

Wirral 100 News

Merry Christmas to all our members, families & friends,
& Best Wishes for 2015.

Don't forget your Club Membership Renewal – only £15 again
Don't forget your Dinner Dance Tickets – only £30 again

DINNER DANCE & PRESENTATION OF AWARDS – Saturday 21 February 2015

The location is unchanged from last year – the Mercure Chester Abbots Well Hotel, just outside Chester on the A41,Whitchurch Road, Christleton; our debut there last February proved to be very popular indeed, so here we go again! Award winners will be receiving their free-ticket invitations soon after Christmas, and the hope as usual is that they will bring friends and family with them, and that the paddock community as a whole will come out of hibernation so that we can get our 2015 year off to a great start. For paying guests the ticket price is unaltered at £30, As usual the contact for tickets is Helen Smith (tel 01745 816773; mobile 07738 820367; email janetsmith91@btinternet.com).

NEW COMPETITOR TRAINING & RIDING ASSESSMENT COURSE – Saturday 28 March 2015

The ACU rules require that new riders to road racing and anyone wishing to re-start racing after an absence of five years or more must attend a classroom-based course (CTC).

Unless he or she is able to prove having held a Clubman's or National licence previously, they must also be assessed on-track for their basic riding competence (BRA), before being granted a road race licence. To facilitate this, the club intends to run a combined course alongside its test day at Anglesey on Saturday 28 March. The fee for the combined course will be just £70, or £35 for the CTC & £35 for the BRA.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Margaret Dewsnap (Tel 01244 813127) for a Booking Form.

ONLINE LICENCING

2015 is the third year of the ACU's online licencing system, allowing Road Racers to renew or apply for their licences online. The Club has been issued with a unique series of Personal Identification Numbers ('PIN'), such that when riders renew their club memberships we (ie Margaret Dewsnap) will provide them with their own PIN, and this number will be required to be input as part of the licence application procedure. If members prefer to complete their licence application forms in the traditional hand-written way, they will still be able to do so, although the PIN number will have to be inserted on the application form (either by the rider himself or by Margaret).

Club membership forms are enclosed with this Newsletter, and we would urge all riders to rejoin as soon as possible, so that licences can be applied for and received in good time for the start of the 2015 season.

Those potential racers who attended our New Riders Course (CTC) last March, but who have not yet had a licence, are particularly reminded that they must apply for their first licence by 28 March 2015, otherwise their CTC certificates obtained at that Course will become invalid.

MARSHALS' RECRUITMENT

The Club has decided to embark on a programme of expanding its marshalling base. New recruits – male and female - will be made very welcome, will be properly trained, and will soon become essential parts of the W100 team. Those interested should contact Dave Edwards, our Chief Marshal, on 0151-327 4399, or any officer or committee member. Just get in touch.

2015 RACE CALENDAR

Sat 28 March – Anglesey (Test Day) – Coastal Circuit – (open to all ACU licence holders)

Sun 29 March – Anglesey – Coastal Circuit

Sat 25 April – Oulton Park

Sat / Sun 27/28 June – Anglesey – Coastal Circuit (Sat) & International Circuit (Sun)

Sat/ Sun 25/26 July – Anglesey – Coastal Circuit

Sat/Sun 10/11 October – ifm-moto.com Anglesey Grand – International Circuit

The main change from 2014 is the very welcome re-instatement of our late July meeting. We experimented with our June meeting last season running on the Coastal Circuit on the Saturday and the International Circuit on the Sunday; we had many positive comments about that, so it stays for June 2015, at what will be our 100th race weekend at Anglesey. Doesn't time fly!?

FSRA Sidecar Championships – We are delighted to be hosting rounds of the British F2 Sidecar Championships, as well as the FSRA Formula 350 & Post-Classic Sidecars, at both Oulton Park on 25 April, and at Anglesey on 25/26 July.

The Anglesey Classic Parades will feature at our race meeting on 25/26 July.

2015 CLASSES & RACE FORMATS

There are no current plans to change our Championship classes, which therefore will be as last year:

- 1. Powerbikes – machines over 700cc
- 2. Formula 600 (with separate sub-division for Stock 600's)
- 3. 650 Twins (with separate sub-division for 'Minitwins')
- 4. 100 – 500cc Allcomers (with separate sub-divisions for 125ccGP, 250ccGP, Formula 400, etc) with no tyre restrictions.
- 5. Pre-Injection 501-1300cc (with separate sub-division for up to and over 650cc)
- 6. Golden Era Superbikes – pre-2001 superbikes (750cc 4-cylinder, 1000cc 3-cylinder, & 1100cc 2-cylinder), including later versions if the models remained basically unchanged, plus pre-1991 Forgotten Era machines over 500cc.
- 7. Golden Era Supersport – pre-2001 supersport machines (600cc 4-cylinder & 750cc 2-cylinder), including later versions if the models remained basically unchanged (with a separate sub-division for steel-framed 600's)
- 8. Classic & Forgotten Era - all Classics and pre-1991 F/Era up to 500cc (with subdivisions for 250cc singles, 250cc twins, 350cc, 500cc, and over 500cc, if the entry levels justify this)
- 9. Open Sidecars (with separate sub-division for Formula 2).
- 10. Senior Open – ie second classes for Powerbikes & Formula 600
- 11. Lightweight Open – ie second classes for 100 – 500cc Allcomers, 650 Twins, Classics, etc

With such a variety of classes, the on-track mix cannot realistically be decided until entries start rolling in and we can accurately gauge class and race numbers, but based on the numbers and lap times in 2014, the mix is likely to be the same as last year, ie

- Powerbikes & Golden Era Superbikes
- 650 Twins & Golden Era Supersport
- 100-500cc Allcomers
- Senior Open
- Open Sidecars
- Formula 600
- Pre-Injection
- Classic & (small) Forgotten Era
- Lightweight Open

All solo riders will, as last year, be able to identify at least two classes to compete in, if they so wish. Again as last year, the Senior and Lightweight Open races will have one race per day, whilst all other classes will have two races per day.

The most important request though is for all riders to continue to support us and encourage others to do likewise. Many thanks!

CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLER = A RAIN LIGHT!

The ACU has recently announced that for 2015 Red Rear Warning Lights will be required for all solo road race machines (Classic and Vintage bikes running in their own races are exempt). They must be positioned at the rear centre of the machine, clearly visible from at least 15 degrees to both left and right sides of the machine centre line.

The power output / luminosity should be equivalent to 10 - 15 W (incandescent) or 0.6 - 1.8W (LED); the switch must be accessible and the light power may be separated from the main wiring & battery.

The light must be switched on in rain or low visibility conditions as instructed by Race Control, or when a rain tyre is fitted, or a race or practice is declared 'wet' by Race Control.

These lights are inexpensive, readily available and easy to fit, and are, we must admit, a welcome additional safety factor when racing in poor weather conditions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 25 November 2014

No major surprises or issues at the AGM. It was reported that entry levels overall were marginally up on the previous year, but the membership reduced from 465 to 423, possibly a reflection of having one less race meeting than usual. It was agreed that the annual subscription should stay at £15.

There were thanks aplenty, especially to our intrepid band of officials, marshals and medics, to the Anglesey circuit management and staff, and to James Powell of ifm.moto.com who provided an excellent tyre service to the paddock and sponsored the Anglesey Grand and the Senior Open.

There were no changes to the club's officers, but Gary Uttley, one of our senior marshals, joined the committee.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE CLUB THROUGHOUT 2015 – via our website www.wirral100.co.uk, and via Twitter and Facebook

PRESIDENT: Harold Bowman

CHAIRMAN: Dave Edwards

VICE CHAIRMAN: Hefin Smith

COMMITTEE: J Aspinall, D Barnett,

J Barnett, G Bott, P Brandon,

J Broster, N Carver, M Crook,

P Kelly, J Powell, D Repton,

P Thompson, G Uttley

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