the horsepower. She is a natural racer. More importantly, she reached our goal of exceeding 300 mph on the 3-mile short course, versus the 5-mile run-up streamliners normally require to reach top speed," said Manning. "Our goal is creating history by making '7' the fastest motorcycle in the world again. Valerie achieved our objective of going faster with less track. I can't ask for more than that from any driver."

Thompson is an independent team owner/driver, fielding a record-setting BMW S 1000 RR land speed racing bike, with plans to compete in the NHRA Pro Stock Motorcycle class in 2017.

Valerie is a seven-time land speed record holder and independent female owner/driver, fielding her own record setting BMW S 1000 RR in land speed competitions with plans to race in the NHRA Pro Stock Motorcycle class in 2017. She is



an official member of the Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials 201 MPH Club, Mojave Magnum 200 MPH Club, ECTA 200 MPH Club, Texas Mile 200 MPH Club, first female member of the Colorado Mile 200 MPH Club and lifetime member of the prestigious Bonneville 200 MPH Club. Based on numerous racing accomplishments, the worldwide press often refers to Valerie as "America's Queen of Speed."

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