



## RACE REPORT

### SUPER TWIN TOP GAS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 3th and 4th ROUND

The 3th round of the Euro Serie for Super Twin Top Gas took place at Clastres Dragway in France and turned out to become struggle for the whole class as the Organiser decided to Not prepare the racetrack and it was impossible for the racers to find any traction with their Big Twins...

Only one Qualifying run was made after the technical scruteneering took place and they were all over the track sliding and skating.

The organiser arranged electricity for the class and that was a real nice offer to us.

It was good to see Bruno Salesse as the Racedirector and he also was the starter at this event through the day.

All racers came together and decided that is was not safe and wanted not destroy their Dragbikes on a Nonprepperd race track, which still for me is unheard off till now to even let Pro slick bikes race there.

So then is was just repairing the bikes and made them ready to travel up to Sweden for the 4th Official round that would take place in the great race facility that is Mantorp Park at the Dragrevival 2022.

The last time the class entered this event was in 2019 and it was just awesome!

The Mantorp racecrew is happy to have us as a class competing at their great event.

Weather wise we where very lucky over the whole 4 days as the sun was around to give us a nice tan and heat up the new surface that was placed on the Mantorp racetrack that is well over 50th years in use!

Racers from Switzerland, Denmark and Germany came over to race here in our European Championship.



Olaf Mezi from Swiss with his mighty Super Twin Top Gas bike here heating up his rear slick at Clastres Dragway in the french heat in our 3th round of the Euro Serie Championship with his crewchief Ulf

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So after the class decided to not longer run on a non prepped track because they had to leave to Sweden a few days later for the 4th round of the Euro Serie they wanted to spare the engine and raceparts, but still had a positive mind and the weather was very warm at Clastres so that meant lots of fun and drinks to make up the dissapointment of not being able to race.

There also was a racer from France that at first attended in the Pro Stock Bike class with his brother and former European FIM-E PSB Champion Maurice Betrand.

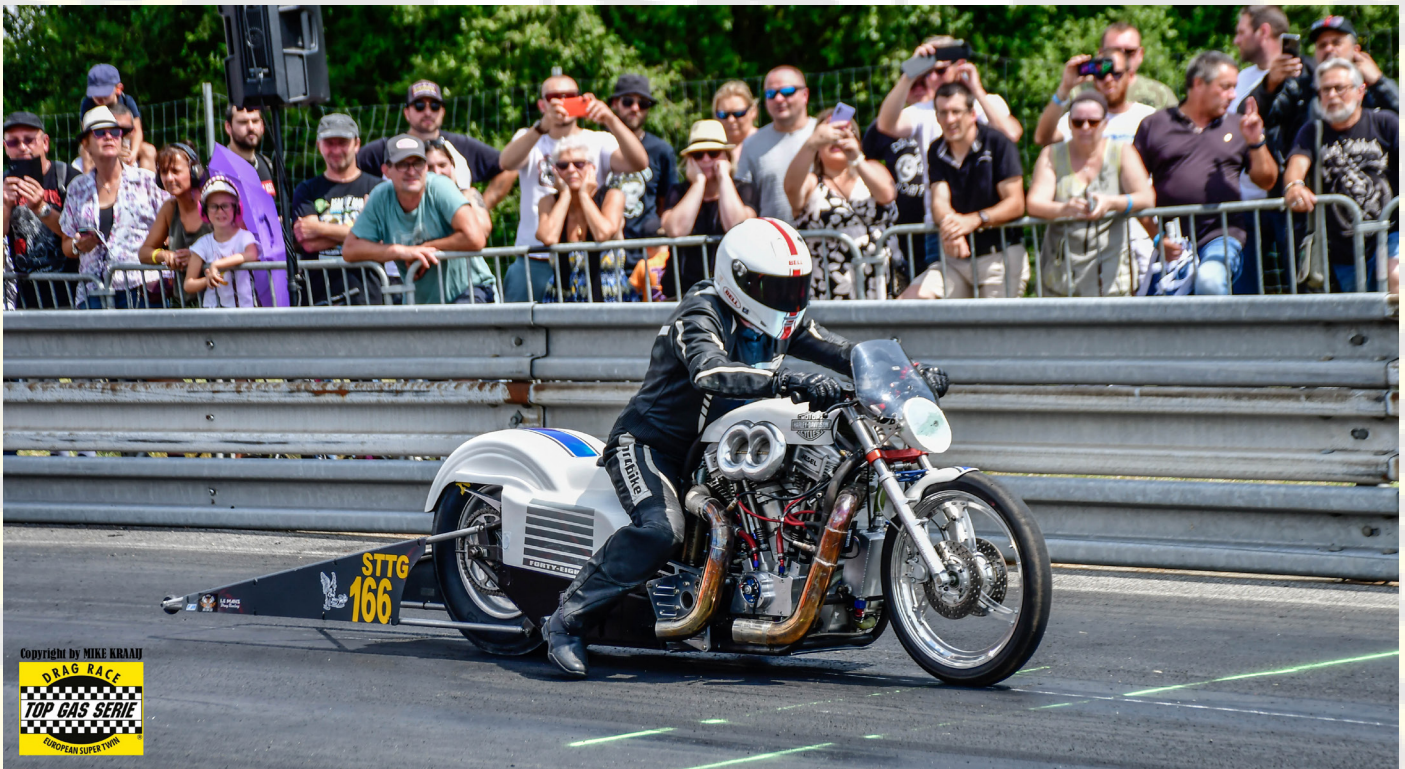
Olivier Betrand has a really nice V-Twin Dragbike and I asked if he could enter our STTG clas as then we did have 4 entry's and it was an Official entry number to run the class proper.

He did not have any problem with that and all thanked him for his great effort, Thanks Olivier!

When attempting to make a nice full pass on the track he also had a lot of traction problems...

His brother with his 4 cilinder Suzuki also attempted to make a run and found out the same problems...

Do not forget that a Big Twin (160CI) has lots more torq then the 4 inline Suzuki engine.



Olivier Betrand from France here with his immaculate V-Twin 45 degree 160 CI Gen 1 Dragbike  
He switched from PSB to our STTG Class to compete against our racers.

The spectators in France loved the Super Twins and all came by in the Pitt area to witness the awesome V-Twins and asked a lot questions to the racers and took photos with them.

It was good to see the enthousiasm over the weekend from racers and spectators.

In the evening the whole pit area was lighted up and had a real nice atmosphere as this was an all Bike event based on the FFM that is the French Dragbike Championship.

Jorg Lyman who is the current European Champion and pointsleader in the class was 1st qualified after 1 run with an 5.36@208.10 kmh and burned his clutch completely trough the run..

Still had wheelspin and went all over the racetrack...

Later in the day after long hours of sun the traction went a little up, but still even in the Street bike class they asked me what was going on with the racetrack as I explained that the former race that was held at Clastres was fully prepped but with another Organiser as in ATD and Run Cap Sud.

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The class racemembers travelled from France to Sweden to the 4th round of the European Championship that was held at Mantorp Park during the Dragrevival race event last weekend from 28 to 31 July.

I arrived there myself on thursday and Martin Buhler from Swiss was already in the pit area waiting for the other attenders to arrive.

In the evening Olaf Menzi also from Swiss and Anders Jensen from Denmark did come in same as Jorg Lyman from Germany and Jan Malmberg from Sweden who also lives nearby the Mantorp Racetrack was already packed and standing in the Pits with former STTG racer Mats Larsson that raced the weekend in the Nitro Bike class with his Nitro Super Twin!

It was good to see Mats and all the Nitro Bikes together with us in the Pit area having a great time together as friends! Per Bengtson did come with his Beast and he did awesome with his team over the weekend! Juha Hintukainen was there also and it was great to see him again.

The Nitro Twins were together with the Top Fuel Nitro bikes in the class and they competed over the 1/8 mile at this event.

Super Twin Top Gas could race over the 1/4 mile and the track was for our class and other classes perfectly prepped with lots of traction and that is how it should be.



Martin Buhler from Switzerland with his immaculate Turbocharged V-Twin!

As stated above Martin Buhler from Switzerland drove a long way to enter at the Dragrevival in Mantorp. He and his wife Lucia loved it and went before entering to the event on a small holiday and visited palces and Musea in Sweden. During the weekend Martin suffered with boost problems and swapped a motoras cilinder seemed to have lost compression during a run.

With Brend Foit helping him at the event as he did the whole season so far they managed to get the Immaculate V-Twin ready for the eliminations on Sunday.

He found that the wastgate gave problems during the runs he made and didn't close proper so he lost power trough the gears and that resulted in poor ET as his Dragbike is capable to run at least mid 7 second trough the gears and that resulted in poor ET as his Dragbike is capable to run at least mid 7 second runs for sure. He will get new parts and make it ready for our 5th round at the NitrolympX at Hockenheim in Germany and that will be another great event to attempt.



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Jan Malmberg from Sweden came to run at the Dragrevival with his immaculate Supercharged V-Twin and during the qualifying rounds also lost compression on the rear cylinder and he decided to go to his garage that is around 1 hour away from the track to repair his Top Gas Twin. Fingers crossed that all went ok for him, and so it did he came back the next day with fresh raceparts on his Super Twin and could compete again during the rest of the raceweekend with not the strong results as he wished but he was consistent and that paid off. The first half is still were lots of his performance needs to be and if he does same as Martin then they can become a real treat to the Class leader Jorg Lymant from Germany. It was Jan who managed a 8.95@228kmh during the Qualifying round and that did put him on the number 5 spot behind the Danish Super Twin racer Anders Jensen.



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 EUROPEAN SUPER TWIN

Jan Malmberg with his Immaculate Supercharged Super Twin looking for the perfect set-up at the Dragrevival on Mantorp Park

Anders Jensen from Denmark came with his homebuild Supercharged Super Twin to race in the class and he wanted also to run a PB he tried for sure and it was great to see him and his father and crewmember to race in Sweden. He raced in the the 2nd round at the Tierp Arena and then did break his Crankshaft output that he needed to repair and that took time and effort. Anders build his Super Twin all by himself and also made his own chassis. The sound of his Super Charged Twin is loud! and the Dragbike is capable of running low 8's or even in the 7 seconds if all goes perfectly. His Personal Best so far is 8.125@265,80kmh that he ran at the Bike Festival in Gardermoen in 2019! The class love to go there again in 2023 for sure as this also was a true awesome event that all the racers loved and the Norwegian track is just smooth as a baby's bottom! Jan and his Family was also at the event and they loved it during the weekend and Jan his wife baked a lovely cake for the crew and friends! It was really nice and tasted fine.

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Anders worked on his Super Twin that had some little gremlins during the weekend and he ended up 4th with an 8.34@245.60kmh not all to bad and still looking for a better set-up to run in the 7's.

#### Kvalresultat för Super Twin Top Gas Bike

Pos	TvlNR	Namn	Reaktion	60-fot	Hast201	Tid201	Hastighet	Sluttid	Diff
1	501	Joerg Lymant	0,2399	1,1316	235,76	4,6758	270,17	7,4551	
2	564	Olaf Menzi	0,1764	1,1705	226,34	5,0319	233,54	8,0030	+0,5479
3	550	Martin Bühler	0,4059	1,5227	230,33	5,3682	245,23	8,2647	+0,8096
4	504	Anders Jensen	0,1640	1,3053	212,39	5,3619	254,60	8,3731	+0,9180
5	543	Jan Malmberg	0,4666	1,3719	196,61	5,6357	228,79	8,9563	+1,5012

Above is the Qualified STTG chart from the Dragrevival at Mantorp Park 2022  
(courtesy of dragracing.eu)

Olaf Menzi was long time placed as 1st Quaified with a strong 8.00@233.54 kmh.

The end speed says a lot about that run he had a good front 1/8 mile with a 5.031@226.34 kmh that shows that his speed to the 1/4 mile did not went up that much.

He backed off in his run and checked out his gearbox as he suspected it was hurt, then found that it was fine and sit out the day as other racers could not really come close to the 8.0.

Jorg Lymant struggled at first as his 160CI Injected V-Twin misfired during the runs and his crew-chief Michael was searching what caused this problem, they changed many parts trough the weekend but in the end it prevailed for them as they did end up at the last moment with an really strong run! 7.455@270.17kmh! Now that is a strong and great run that came close to the European Euro Serie record of 7.371@287.08kmh that he ran at Tierp earlier in this race season.



Anders Jensen from Denmark with his homebuild Blown V-Twin searching for the strong set-up

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As mentioned before Jorg Lymant came to this race as the class pointsleader after 3 races in the European Championship for Super Twin Top Gas Europe.

In France at Clastres the weekend before he did only 1 run and burn the complete clutch out...

Put up his burned clutch plates for sale as a statement and tried to get some refund...

So arrived at the Dragrevival in Sweden the team was looking forward to another great Race event with a prepped track and racing in the 1/4 mile again.

The class allreadu went twice up to Sweden to Malmo (1/8) and Tierp (1/4) Racing.

Jan Malmberg won the race at Malmo and Jorg in Tierp with a new Official European record in the STTG Euro serie with a back up run.

The track at the Dragrevival was really good prepped for STTG and the racers could make a lot of runs trough the weekend and even on Thursday they could make 4 runs in "testing"!

Jorg and the team seemed to struggle but in the end found another great set-up and Anders told me don not count him out till the last change he has, it must be a german thing...

He made in his last Qualifying pass a strong 7.45 run that was over 0.5 seconds quicker then the number 1 qualifier Olaf Menzi that leaded the list over lots of runs.

It was Swiss 1 and 2 for almost 3 days, but Jorg Lymant showed that why he is the European Champ from last season and the class record holder.



Jorg Lymant ran very consistant after gremlins he overcame a string of 7.4's showed why is the class points leader in the class this race season so far after 4 Official STTG Race rounds.

During the eliminations Jorg ran strong every round and he took out his competitors down the flow chart. In the first round he could make a bye run and even then he ran a strong 7.457@279.6kmh with his highest speed of the weekend! After that he meet up against Anders Jensen who took out Martin Buhler and he eliminated Anders with a strong run of 7.47 vs 8.47 from Anders.

Jan Malmberg took out Olaf Menzi who suffered technical problems.

So it was an Swedish against Germany final and Jorg took the win over Jan with another great run of 7.459 vs 9.75 from Jan Malmberg who still is searching for the strong set-up for his Super Charged V-Twin and when he does it will be spectaculair!

Well done to all competitors and Official STTG members that took the effort to come to Mantorp!

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So the class had an awesome weekend at the Dragrevival at Mantorp Park again just like in 2019! The prizegiving took place fast after the last run of the class and the racers were allmost to late... It was before the prize giving ceremony that there allready was a small ceremony in the pit area between team Malmberg and Team Lymant as the racers respect each other lots.

Jan was ready to give Jorg a nice shower for the event win and Jan was runner-up!

So last qualified and went home to repair his mighty Derringer Super Charged V-Twin and ended up as the 2nd place! Now that was great for Jan and Joachim and Magnus and Mats and not forget Jan his wife and daughter who were also there to support him.



Jan Malmberg as Runner-up suprised the winner Jorg Lyman with a shower for his Win!

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1	Joerg Lyman	501	Vinnare	0,2399	7,455	270,2	0,2847	7,457	279,6	501	Vinnare	0,1901	7,479	247,5	Joerg Lyman
3	Martin Bühler	550	Utslagen	0,4059	8,264	245,2	0,2757	9,168	209,2	504	Utslagen	0,2621	8,475	250,5	
4	Anders Jensen	504	Vinnare	0,1640	8,373	254,6	0,1841	8,972	176,9	501	Vinnare	0,1881	7,459	273,9	
2	Olaf Menzi	564	Utslagen	0,1764	8,003	233,5	0,2265	11,084	194,8	543	Vinnare	0,8880	9,105	227,3	
5	Jan Malmberg	543	Vinnare	0,4666	8,956	228,8	0,3507	9,035	230,7	543	Utslagen	0,2212	9,755	186,7	

The Elimination Flow chart for Super Twin Top Gas at Sunday from the Dragrevival at Mantorp

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I would like to thank the Mantorp crew and Organiser to have us over again this year and give the class the change to race at their awesome racetrack that is Mantorp Park!  
The class loves to come back in 2023 for sure for another great race with hopefully more racers after the Pandemic teams struggles financial and the travel cost are rising out of control.  
Fingers crossed all will be more back to normal next season so we can have another strong season for the Super Twin Top Gas European Championship!



Victory never tasted so good for Jorg Lyman with his Win in STTG Euro serie at the Dragrevival!



The STTG Racemembers that attend this event at the Dragrevival and crew on the start line and me and long time Super Twin Top Gas friend and member Piet Mom sitting down.

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