#### Polaris Axys 800 HO Pipe Shootout

Here's the third dyno session for Heath Lynk's 2015 Polaris Axys 800 HO. Heath (owner of Integrity Automotive in Cobleskill, NY) is a great technician and is one of many who enjoy learning about optimal trail and racing snowmobile engine performance here. We used Heath's new Axys for the original DTR tech article (posted here on 10/7/14) as well as the followup dyno test of the engine with real breakin miles and a real "broken in" ECU (posted here on 3/3/15). Now, after this session, Heath's properly seasoned 800 HO engine has 2300 miles and close to 200 full throttle dyno tests on it. 200 full throttle dyno tests on a properly engineered dyno system is easier on an engine than most people realize--rubber dampening media that we have engineered into the driveshaft between crankshaft taper and load inducing dynamometer absorber cancels out destructive torsional vibrations that every crankshaft emits at various "critical speed" RPM--where cranks can twist from one end to the other, wind up and then unload with violent torque spikes. Here, instead of beating up solid dyno shaft drives and themselves, turning unmeasured HP into driveshaft/ crankshaft taper fretting (localized welding of high spots on male and female taper surfaces) and heat, those torque spikes are "stored" temporarily by the "wound up" rubber dampeners, then released in an orderly fashion, where they can be measured by the now-smooth running dyno absorber. Heath Lynk understands that and is always willing to offer his engines and services to DTR for discovering ways to optimize his own, and others' performance. 200 full throttle dyno tests? At DTR, that's surely as easy on the engine as a five mile trail ride. So that's why Heath is back again, testing, tuning and learning at DTR.

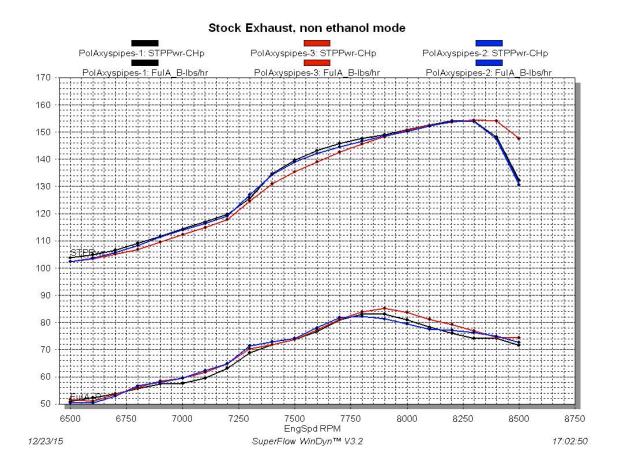
Heath got involved in this project after DTR pal Canadian Brock Ratch (a moderator at PolarisStarPower,com) conceived this Polaris Axys pipe shootout with pipes he and other PSP members had, and would be obtained from manufacturers. Brock's original idea was to use his Canadian pal Rich Lys' 0 mile Axys 800, and obtain all the single pipes we could, and test them for optimal HP. But since we've seen 800 HO HP gradually rise in the first 50 or so dyno tests, doing a meaningful pipe shootout might be unfair to the early pipes tested on a new engine, and provide some advantage to the last pipes tested. So we went to Heath with his well-seasoned and great running 2015 Axys 800 to provide the "mule" for comparing these pipes. Our other Polaris aficionado pal Norm Ahrons (who provided the CFI2 engine for VF3R reed test posted on 2/24/14 and for the RKT shim kit engine test posted on 2/26/15), was here to meet Brock, Heath and the others and to help tweak PCV fuel and timing maps to create optimal HP curves with best overrev. But he would have to wait until all pipes were tested and documented so we could home in on the SSI pipe mod that Heath would be running on his sled this winter.

We came up with five aftermarket single pipes to compare to Heath's stock pipe--Aaen, BMP, and SLP pipes, and stock pipes modified by SSI and Terra Alps. "Pipe Mods" are less expensive tweaks to stock tuned pipes where internal stingers are added along with changes in overall length.

Our plan today was to monitor exact coolant and exhaust pipe center section temperature with our Digital Wrench computer system, then do two or three back to back dyno tests

on each pipe/ tuning combo--each of which would be at least 10 seconds at WOT from start to finish. With Heath's sled's cooling system tied into the dyno cooling tower, we could begin each series of back to back to back tests by loading the engine at half throttle, 6450 RPM--then as coolant temp hit 65F the throttle would be opened fully for five or more seconds as coolant and pipe heat would climb to 80F and @800F, respectively-then the engine would be accelerated slowly at 250 RPM/sec to the HP peak and beyond (as the SuperFlow 902 dyno recorded data @100x per second), then brought back to 6450 and immediately tested again, two or three times until HP subsided due to rising coolant and pipe temperature. The multiple-test graphs show the changes in HP and peak HP RPM and fuel flow in response to the temperature rise. It also shows how pipes vary in their response to temperature rise. Following each graph is an average of the multiple tests, showing STP corrected torque and HP, and fuel flow lb/hr (fulA B) which is the lb/hr of flow from pump to rail minus the lb/hr of flow back to the tank. The BSFA B is the lb of fuel per HP per hour--old time DynoTech readers remember the "old days" when anything below .60 lb/hphr was too lean for pump gas! The game has changed because modern two-stroke engines have better cooling thanks to tight, low volume "shrink wrapped" cooling passages in heads and cylinders. This creates higher velocity, turbulent coolant that does a much better job of scouring deto-producing heat from combustion chambers than did the early high volume stagnant coolant "bathtub" designs (still ignorantly touted by some sellers of replacement heads). Improved cooling, combined with cleaner burning engines (which have much less unburned fuel included in the short circuited air going out the exhaust) can allow deto-free operation even with sub-.50 lb/hphr BSFC! The dyno data also includes A/F (lb of air per lb of fuel) and SCFM (standard cubic feet of air flowing through the engine). LamAF1 is the A/F reading from the dyno Innovate wideband O2 sensor and LM1Air is airflow computed by comparing wideband A/F with measured fuel flow. And remember--because of the aforementioned lack of unburned fuel in the short circuited airflow, we can assume that even though the average exhaust gas measures, say, 13.5/1 the air/fuel mixture trapped and burned in the combustion chambers might be closer to 12.5/1. As an aside, today's wideband A/F meters are a valuable, inexpensive tuning tool. When I built this facility nearly 30 years ago, an accurate Horiba wideband A/F meter cost \$4000 in 1980's dollars. Today, you can buy an Innovate digital wideband A/F gauge for \$200 from Jegs or Summit-including a \$55 Bosch O2 sensor!

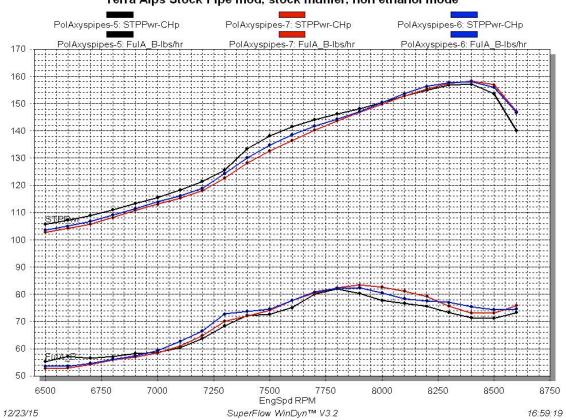
Today, Heath had 91 octane non-ethanol fuel, and all initial tests were done in nonethanol mode. On each non stock pipe we ran a series of three tests with the ECU switched to ethanol mode (to see if added fuel would add to HP), and in each case we lost some HP (remember, the Ethanol fuel mode is said to retard timing slightly, too). So all of these multi-pass tests are with ECU in non ethanol mode.



# Average of three back to back tests, stock exhaust:

EngSpd	STPPwr	STPTrq	BSFA B	LamAF1	LM1Air	ElpsTm	AirInT
RPM		Clb-ft				•	
6500	) 102.8	83.1	0.532	15.44	181	0.57	60.9
6600	) 104.1	82.7	0.529	15.50	183	1.25	60.9
6700	105.7	82.9	0.542	15.47	190	1.67	60.9
6800	) 108.1	83.5	0.558	15.14	195	1.99	60.9
6900	) 110.9	84.4	0.562	14.68	196	2.49	60.9
7000	) 113.6	85.2	0.557	14.48	196	2.90	60.9
7100	) 116.1	85.8	0.566	14.54	204	3.23	60.9
7200	) 118.9	86.8	0.580	14.53	214	3.51	60.9
7300	) 125.7	90.4	0.599	14.04	227	4.03	60.9
7400	) 133.3	94.6	0.581	13.63	226	4.49	60.9
7500	138.0	96.6	0.574	13.65	231	4.86	61.0
7600	) 141.4	97.7	0.587	13.49	240	5.30	61.0
7700	) 144.4	98.5	0.604	13.06	244	5.70	61.0
7800	146.7	98.8	0.608	12.70	243	6.12	61.0
7900	148.6	98.8	0.601	12.68	242	6.49	61.0
8000	150.6	98.8	0.580	12.83	240	6.97	61.0
8100	) 152.4	98.8	0.557	13.09	238	7.38	61.0

8200	153.9	98.6	0.541	13.38	238	7.76	61.0
8300	154.1	97.5	0.528	13.63	237	8.12	61.0
8400	149.9	93.7	0.534	13.82	237	8.59	61.1
8500	136.8	84.5	0.573	13.85	232	9.35	61.1

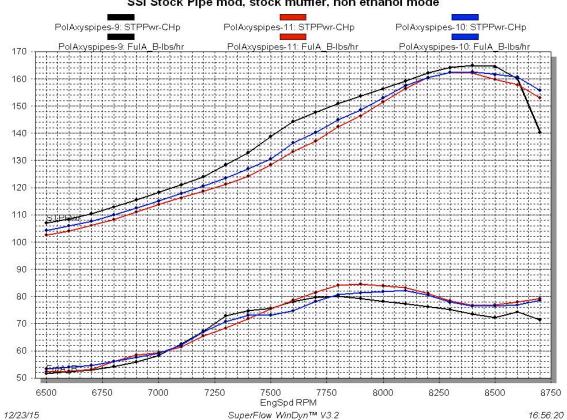


Terra Alps Stock Pipe mod, stock muffler, non ethanol mode

Average of three tests, Terra Alps stock pipe mod, Stock muffler

EngSpd	STPPwr	STPTrq	BSFA_B	FulA_B	LamAF1	LM1Air	FuelA	FuelB
RPM	СНр	Clb-ft	lb/hph	lbs/hr	Ratio	SCFM	lbs/hr	lbs/hr
6500	104.0	84.1	0.556	53.8	15.15	188	261.3	207.5
6600	105.4	83.9	0.556	54.5	15.16	190	261.5	207.0
6700	107.1	84.0	0.554	55.2	15.19	193	261.7	206.6
6800	109.4	84.5	0.553	56.3	15.03	195	261.6	205.3
6900	111.9	85.2	0.553	57.5	14.75	195	261.3	203.7
7000	114.2	85.7	0.554	58.8	14.53	197	261.6	202.7
7100	116.6	86.2	0.565	61.3	14.56	205	261.5	200.2
7200	119.5	87.2	0.585	65.0	14.55	218	261.4	196.4
7300	124.3	89.4	0.609	70.4	14.17	230	260.8	190.4
7400	130.5	92.6	0.598	72.6	13.76	230	260.1	187.5

7500	135.2	94.7	0.587	73.8	13.77	234	260.1	186.3
7600	138.9	96.0	0.595	76.8	13.64	241	260.6	183.8
7700	142.1	96.9	0.608	80.4	13.20	244	261.1	180.7
7800	144.7	97.5	0.610	82.2	12.92	244	261.2	179.1
7900	147.4	98.0	0.598	82.0	12.92	244	260.9	178.9
8000	150.2	98.6	0.574	80.2	13.08	242	260.4	180.2
8100	153.1	99.3	0.553	78.7	13.28	241	260.7	182.0
8200	155.5	99.6	0.535	77.4	13.51	241	261.0	183.6
8300	157.3	99.5	0.515	75.3	13.73	238	260.6	185.3
8400	157.8	98.7	0.499	73.2	13.93	235	260.4	187.1
8500	155.6	96.1	0.504	72.8	14.02	235	260.4	187.6
8600	144.6	88.3	0.556	74.6	13.64	234	261.2	186.6

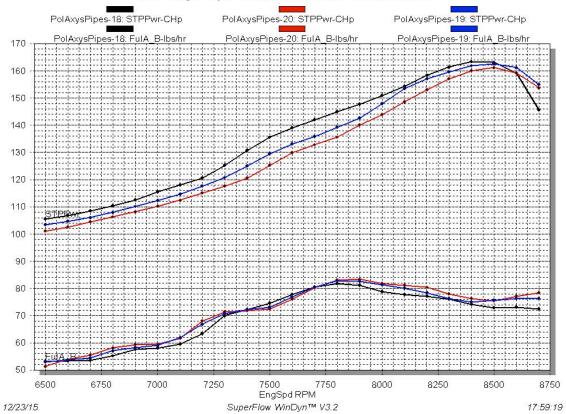


AVERAGE OF THREE TESTS, SSI STOCK PIPE MOD, STOCK MUFFLER EngSpd STPPwr STPTrq BSFA\_B FulA\_B LamAF1 LM1Air AirDen DenAlt RPM Clb-ft lb/hph lbs/hr SCFM lb/cft Feet CHp Ratio 6500 104.6 84.5 0.539 52.5 14.62 0.073 2068 176 6600 106.1 84.4 0.536 53.0 14.63 178 0.073 2069

SSI Stock Pipe mod, stock muffler, non ethanol mode

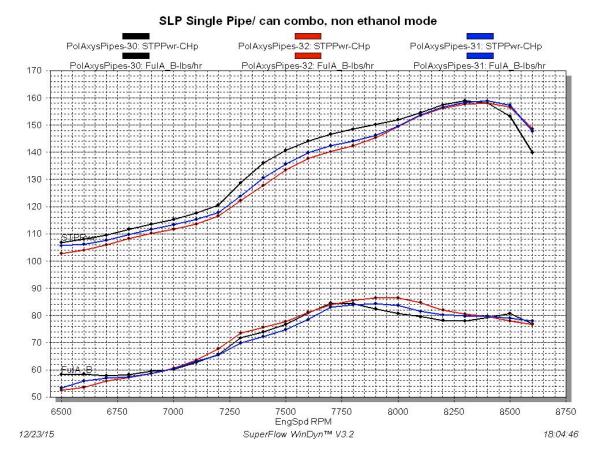
6700	108.0	84.7	0.533	53.6	14.66	181	0.073	2070
6800	110.4	85.3	0.540	55.5	14.57	186	0.073	2071
6900	113.1	86.1	0.545	57.3	14.33	189	0.073	2072
7000	115.7	86.8	0.547	58.8	14.10	191	0.073	2073
7100	118.3	87.5	0.563	62.0	14.06	200	0.073	2073
7200	121.1	88.3	0.590	66.5	13.86	212	0.072	2074
7300	124.4	89.5	0.610	70.7	13.35	217	0.072	2075
7400	128.1	90.9	0.614	73.2	13.06	220	0.072	2076
7500	132.6	92.8	0.606	74.7	13.08	225	0.072	2077
7600	137.9	95.3	0.601	77.1	13.05	231	0.072	2078
7700	141.8	96.7	0.604	79.7	12.83	235	0.072	2079
7800	146.1	98.4	0.600	81.6	12.49	234	0.072	2080
7900	149.5	99.4	0.587	81.7	12.48	234	0.072	2081
8000	153.6	100.9	0.568	81.3	12.63	236	0.072	2082
8100	157.7	102.3	0.551	80.8	12.81	238	0.072	2083
8200	161.0	103.1	0.529	79.3	13.06	238	0.072	2084
8300	163.0	103.1	0.509	77.1	13.30	236	0.072	2085
8400	163.2	102.0	0.498	75.6	13.40	233	0.072	2085
8500	162.0	100.1	0.499	75.2	13.42	232	0.072	2086
8600	159.5	97.4	0.515	76.4	13.26	233	0.072	2087
8700	149.8	90.4	0.549	76.4	12.86	226	0.072	2090

BMP Single Pipe, stock muffler, non ethanol mode



### AVERAGE OF THREE TESTS, BMP PIPE STOCK MUFFLER

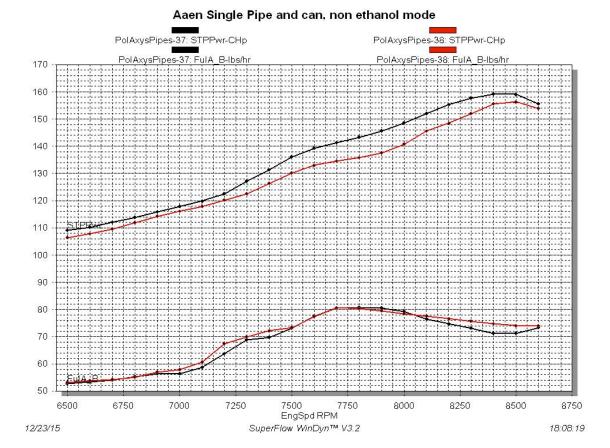
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EngSpd		STPTrq					· —	Humidy
RPM	СНр		•		Ratio	SCFM	InHg	%
6500								
6600	) 104.6	83.3	0.551	53.6	14.68	181	0.36	66.8
6700	) 106.3	8 83.3	0.552	54.5	14.74	185	0.36	66.8
6800	) 108.2	83.6	0.564	56.8	14.63	191	0.36	66.7
6900	) 110.3	8 84.0	0.569	58.3	14.35	193	0.36	66.7
7000	) 112.6	84.5	0.561	58.8	14.09	191	0.36	66.6
7100	) 115.0	85.1	0.570	61.0	14.06	197	0.36	66.6
7200	) 117.7	85.9	0.603	66.0	13.85	210	0.36	66.6
7300	) 121.2	. 87.2	0.627	70.7	13.40	218	0.36	66.6
7400	) 125.4	89.0	0.618	72.1	13.08	217	0.36	66.5
7500	) 130.1	91.1	0.607	73.4	13.16	222	0.36	66.5
7600	) 134.0	92.6	0.617	76.9	13.02	230	0.36	66.5
7700	) 136.9	93.4	0.632	80.4	12.65	234	0.36	66.4
7800	) 139.9	94.2	0.635	82.5	12.38	235	0.36	66.4
7900	) 143.5	5 95.4	0.617	82.3	12.39	235	0.36	66.4
8000	) 147.6	96.9	0.587	80.6	12.61	234	0.36	66.3
8100	) 152.1	98.7	0.563	79.6	12.84	235	0.36	66.3
8200	) 156.2	2 100.0	0.542	78.6	13.08	237	0.36	66.3
8300	) 159.3	100.8	0.518	76.8	13.36	236	0.36	66.3
8400	) 161.7	' 101.1	0.500	75.1	13.58	235	0.36	66.2
8500	) 162.2	2 100.2	0.495	74.6	13.60	234	0.36	66.2
8600	) 159.9	97.6	0.508	75.4	13.25	230	0.36	66.2
8700	) 151.4	91.4	0.539	75.7	12.73	222	0.36	66.1



## AVERAGE OF THREE TESTS, SLP PIPE AND CAN

EngSpd	STPPwr	STPTra	BSFA B	FulA B	LamAF1	LM1Air	Baro_P	AirInT
• •	СНр	•	_	_			_	
6500			0.561				-	-
6600	0 106.0	) 84.4	0.569	56.0	14.46	187	28.48	62.5
6700	) 107.7	<b>'</b> 84.5	0.568	56.8	14.50	190	28.48	62.6
6800	0 109.9	84.9	0.564	57.6	14.35	5 191	28.48	62.6
6900	) 111.8	8 85.1	0.568	58.9	14.11	192	28.48	62.6
7000	) 113.4	85.1	0.572	60.3	13.97	' 194	28.48	62.6
7100	) 115.4	85.4	0.589	63.1	14.02	204	28.48	62.6
7200	) 118.3	8 86.3	0.603	66.3	13.99	214	28.48	62.6
7300	) 124.9	89.9	0.618	71.7	13.49	223	28.48	62.6
7400	) 131.5	5 93.3	0.605	73.9	13.16	224	28.48	62.6
7500	) 136.6	95.6	0.602	76.4	13.20	232	28.48	62.6
7600	) 140.6	6 97.1	0.614	80.2	13.03	241	28.48	62.6
7700	) 143.1	97.6	0.630	83.8	12.54	- 242	28.48	62.6
7800	) 145.0	) 97.6	0.628	84.6	12.32	240	28.48	62.7
7900	) 147.3	97.9	0.617	84.3	12.39	241	28.48	62.7
8000	) 150.4	98.7	0.599	83.6	12.60	243	28.48	62.7
8100	) 153.9	99.8	0.573	81.9	12.85	243	28.48	62.7
8200	) 156.7	<b>'</b> 100.4	0.550	80.1	13.08	242	28.48	62.7
8300	) 158.3	3 100.2	0.540	79.4	13.25	243	28.48	62.7
8400	) 158.4	99.0	0.540	79.4	13.38	245	28.48	62.7

8500	155.7	96.2	0.548	79.2	13.38	244	28.48	62.7
8600	145.3	88.8	0.573	77.2	13.07	233	28.48	62.7



AVERAGE OF TWO TESTS, AAEN SINGLE PIPE AND GLASSPACK

EngSpd	STPPwr	STPTrq	BSFA_B	FulA_B	LamAF1	LM1Air	STPCor	SAECor
RPM	СНр	Clb-ft	lb/hph	lbs/hr	Ratio	SCFM	Factor	Factor
6500	107.7	87.0	0.528	52.8	14.53	177	1.067	1.026
6600	109.0	86.8	0.529	53.5	14.53	179	1.067	1.026
6700	110.8	86.9	0.526	54.1	14.62	182	1.067	1.026
6800	112.9	87.2	0.526	55.1	14.55	185	1.067	1.026
6900	115.0	87.5	0.530	56.6	14.32	187	1.067	1.026
7000	116.9	87.7	0.525	57.1	14.18	187	1.067	1.026
7100	118.8	87.9	0.540	59.6	14.16	195	1.067	1.026
7200	121.4	88.5	0.581	65.5	13.76	208	1.067	1.026
7300	124.9	89.8	0.598	69.3	13.16	210	1.067	1.026
7400	128.8	91.4	0.593	70.9	12.95	212	1.067	1.026
7500	133.1	93.2	0.592	73.2	12.98	219	1.067	1.026
7600	136.1	94.1	0.612	77.4	12.69	226	1.067	1.026
7700	137.9	94.1	0.629	80.5	12.20	227	1.067	1.026
7800	139.5	93.9	0.622	80.6	12.03	223	1.067	1.026

7900 8000 8100 8200 8300 8400 8500	141.5 144.7 148.8 151.8 154.8 157.3 157.3	94.1 95.0 96.5 97.3 98.0 98.4 97.4	0.608 0.587 0.558 0.536 0.517 0.499 0.496	79.9 78.8 77.1 75.6 74.3 72.9 72.6	12.15 12.46 12.78 12.99 13.27 13.45 13.40	224 226 227 227 228 226 224	1.067 1.067 1.067 1.067 1.067 1.067	1.026 1.026 1.026 1.026 1.026 1.026 1.026
8400 8500 8600	157.3 157.7 154.8	96.4 97.4 94.5	0.499 0.496 0.513	72.6 73.6	13.45 13.40 13.08	226 224 222	1.067 1.067 1.067	1.026 1.026 1.026

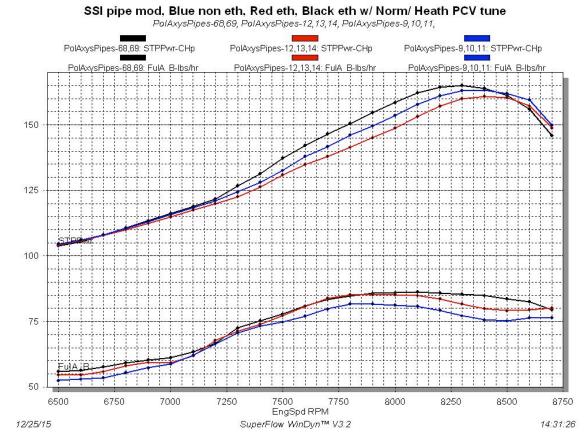
Note that with the Aaen pipe and muffler combo, airflow was restricted compared to the other pipes--airflow was low which also created comparatively rich A/F mixture since fuel flow is constant regardless of the pipe's airflow. Remember the Aeen pipe worked great on the CFI2 800 tested on this website (posted 3/14/11) with more HP and three lb/ft more torque than the other pipes, but that was with stock muffler. The pipe we got from Aaen for the Axys would not fit the stock muffler--only the Aaen supplied glasspack can that may be have too "tight"—maybe fine for high altitude but not at 700'. We'll see if we can obtain an Aaen pipe that will match up to the stock muffler and test it on another 800 HO engine later.

Surely the bargain of the bunch is the SSI "pipe mod"--a stock pipe, modified by the addition of a custom internal stinger and a slightly lengthened center section for only \$250. The SSI pipe mod tested today is Brock's, and like Heath's own SSI pipe mod (tested during Heath's second session here) also had the stock heat shields fitted to it-insulating the pipe and maintaining pipe temperature. The first SSI pipe mod we tested during Heath's first dyno session last November was bare—no insulating heat shields which may explain it's slightly lower HP output. It surely appears that reinstalling the factory insulating heat shield on the modded pipe is worth the effort. BMP also performs that similar pipe mod.

Since Heath is running a SSI pipe mod on his sled this year, at the end of the session he and Greedy Norm tweaked a dandy fuel map that would flatten that big pile of fuel at peak torque, and add some fuel at higher revs where the stock fuel map leaned out. Then they came up with a timing curve that added lots in the midrange, a few degrees at peak revs, then retarded timing beyond the HP peak to flatten out the HP curve on top end, increasing overrev HP. Great Stuff. Here's the final "H&N" PCV timing and fuel map for the 2015 Axys 800 HO with SSI pipe mod compared to the stock timing and fuel map. This map should be great for the BMP single pipe, too since it's so similar in airflow/ HP.

AVERAGE OF TWO FINAL TESTS, SSI PIPE MOD, HEATH & NORM'S MAP										
STPPwr	STPTrq	BSFA_B	FulA_B	LamAF1	LM1Air	ElpsTm	Air_1s			
СНр	Clb-ft	lb/hph	lbs/hr	Ratio	SCFM	Secnds	SCFM			
0 103.8	8 83.9	0.578	55.8	14.25	183	0.6	172.0			
0 105.4	83.8	0.576	56.4	14.31	186	1.07	176.1			
0 107.9	84.6	0.574	57.6	14.42	191	1.58	178.9			
0 110.6	6 85.4	0.576	59.3	14.35	196	2.04	182.1			
0 113.4	86.3	0.572	60.3	14.10	196	2.49	185.6			
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7000	116.1	87.1	0.566	61.1	13.86	195	2.87	189.0
7100	118.8	87.9	0.573	63.3	13.77	201	3.24	193.1
7200	121.7	88.8	0.589	66.6	13.68	210	3.59	197.5
7300	126.8	91.2	0.615	72.5	13.18	220	4.02	206.1
7400	131.4	93.2	0.616	75.2	12.90	224	4.43	211.6
7500	137.2	96.1	0.610	77.8	12.90	231	4.81	218.7
7600	142.2	98.3	0.612	80.9	12.82	239	5.28	224.6
7700	146.6	100.0	0.611	83.3	12.52	240	5.62	229.9
7800	150.6	101.4	0.605	84.8	12.32	241	6.03	234.5
7900	154.6	102.8	0.596	85.7	12.30	243	6.44	239.1
8000	158.5	104.1	0.583	85.9	12.39	245	6.85	243.2
8100	162.1	105.1	0.572	86.3	12.53	249	7.31	246.9
8200	164.4	105.3	0.561	85.8	12.65	250	7.72	249.4
8300	165.1	104.4	0.557	85.4	12.77	251	8.16	250.9
8400	164.0	102.5	0.557	84.8	12.87	252	8.61	251.5
8500	161.3	99.7	0.558	83.6	12.92	249	9.02	251.3
8600	156.0	95.3	0.569	82.4	12.73	242	9.51	249.7
8700	145.9	88.1	0.587	79.4	12.43	228	10.18	244.8



Remember--all of this testing was done at a Density Altitude of 2000+, and there was no hint of deto in all of this data, even with those low BSFC numbers. But the ultimate test will be when these sleds/ pipes/ tunes are operated at sub-zero F temps and DA's well below sea level. Then, there are lots more O2 molecules packed into the combustion chambers on each compression stroke which is very much like increasing the compression ratio. So what might be knock-free today could rattle the knock sensor sillly--which, thankfully, will [usually] protect the engines from damage. Listen to your deto protection! If you get knock, you can switch to ethanol mode (if you're knocking in non ethanol mode), or add fuel or retard timing with your PCV--even a few % can take care of it. Or, perhaps just yanking out that awful 120 F thermostat might help--Arctic Cat uses Tstats that open at 80F, and Terra Alps makes kits to fit those to the Polaris engines. Heath Lynk has been running his 2015 Axys w/o Tstat since new--reporting that it usually operates at 105-115 F. Cooler engines = more HP and less chance of detonation. Cold seizures are the result of the cold fuel failing to vaporize, resulting in lean, very hot net mixtures (16-17/1) that will either detonate or just be so hot that the piston(s) will try to grow to a size larger than the bore. Squeeek. So even with high 10 psi RVP winter pump gas, it's wise to warm the engine up to 80F before pounding on it!

Everyone needs to go back and read, reread, and reread again KC's great article on deto!

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