



Wirral 100 News



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EVENTS CALENDAR 2009/10

SPORTING CALENDAR

Sun 31 Jan ___ New Competitor training Course, Warrington.
Sun 7 March ___ New competitor Training Course, Warrington.
The 2010 Race Calendar will be announced as soon as the dates have been confirmed.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Tue 17 Nov ___ A.G.M., Bridge Inn, Port Sunlight.
Sat 23 Jan 2010 __ Dinner Dance, Holiday Inn, Ellesmere Port

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This years AGM will again be held at The Bridge Inn, Bolton Rd., Port Sunlight, CH62 4UQ, starting at 8:00 pm. A nomination form is enclosed with this Newsletter for any club member to nominate members for the committee. Please try to attend, as this is your chance to have your say on how the club is run; and how we organise our race meeting.

After the official business is over, there will be an opportunity to discuss the format and classes, for next years race meetings.

JAMES WHITHAM – CHIEF GUEST

The old news is that the Annual Dinner Dance & Presentation of Awards is to be held at the Holiday Inn, Ellesmere Port on Saturday 23rd January. The new news is that James Whitham, former British Championship and World Supersport 'star' and now top commentator for Eurosport, is to be our principal guest. Please note the date in your diary. Championship award winners will receive their individual invitations in the next few weeks and general ticket application forms will be distributed with the December newsletter.

COMPETITOR TRAINING COURSES

The Club has now fixed the dates for its CTC's this winter. The first one is scheduled for Sunday 31st January at the De Vere Daresbury Park Hotel on the M56 near Warrington, and if this is oversubscribed we will run a second one on Sunday 7th March, in good time for the start of the 2010 season.

These courses are compulsory for new riders entering road racing and for those rejoining after being out of the sport for three years or more. The main alternative is to attend one of the weekday courses at the ACU offices in Rugby. Anyone interested in attending should contact Margaret Dewsnap on 01244 813127, who will be sending out Booking Forms in late December.

MARSHALS RECRUITMENT

The Club has over 600 members and is now clearly established as one of the leading regional road race organisers in the UK. It has a solid core of riders, officials and marshals, and whilst we could always do with more of each, it is the marshalling fraternity that we would dearly like to extend. Surely amongst our large membership there are those amongst you who might fancy giving marshalling a try, and maybe you know of friends or relatives who might be interested in giving it a go too. All new marshals, male and female, are properly trained as regards personal safety, incident handling and flagging – and would be welcomed with open arms. There is no pressure to commit to every meeting, but obviously the more often the more we like it. Anyone interested in helping us or requiring further information should contact Dave Edwards, our Chief Marshal (0151 327 4399).

THE ANGLESEY GRAND – 3rd & 4th OCTOBER

It seems ages ago now but what a great weekend we had. On the breezy side on Saturday, when everyone sensibly rode to the conditions, and a great day for racing on Sunday. The two legs of the Anglesey Grand featured two great contests - John Robb and Kiaran Hankin for first place and David Jones and Angelo DeRosa for third place; it was probably fitting that John came out on top in the Grand, the same day that Kiaran clinched the Pow-erbikes and F600 championships. All credit too to Chris Barnes, Andrew Cameron, Jamie Harris and Karl Owen, making their debuts in the Grand, and all the other invited riders for contributing to an excellent contest.

Irishman Matt Percy's get-off on the approach to Rocket 1 won first prize in the spectacular stakes and we were delighted to see him walk away; pity about the bike though! Pity too that Paul Brandon's weekend was cut short by his nasty hand injury, but all credit to the doctors for arranging such prompt surgery to limit the damage.

162 riders took part in this meeting, 17 more than the storm-ravaged equivalent last year, and as usual it was good to see a fair number of new riders coming to see what we are all about. Those making the biggest impressions were sidecar duo Barry James & Ellie Jordan, winners of three of the four races, Scotsman Wattie Brown who featured strongly on his Classic Manx, David Howard and Steve Munt who were the best of the non-Grand competitors on their 600's, and Tom Llewellyn who won both of the Minitwins championship races. We hope they and the other new riders enjoyed the experience and that we will see them again next year.

Also, Dave Francis received the following letter from Barbara Bath after the 'Grand':

" I just wanted to write to thank you for the tribute to David at the Anglesey Grand and for asking me to present the awards. It was an honour and I'm sure David would be proud to have been remembered. Anglesey holds so many special memories for me of happy times. Not just the racing but the many weekends of barbeques, one too many drinks in the clubhouse, and walks down to the sea. It was hard to go back [for the Grand] but the club, all the marshals, officials and riders have all been a fantastic help and support to both me and Luke.

David loved racing and had some of his best races on the Anglesey circuits, both old and new. He also met some of his best friends there. I know he was very proud to be awarded with a Special Achievements Award last year; it has pride of place in our house. I hope to come to some meetings in the 2010 season and to keep in touch with the wonderful people I have met through David and his racing years.

Many thanks, Barbara Bath."

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OULTON PARK – 24th OCTOBER

We all woke up on Sunday 25th October to be greeted by a cloudless blue sky, excellent conditions for racing. We all kicked our cats. Why wasn't it like this the day before? Yes, this Oulton meeting was difficult for us all – riders, officials, marshals and medics. The track varied from very wet to wet to damp to nearly dry, it even seemed to change lap by lap. Disappointing but perhaps not surprising then that we had far more fallers than we are used to, and all credit to the officials, the track-side marshals, the marshals in the recovery vehicles and the medics that we were able to get all races run, albeit that we had to shorten some and that the riders in the last two races had to wear Davy-lamps on their helmets.

We did have a number of serious-looking incidents, especially the F400 start-line collision involving Jimmy Stock and Andy Whitehead. This happened in Race 1 – so definitely not a good start to the day.

The excellent news is that both riders escaped with sore heads and in Jimmy's case some facial injuries, and in Andy's case with a cracked rib.. John Robb and Ian Craven were also worryingly hospitalised after big high-sides at Foulstons and Knickerbrook respectively, and John again 'escaped' with concussion, but Ian suffered a back injury and was detained in hospital for further examination. We wish him, and all the other fallers, a full and speedy recovery.

We were again the subject of close scrutiny on the noise-testing front, and again thanks to all the riders, and especially our noise-testing team, for their efforts. Be aware that whilst we continue to want to race at Oulton Park, this issue will need to be addressed each time.

Despite the adverse conditions we did see some very dominant performances in a good few of the championship races – Chris Green winning the little F/E race by 19 seconds, Phil Hacker the big F/E race by 15 seconds, Tom Llewellyn the Minitwins by 18 seconds, Gary Thwaites the big Classics by 10 seconds, Danny Halliwell the F600 steel-framed by 24 seconds, Adrian Kershaw the F400 race by 16 seconds, and finally David Jones winning the high quality F600 race by 12 seconds and clinching the Paul Leonard Award as the marshals' rider of the day. Not that every race was a walkover – Dave Edwards and Terry Kermod were separated by just 0.6 of a second in the small Classics race, whilst only 0.1 of a second separated the Schofield / Thomas and Chaplow / Evanson pairings in the sidecar race. Good stuff, and well done to everyone who took part in every race and throughout the field. It was not easy out there.

PLANS FOR 2010

As noted in the last newsletter, we have secured six provisional dates for 2010, the same as this year with four at Anglesey and two at Oulton Park.

It will probably be December before the dates are finalised, but we are relatively confident that the dates in the first half of the season – a test day at Anglesey on Saturday 20th March, a race day on the Sunday, a first visit to Oulton on Saturday 10th April and our usual late May Bank Holiday visit to Anglesey on 31st May will be confirmed. Currently the dates of our two remaining weekends at Anglesey and our second visit to Oulton Park could each change (hopefully for the better!), and these will be announced as soon as we can. The Anglesey dates are likely to be similar to this year with one in July and one in October, but we are trying to get an earlier date for Oulton.

As regards the format and classes for our meetings next year, we would welcome ideas. Should our steel-framed 600's be extended to include pre-injection machines? Should we extend the cut-off date for Forgotten Era machines beyond 31 December 1989? In the less well-supported classes, who should share track-time with whom? Drop Dave Francis a line – or better still attend the forthcoming AGM, and let us have your thoughts.

WIRRAL 100 ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

The provisional final positions in the Club's 2009 Road Race Championship, are as follows:-

<u>125cc GP</u>		<u>250cc GP</u>	
Connor Behan	75	Paul Brandon	52
Jamie Harris	73	Shaun Williams	45
Darren Jones	69	Steve Hall	42
Martin Darren	31	Alec Cottam	42
Rob Hodson	28	Mike Hose	39
Jamie Hodson	26	John Francom	39

<u>FORMULA 400</u>		<u>POWERBIKES</u>	
Adrian Kershaw	165	Kiaran Hankin	147
Tim Bradley	114	Angelo De Rosa	111
Tim Kermod	66	Scott Wilson	87
Christian Peck	55	John Robb	81
Simon Napier	54	Pete Whiteside	51
Ben Cole	49	Neil Watson	39

<u>FORMULA 600</u>		<u>FORMULA 600-Steel Frame</u>	
Kiaran Hankin	110	Karl Owen	125
David Jones	104	Matthew Millar	101
Scott Wilson	73	Darren Johnson	86
Chris Mort	70	Dave Walker	81
Mark Cronshaw	61	Alan Dodd	74
Craig Beggs	56	Ian Craven	51

<u>F. ERA UP TO 500cc</u>		<u>F. ERA OVER 500cc</u>	
Tim Bradley	75	Phil Hacker	90
Caron Roberts	64	Nicholas Hunt	52
Ben Worrall	31	Steve Hutchins	46
Keith Jackson	28	Giles Whiteley	42
David Edwards	28	Stephen Munson	42
Chris Green	25	Liam Horgan	41

<u>FORMULA 125</u>		<u>MINITWIN 650</u>	
David Carson	66	Kevin Stitt	66
Ceuron Williams	46	Mike Elliott	55
Joel Donohue	37	Tom Llewellyn	45
Louis Dawson	37	Keith Jackson	36
Harley Rushton	16	Paul Tattersall	34
Rhodri Owen	15	Wayne Priestley	19

<u>CLASSICS 125-250</u>		<u>CLASSICS 251 - 500</u>	
Terry Kermod	72	James Coward	61
David Brasier	50	David Swallow	48
Martin Budden	34	John Cronshaw	30
Dave Edwards	27	Neil Ogden	26
Robert Owen	25	Steve Ferguson	22
Peter Hall	15	Rob Owen	22

<u>F2 SIDECARS</u>		<u>OPEN SIDECARS</u>	
C Hauxwell/D Beattie	86	C Hauxwell/D Beattie	64
S Ramsden/J McWhir	52	D Holden /R Coward	42
T Robinson/R Stewart	45	S Ramsden/J McWhir	42
P Alton/M Highton	45	T Robinson/R Stewart	39
A Molyneux/A Halewood	40	B James/E Jordan	30
J Shipley/J Shipley	25	P Alton/M Highton	28

WIRRAL 100 WEB SITE

The address of the Wirral hundred Web site is:-
www.wirral100.co.uk

The site is regularly updated and contains Photographs, regs for Anglesey and Oulton, Results of Previous Meetings, Membership Forms. Information from the Newsletter etc. etc.
The site also contains the full list of Championship points scorers.