

Chairmans Report. Jim Hunter.

That's WHY we did it, or in some cases, STILL continue to do it! You only get a second to gather your thoughts on an R1 Yamaha as you blast down to School House Corner. A moment to reflect on the mind boggling exhilaration that is the strip of tarmac that takes you through Lezayre, Pinfold Cottage, Glen Auldyn Bridge and down to Gardner's lane. Takes my breath away - every time!

This year's TT was pretty much a resounding success all round really. Top class speeds, great weather, no race delays, unusually low number of incidents and a Senior Race which had eight different leaders. The only thing lacking really was a decent grid size, with only just over forty starters in some races. Also surprisingly, only 194 riders (including sidecars) took part in total.

It's fair to say that the spectator restrictions around the circuit did make an impact, with some very popular sections of the course (like Ballaspur for example) eerily quiet once the roads had closed. It was re-assuring to note however that lots of different vantage points with excellent viewing opportunities were becoming very popular. The fields through Lezayre were allowing parking for example and full of spectators on race days. The best report I heard however regarded the farm on the outside of the course on the last right hand kink as you leave Quarry Bends. Great spectating, no admission charge, no parking charge AND COMPLIMENTARY barbecue - free sausage baps (donations to the MGP Supporters Club were gratefully received) !! As much as I enjoyed it, I payed £53 for my British Moto GP ticket and a 'Lady Godiva' for a burger.....

Entries for this year's Manx would appear to have held up pretty well with the exception of the Newcomers Race and a downturn in the number of starters for the Senior Classic. I had hoped that the easing up of the restrictions on allowing past TT riders and race winners into the lightweight might result in a bigger 250 field, however with one or two notable exceptions, this hasn't proved to be the case. Perhaps it needs the restrictions 'lightening' up again, in the interests of keeping a viable number of competitors in this class? I absolutely CAN'T wait to see and hear the three cylinder MV Augusta blasting around. With Gary Johnson at the controls, it'll be interesting to see how he manages the switch to a Classic bike having given such a good account of himself at this year's TT.

Hopefully we will see as many of you as possible at this year's Manx Grand Prix. Of course Tom and Frances Thorp will as always, be waiting to welcome you into the delightfully re-furbished 38th Milestone. We will be holding our AGM at the Hailwood Centre on Sunday 24th August, followed by our 'Get Together' in the Beer tent at 2pm. Once again we are indebted to the Steam Packet Company who have given us a £400 travel voucher to put in our 'Riders' Draw' and Jason Griffiths of Pirelli for donating a set of tyres to be given away to a lucky competitor (don't forget riders - all you've got to do is turn up in order to get your name in the draw). As well as all of this you'll be able to see the 'Spirit of the Manx' trophy awarded and partake in our complimentary buffet and toast to the 2008 Manx Grand Prix riders. Hope you can make it.

Here's a thought: the slowest qualifier's speed for this year's Senior TT following the final practise session was 117mph - WOW.

Secretary's Report. Keith Trubshaw.

Well the TT was a little quiet compared to last year, but as that was the Centenary I suppose it was to be expected. As an "old" traditionalist I like to see a variety of machines and more noise !!!!!.

The classes now are so similar and all based on very quiet Road Bikes so I can't win with either of my likes !! We had a change in Travelling Marshal's Bikes this year. After over thirty years of incredible support Honda chose not to supply bikes this year. We will never know the real reasons but I would like to say a big thank you to Honda, I have been a TM since 1986 and so have only ridden one make of bike. This year Yamaha kindly stepped in and we got R1's to play on, very nice. They seem much lighter at the front than Hondas and so can be quite lively through some

of the fast sections but every time the front wheel lifted the machine would sort itself out fine. We will have to hope that Yamaha will support the TT (and Manx Grand Prix of course) for many years.

I mentioned in the last Newsletter about the changes at Governors and Braddan. Well the changes didn't really affect racing although the Governors approach was strange with so much tarmac, it was like riding through a car park. I found that the worst part was The Nook where the new road will start. This was not completed so the barriers to show that the road went right were a little confusing at first. There has been little change there since the TT so you find the same "feeling" at the Manx. Latest changes in the News this week is Quarter Bridge. The Highway Board are looking for money to convert the two mini roundabouts into one big one which will surround the Pub Site, unfortunately the Pub will go.

We have just three new members with Colin Martin from Essex, David Webber from Germany and Jan Koning from Holland.

See You at the Manx

Keith

MANX GRAND PRIX RIDER'S ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the thirty third Annual General Meeting of the Manx Grand Prix Riders Association will be held on Sunday 24th August 2008 in the Hailwood Centre, The Grandstand, Douglas, Isle of Man at 12.00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the thirty first Annual General Meeting,
3. Matters arising out of the Minutes.
4. Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2008.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Chairman's Report.
7. Any other business.
 - a. Proposal: reduce number of newsletters from 3 to 2 per year

Keith Trubshaw

Hon. Secretary

Note: please forward items of Any other business by eMial, post or in person to any committee member PRIOR to the meeting.

Replacement Constitution

The Committee has noted that there are some anomalies in the existing Constitution of the Association, or that there were minor amendments made before the current Committee members took office. To create certainty the Committee propose that the existing Constitution be cancelled and replaced with a new Constitution. This is not as radical as it sounds as the new is a tidied up version of the existing Constitution, with two changes.

These changes are:

The President, Chairman and Vice-Chairman or other Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, normally for a term of two years but may be eligible for re-election to the same office for a further period of two years.

The Treasurer shall draw up a statement of account and balance sheet in each year to be considered and approved by the Executive Committee before being laid before the members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting

The original Constitution stated the Officers would be appointed for one year but be eligible for re-election for a second year. In practice officers have been re-elected for two year terms. The original Constitution had been silent about the audit of accounts, but following the inability to secure the services of an honorary auditor, the practice has been for the Committee to review the accounts prepared by the Treasurer.

The adoption of the new Constitution will be put to a vote at the Annual General Meeting at which full copies of the existing and new Constitution will be available. If any member wishes to receive copies prior to the meeting they may requested from the Secretary.