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ETR PERFORMANCE YAMAHA RACING TRACK TEST FOR 2015 R1

ETR Performance Yamaha recently held its very first shake down of its recently acquired 2015 Yamaha R1's. This was one of the most anticipated days for the team as it has been more than two years in the making. The pilgrimage that ETR has endured in order to get these bikes has been immense – but well worth the wait.

Having received the second of its allocated bikes on Thursday 30th April – the day before a public holiday, there was very little proper race prep work that could possibly be completed in the few hours available. So all that was done was to remove the mirrors, tail tidy and ensure that the dealer stock number plate was not attached!!

An old set of used Pirelli rubber was fitted for the running in process which was strictly adhered to by our Test Pilot and team consultant/owner Sheridan Morais.



ETR Performance Yamaha test rider and consultant Sheridan Morais – “and if I press this button I can use the high beam lights for passing”

Sheridan Morais of Morais Race Industries had this to say: *“Fortunately I have had some experience with the new 2015 Yamaha in that I am contesting the World Endurance Championship on the Yamaha M1 and I am most impressed with even the base model – being the R1. From the moment we completed the running in procedure I was immediately achieving current race laptimes on old rubber. The moment we switched to new SC2’s I repeatedly broke the lap record by more than half a second a lap – in road trim. This shows the levels of grip and traction the new R1 offers”*

The ETR Performance Yamaha management team lead by Ricky Morais is equally pleased with the mutually beneficial relationship between our riders and bikes stating: *“The bike is of such a nature that a rider can essentially exceed his or her own expectations easily on this bike.*

Our new R1 rider took to the bike like a duck takes to water for the first time – he simply felt right at home. And considering his lap times on an unprepped showroom bike speaks volumes about the build and construction of the bike. It seems as if Yamaha has really decided to go all out and build the sum of its parts into a proper race bike for the road – and the track. We are at least now expecting to take the fight to the competition – who seemingly also decided to team up with Yamaha!!”



ETR Performance Yamaha Team crew chief Ricky and Team Electronics Technician Paul

As can be seen in the image above frantic work was being done in getting the bike track ready. The team was extremely pleased with the work undertaken for the day and both riders were elated with the actual lap times. Sheridan shattered the lap record for Red Star Raceway counter clockwise repeatedly until a minor slide brought an end to his day. Brandon lapped at current SuperGP times on his basic road based R1. Meaning there is still much more to come from both our riders.

Absent: Mathew Scholtz

As Ricky explains – *“we are a bit saddened that due to the short notice of receiving our bike we were unable to get Mathew up for this test but we will be taking him for a private test shortly. We are of the opinion that Mathew will also adapt rapidly to the new R1 as he has managed to do with the older version R1’s. And we all know what happened at Zwartkops with what Mathew did there!!”*



ETR Performance Team SuperGP rider Brandon Goode #71 enjoying his new R1



The ETR Performance Team Consultant and test rider Sheridan Morais

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