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With sleds at the core of every imaginable racing venue including snocross, pavement drag racing and watercross, it seems odd there hasn't been more focus on setting a snowmobile land speed record. Although there have been unofficial attempts made over the past several years, the elusive 200mph goal line has not been officially crossed yet.

A group out of Quebec, G-Force Performance and Gagne Lessard Sports, working with Star Suspensions made an unofficial record attempt in early July this year using a supercharged and modified, stock bodied Yamaha Attak (see www.youtube.com/user/starsuspensions). The Yamaha reached a top speed of 179.2mph before hitting the rev limiter and running out of gearing.

Team member, Robert Veronneau told us: "Aerodynamics are very important to go fast. Let's suppose a 100hp vehicle is able to go 100mph. To reach 200mph you need about 400hp just to overcome the wind drag. In our case, to go from 180 to 200 MPH, an 11percent speed increase, we will need 44 percent more horsepower. The Godfather's machine (nickname for the Attak shown on youtube) is estimated at 400 HP. This sled will need over 600hp to go 200mph with the original body. That's why we will have modified aerodynamics on the record machine".

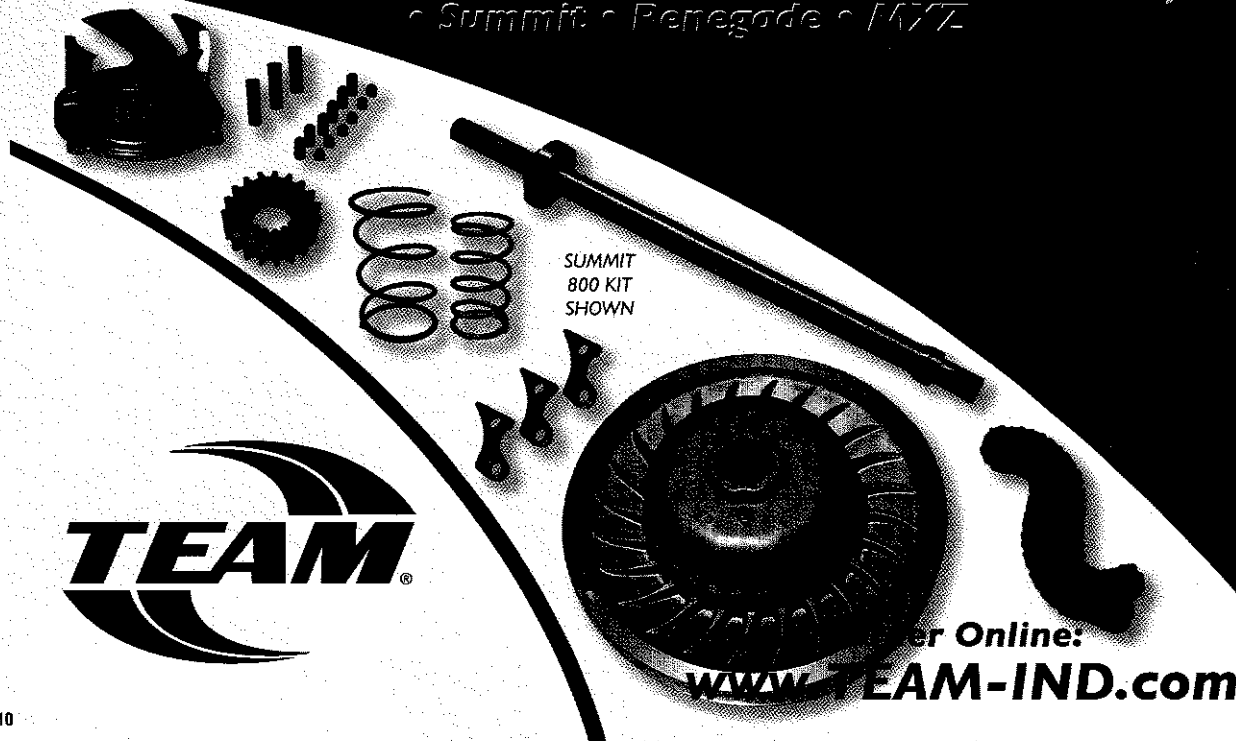


The Gagne Lessard Team from Coaticook, Quebec will be attempting a land speed record for snowmobiles this fall. The stock bodied Yamaha (pictured above) recently attained a top speed of 179.2mph, however, a new streamliner with a custom shell hopes to exceed the magic 200mph barrier at Bonneville.

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