



Megaphone Notes
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Introduction

Welcome to our 2nd newsletter dear member, unless you're reading this online then it's just, welcome.

We've already had short circuit racing at Kirkistown, Mondello & Nutts Corner + road racing at Cookstown and Tandragee.

Club member Barry Davidson on a Dempster Racing 198cc Honda finished 4th in the first outing of the season at Nutts on March 16th, up against 350cc to 1000cc machines. On April 1st he was 2nd and 3rd at Kirkistown on the 350. Kirkistown was fine,

once the snow ploughs got out of the way. Paid entries were in from quite a number of Club members with Ian Thompson and Herbie Ronan braving the elements on track and at various times were cold and happy, with good results.



Alex Conroy



James Conroy

Kirkistown April 1st 2013		
	Race 1	Race 2
1 st	James Conroy	James Conroy
2 nd	Barry Davidson	Alex Conroy
3 rd	Gary Jamison	Barry Davidson
4 th	Nicky Lamb	Gary Jamison
5 th	Sandy Brown	Nicky Lamb
6 th	Herbie Ronan	Sandy Brown



Mondello Park (April 6th)

From what's been said there were similar feelings at Mondello, some happy, some cold. A number of members had good results, for those who were cold, try harder. Results also available at www.mylaps.com.

Our short circuit correspondent reports: It was great to see James and Alex Conroy along with Nicky Lamb coming down from Northern Ireland despite the continuing wintry weather. There were some early technical problems for a number of riders,

however, in qualifying it was James Conroy again from club members Dave Hickie and Eanie Horan. Race 1 on Saturday went with qualifying form with a win for James from Dave with Eanie third. Race 2 on Sunday morning saw Kevin Callan taking an early bath slipping off at the hairpin, rider ok. James Conroy went out on the first lap with gear selection problems leaving Eanie Horan to take a win from Dave Hickie and Herbie Ronan. Race 3 saw Alex Conroy sitting it out as

persistent gearbox issues prevented him from any finishes during the meeting. Race win went to James Conroy from Eanie Horan and Dave Hickie.

The organisers and all involved were very happy with this first round and it was good to see so many riders and friends around the paddock with the usual craic ever present despite the technical issues and cold temperatures.

Mondello April 6th 2013			
	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
1 st	James Conroy	Eanie Horan	James Conroy
2 nd	David Hickie	David Hickie	Eanie Horan
3 rd	Eanie Horan	Herbie Ronan	David Hickie
4 th	Herbie Ronan	Sean Henry	Herbie Ronan
5 th	Nicky Lamb	Nicky Lamb	Pat Murray
6 th	Pat Murray	Pat Murray	Nicky Lamb



Dave Hickie

Nutts Corner (April 20th)

Club members Herbie Ronan, Ian Thompson, Willy Wilson, Mark McCloskey and Angelo McDonnell represented us at Nutts, April 20th; decent weather, nobody cold. For Ulster Centre results go to www.elaps-timing.com

Nutts Corner April 20th 2013		
	Race 1	Race 2
1 st	James Conroy	James Conroy
2 nd	Alex Conroy	Alex Conroy
3 rd	RJ Woolsey	Herbie Ronan
4 th	Herbie Ronan	RJ Woolsey
5 th	George Stintson	George Stintson
6 th	Nicky Lamb	Nicky Lamb

Standings			
Junior Classics	Points	Senior Classics	Points
James Conroy	100	Alex Conroy	75
Herbie Ronan	58	Gary Jamison	45
Nicky Lamb	54	Angelo McDonnell	20

Cookstown 100 (April 26th/27th)

Barry Davidson, Herbie Ronan and Sean Leonard had a good result in the 350cc race at Cookstown with Gary Hutton 7th in the 250 class on a Dempster Racing Honda 198. Things didn't go so well for Eddie Manly who pranged at the last corner in Friday practice. By Saturday afternoon the commentators were remarking on the number of get offs/red flags at that corner, not noted for being dodgy. 5. Get well as quick as you can Eddie, you'll need to be fit before removing

Cookstown 100 2013		
	Junior 350 Classic	Senior Classic
1 st	Barry Davidson	Robert McCrum
2 nd	Robert McCrum	George Scott
3 rd	Sean Leonard	Allan Brew
4 th	Tim Stephenson	Freddie Stewart
5 th	Freddie Stewart	Richard Ford
6 th	Herbie Ronan	Gary Jamison



Gary Jamison

Tandragee Philip Riddall Memorial Classic (May 3rd/4th)

Barry Davidson, Sean Leonard, Herbie Ronan, Sam Kinkade, Pat Murray, Gary Hutton, Ivan Crowe, Mark McCloskey and Sean Henry were at Tandragee, finishing in that order. Sean deserved better (bike trouble, new crank needed) as according to the current Irish Road Race Classic 350cc Champion, he was the smoothest by far through Bell's Crossroads.

Paddy Hoey presented the Mervyn Elwood trophy to Pat Murray. It's for the best performing 500cc classic, outside the prize winners. Pat knows Mervyn, he literally ran over him at Nutts Corner, 25 years ago, thus guaranteeing a podium finish. Not many people knew that.

Tandragee 100 2013	
	Classic Race
1 st	Robert McCrum
2 nd	John Scott
3 rd	Bob Price
4 th	Allan Brew
5 th	Barry Davidson
6 th	Sean Leonard

Glanmire Road Races (June 15th)

(Upper) Glanmire road race, 2 hours from Mondello, is on Saturday June 15th, for Classics. 'The track itself is a 3 cornered, 3 mile course and has received the positive endorsement of both officials and riders alike, making for one of the best tracks on the Motorcycle Road Race calendar' [cmrvclub].



Allan Brew

Classic (Car &) Bike Live (June 16th)

Mondello Park is also on Saturday 15th, between 5.00pm and 6.00pm for Classics. Free (excuse the joke) practice, open. It incorporates both the Motorcycling Ireland/CBRI and ICRA championships; 2 garages available again this year as well as a dedicated area for overnight parking. Classic Bike Live now in its 3rd year

continues into Sunday 16th with 1 practice session and 3 races.

Sunday 16th: Practice 11:00. Race 1, 12:30; Race 2, 15:00; Race 3, 16:50.

Entry fee €150, club members get a further reduction if doing all 3 rounds. Entries available at www.cbr.ie



We need sponsorship for this event; all contributions are welcomed and appreciated. Please do what you can to help and also ask others to be involved. This is important.

Irish Festival of Speed (August 3rd/4th)

The 'Limerick Raceway at Greenmount' near Adare will host The 2013 Irish Festival of Speed over the August Bank Holiday weekend. There's a strong possibility Classic bikers will be invited; talks are ongoing with Dunboyne Motor Club regarding

laps/paddock availability etc and our presence should be confirmed in the coming weeks once the timetable is finalised.

www.irishfestivalofspeed.com



VJMC Classic Bike Show

The VJMC 2013 at the National Show Centre in Swords on May 5th went well with plenty of bikes on display and good interest from the public. The organisers were very happy; we look forward to renewing acquaintances with the VJMC at Classic Bike Live.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and in particular to those who went directly from Tandragee.



Sean Leonard