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First 302

Pro 5.0 in the Sixes!

The accomplishments of Wild Bill Devine have been documented and praised since the early days of the 5.0 Mustang movement. But we think his latest achievements may be his most impressive ever. At the NMRA Reynolds, Georgia, event, Bill piloted his ProPower-backed Pro 5.0 to a best pass of 6.98 e.t. at over 200 mph—the quickest and fastest pass ever recorded for a Mustang with a 302-based engine combo. He had run a 6.91 in Bradenton at only

176 mph, indicating that there was a lot left in the can, but mechanical gremlins have plagued the Pro 5.0 legend.

Chief amongst these was an undiagnosed intake manifold leak that severely limited the car. On the starting line, it couldn't come on boost because of the lost intake pressure. Bill typically sees 28 psi from his 94mm Precision turbocharger, but it was registering only 8 psi. A broken rocker tip only added to the frustration. As Mark Wilkinson tuned the Racecraft suspension on the car, the crew tuned the clutch in front of the Liberty five-speed. Ronnie Crawford continued to refine Bill's 352-inch (8.2-inch deck block) Yates-headed combo, and things began to fall in place. Bill was able to launch hard and see a real 32 psi on the big end, with the rewarding 200 mph record-setting run the result.

"We don't know how much boost the thing will make," Dale Metlika of ProPower tells us. "We think the thing will run sub-one-second short times when it's sorted out." Bill was quick to thank Dale, Mark, his brother Steve, and Dave Frenzel for making the fastest 302 pass in 5.0 Mustang history a reality. If you would like to congratulate Wild Bill, you can reach him at ProPower [(954) 491-6988] where he'll be happy to tell you the details while he sells you a stroker kit for your 302.