

# OUT OF THE MIST

Manx Grand Prix Riders' Assoc. Christmas 2010



## Chairman's Report

### Jim Hunter

We will be certainly blessed with some wonderful weather for the 2010 Manx Grand Prix and some outstanding individual performances in the races. Congratulations to all the 2010 Manx Grand Prix race winners and to all the riders, thank you for providing us with some spectacular racing to enjoy watching. When it comes to racing around the Mountain Course, as riders we all know that it's a very thin line between pushing ourselves to try and achieve our personal goals and trying too hard resulting in a potentially disastrous crash. Unfortunately two riders, Jamie Adam and Chris Bradshaw died as a result of the injuries they received when they were involved in an incident at Alpine Cottage on the second lap of the

## John Goodall

### Spirit of the Manx Award

Sportsmanship, endeavour, commitment  
*An award for 2011, to be presented by the MGPRRA during the 2011 races.*

Eligibility: Any rider still competing in the Manx, likely to be competing in the 2011 races.

#### NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate the following rider for the "Spirit of the Manx" award

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

He/she deserves the award because:  
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My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this nomination form to:

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By the end of April 2011

Senior. **Simon Fulton.** 118.288mph



Junior. **Michael Sweeney** .118.812mph



Lightweight. **Neil Kent.**109.374mph



Ultra Lightweight. **Phil McGurk.**110.709 mph



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Junior Manx Grand Prix. Of course we offer our condolences to their respective family and friends. On a happier note I am able to report that both Tim Venables and Olie Linsdell are recovering well from the injuries they received as a result of incidents in the Junior and Post Classic races. Also glad to report that improvements to the paddock and grandstand areas were well received by competitors.

I feel sure that the vast majority of our members will appreciate the changes to the regulations for the 2011 Manx Grand Prix recently unveiled by the Manx Motor Cycle Club. Of course you can view all the changes in detail on the Club's website ([manxgrandprix.org](http://manxgrandprix.org)) but worthy of particular mention here are changes to the awarding of replicas in the Classic races (replica time will now be based on the first non TT rider), changes to the Formula 750 Classic (capacity limit upped to 850 and cut off year brought forward to 1974), introduction of the 'Supertwins' Manx Grand Prix (650 four strokes . 250 two



strokes), separate races for Newcomers' and Classic Superbike (formerly Post Classic), changes to allow 450 singles to compete in the Lightweight race and the 'relaxing' of the gentlemen's agreement which prevented past winners from competing in the main Manx Grand Prix races.

We had a brilliant day on Sunday 29th August at the Jurby Festival, organised by the Vintage Motorcycle Club. Many thanks to Tony East, Rupert Murden and other committee members of the VMCC Manx Section for being so accomodating. They provided us with a wonderful marquee for us have our lunch in and entertain our guests. They also gave us lots of track time with eighty bikes taking part in the Manx Grand Prix Riders Association demonstration laps. I had managed to get 40 riders together for the 'Past Masters' parade which featured past race winners and podium finishers - it really was great to see so many people out in their old riding leathers giving their bikes a blast around the circuit. Phil Read, who was on the Island to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of him winning the Senior MGP turned up to present Neil Kent with the John Goodall 'Spirit of the Manx' award. Rosie Christian from the Sulby Glen Hotel did us absolutely proud with a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all. The lucky riders in our riders draw turned out to be Ewan Hamilton who won the £400 ferry ticket

## Views or News

If you would like to contribute to the next issue then please send your article or letter to:

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courtesy of the Steam Packet company and Mark Parrett who won the pair of Pirelli tyres provided by Jason Griffiths. Looking forward to next year plans are already taking shape for the 2011 event. Once again I am delighted to say that the tremendous Manx branch of the VMCC have invited us to take part in their Jurby Festival which will take place on Sunday 28th August. The June edition of the newsletter will include the entry form for this event should you wish to come and join us in August for a bit of a blast!

As part of the Manx Grand Prix Festival celebration an event is planned for Douglas Promenade on an evening of race week. Hopefully we will be able to confirm shortly that the Riders Association will have a designated display area (around the Villa Marina Gardens area) where members can display their race bikes for public display. Watch this space - details to follow! Nominations for the 2011 'Spirit of the Manx' award are now open (close at the end of April). Don't forget to vote for the competitor you feel deserves this recognition by using the voting slip on the front page. The only stipulation is that whoever you nominate for the award must be competing in the 2011 races. We plan to make a proposal to the Committee of the Manx Motor Cycle Club asking them if they would allow us to make the presentation of the 'Spirit' award at one of their presentation evenings. If you have a strong opinion on that either way, don't forget to let me know. When we discussed the newsletter at our recent AGM members thought that in light of the expence of producing and posting it (both financial and time!), it would be worth asking members if they still wanted to receive the newsletter. So if you still want to receive yours don't forget to return the slip below to Keith or send an email to me to receive it electronically.

## Do you still want to receive the Newsletter?

If you would still like to receive the newsletter please return this slip to:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND (either by replying to Keith or myself) you will not receive any future copies.**

*Many thanks for you co-operation in this matter*



In a sort of forever hopeful way (and greatly acknowledging those of you who now support us in this way) I have included the direct debit form again. With such a big membership for our Association we have it within our grasp to make a big difference to the races in some way - just £1 a month from each of us (wouldn't miss that would you?) would give us over £10,000 a year to play with - now, we could really do something big with that! Perhaps we could providing some support for Newcomers to our event therefore helping to securing its future? Go on, fill it in, it'll only take you a second (as they say!)..... You don't even have to me a member to make a donation so perhaps there is someone else you can think of who would like to support the riders in some small way?

It was certainly a case of 'keeping it in the family' when it came to the 2010 Fantasy League (not a 'fix' as President Ned Bowers suggested!) with my brother Jeff taking the first prize of £130, me second taking £50 and Welsh Wizard, Nigel 'Speedy' John coming in third with £30. Thanks to all of you who supported the league which raised £100 for the Association. For those of you on our email list look out for the 2011 league - I'm out for my revenge! Have a great Christmas and wishing you a safe, successful and prosperous new year. Hopefully see you out and about at some point, even better if that's on the Isle of Man for the 2011 Manx Grand Prix!

Jim

Thanks to  
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for the photos used in this newsletter



Well for the Christmas Newsletter I usually attempt some hopeless Christmas jokes about bike styled Christmas presents but this year I am still thinking about the run I had at Jurby in August which was Jim's latest idea in place of the Grandstand Beer Tent. Danny Pullen kindly offered me the choice of a number of his bikes to ride but there was no difficult choice really, I picked his TZ 350 Shepherd because even that name has so many memories for me. During my happy outings in the MGP I rode a 350 Yamaha more than any other machine and I knew Terry Shepherd about forty years ago when he did the crank on my 125 Bultaco, wow this reminiscing is frightening, well the numbers are !!! I hadn't ridden a TZ since my last MGP in 1985 so was pleased when Danny offered a little try out a few days before the Jurby event. He lives quite close to Jurby so in true old fashioned tradition I had a run on the quiet roads near his house. After being used to the 1000cc Marshal's bikes this felt tiny and I had forgotten how light the front end was, but I really enjoyed the little practice and was raring to go on the Sunday. The event was brilliant. Jim had said that we should try to wear our original leathers, I am pleased to report that I could still get into mine which were new in the early 1980s but it felt like I was wearing overalls (very thin overalls !!!). By the end of the day Danny's Wife, Cathy had to stick tape over the zip as it decided to give up (with age not strain). The "Paddock Chat" was great and seeing all the old leathers (and Riders) out again. My Wife Pat said it was just like the old days running between the van, the Assembly Area, Track and this time there was the luxury of the MGPR Marquee. Jim managed to get Phil Read to present the awards so he had a very attentive audience when he made his speech. The whole day went really well, so I will add my thanks to the Vintage



Motor Cycle Club who did the majority of the organising and Jim did ALL our part with the help of his family.

We gained seventeen new members since the last Newsletter, mainly during the Manx fortnight. We gained Tim Devlin, Rob Alton, Des Connor and Sean Collister from the Isle of Man. Shaun Brown, Chris Barratt and Fenando Mendes from Lincolnshire. Andy Folds and Grant Wagstaffe from Bedfordshire. Then Fred Curry from Devon, Bob Farrington from East Yorkshire, Ken Davis from Thornton Cleveleys, Kevin Pearson from Bubwith York, Brian Kneal from Sulby, Gary Fowler from County Down, Adam Ward from Lancashire and Paul Potter from Surrey.

We lost one of our founder members in August when Eddie Crooks passed away. Eddie was President in 1981 and 1982. He was the rider in the film "Waking Ned" which was filmed on the Island and rode in the nude in some scenes !!!!

Even after my earlier comment I will wish you all the best for Christmas and do hope that you receive something close to what you really want. Remember you were wasting your time if you asked to be 21 again with a brace of Nortons or Yamahas depending on your era !!!!

Keith Trubshaw

## Donations Association Regalia

Please send any donations or orders for Regalia to:

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*Please add £1.50 towards the P&P costs for each order if it includes clothing, thanks.*

**Make all cheques payable to MGPR**

Don't forget to include your own Name and Address

## 2010 Manx Grand Prix Snippets

Just a word to say thanks for the chance to ride at Jurby ,It was a fantastic day (if just a bit windy) Realy good to see Neil get his award there too .That is a good idea to present it at the festival . Hope the whole event grows into something special , Thanks again

**Chris Barrett**

I just wanted to thank you for our jurby visit. We enjoyed the festival we met up with some old friends and the classic bikes on show was spectacular. It made us wish we had brought ours, Hopefully we will next year !

thank you  
**Peggy Robinson**

What a fantastic day at Jurby, never saw so many people up there even when I was an attraction! (JOKE)  
Really Jim you and your team put on a great show Des and I had a great time.

Look forward to the next one.  
**Ronnie Russell**

## Manx Grand Prix 'Skittles Night and Get Together'

I shall be holding my annual Skittles Evening and Get Together again in Evesham at the Egwin Club on the 5th February, £5 to get in pay on the door, buffet food, auction and raffle, the main charity will again be the MGP Helicopter Fund, everyone is welcome.

I would like to thank everyone who came to the last one I held in February this year, we raised a total of £300. We sent £250 to the MGP Helicopter Fund and £50 to the St Johns Ambulance.

For more information I can be contacted on 07808587493 or [neilcudworth250@btinternet.com](mailto:neilcudworth250@btinternet.com).

**Neil Cudworth**

Copies of the **2010 MGP Result Book** are now available from the MMCC Office, The Grandstand, Douglas, priced £10.00 (inc P+P), cheques payable to MMCC.

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