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NEWSLETTER

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Hello Members and Friends.

We are starting another year with some snippets, I hope this will be some light reading for you.

The racing calendar ended with our great Luncheon which is always a day to remember meeting up with long time friends and making new ones, numbers were good and well over 400 attended.

DIARY NOTE. LUNCHEON 2018 - WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7th.

The AGM prior to the Luncheon is becoming popular and definitely increasing in the number of members taking a deeper interest in the running of the TTRA and thinking of the future. As we emphasise, the TTRA must carry on for another 65 yrs at least.

Our new President was introduced to the members, the vote was unanimous and well received Richard (Milky) Quayle received many Congratulations. It is a delight to encourage younger members who have such enthusiasm to raise the awareness of the TTRA and more so the Friends of the TTRA.

Richard made his inaugurate entrance in to the Luncheon with somewhat different style. A pudding basin helmet and quite a novel bike a DI-BLASI 50cc. This caused many giggles. Not a sniff of Castrol R. (sorry folks but it is the Presidents own choice of his bike to enter on.) Interesting pictures on the following, www.prestigephotography.com website. Reference code for the photos is ttra14453 and see the entrance and many many faces of members in attendance.

He was received by the outgoing President Alex George and the chain of office was handed over to the new President. We would like to thank Alex for his year in office and to say he enjoyed it would be an understatement.

Our new style of interviewing to stop over runs on time proved a success and our excellent compere was Charlie Williams Past President, TT winner and TT Radio presenter who of course is used to working to a time clock.

The proceedings followed with the usual excellent service and a 5 course dinner was enjoyed, thank you to all the restaurant staff who looked after everyone with attention to detail. The President carried out the Toast which is customary the Queen Lord of Mann and to TT riders past and present.

The next item was of course the Fundraising Auction. We again were honoured with the presence of Mr Malcolm Barber and Ben Walker from Bonhams of London. We are always very grateful for their personal continued support and their entertaining talent to make us all feel for our wallets.

The amount raised for the Benevolent fund was amazing and there is always something for everyone, items this year were from £50 up to £1100. Thank you to all who were so generous and also to those who were kind enough to give us all the items to be offered. Please look around your lofts and workshops and see what you might like to offer for the next Auction. All we ask if possible, is for you to let us know before the day so that it can be added on to the official auction list which is presented on every table, this gives people time to have a look before the auction commences.

Also we have the sales table which is a free for all but super bargains on there.

It is now May and of course TT looming, there were many of you showed your great concern about the media information indicating that the Heron and Brearly's new beer tent at the Grandstand was to be named the "38th milestone". I can tell you that is not the case and the name has now been registered by the TTRA at the Isle of Man Government Registry of Companies. I would like to thank all who assisted with the situation and to Heron and Brearly for selecting an alternative name.

The 38th have already erected the signs, The SiS drinks are in transit, Thank you to FCX for their kind co-operation with collection and delivery to the Grandstand. This is a very important item on the riders check list. They swear by it. Thank you to the team who support and give up their spare time to prepare for the event, ie, sorting the bags out over 200 of them for the riders. Cleaning and generally making everywhere look nice. And in particular distributing the necessary donation boxes. It is very much appreciated.

REGALIA NOTICE.

We have now transferred all the stock from the supplier in the UK to the IOM. Any outstanding orders will be attended to in due course. Items include. Both the TTRA and FoTTRA. Fleeces £25. Polo Shirts (with 3 buttons) £15. pure wool "V" neck long sleeve Jumpers £20. Caps with logo on £12. Metal Lapel badges £5. Windscreen labels £1. Navy and Grey with appropriate logo. TTRA ties come in Maroon and Dark Blue £12. Fotra Ties in Blue only £12. Bow Ties for the TTRA are still available £12.

All above are of very good quality.

DONATIONS.

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous with donations throughout the year in many forms. I always feel humbled when I get phone calls from families who at their darkest hours manage to think of the TTRA for donations in lieu of flowers. Each and everyone receive a thank you from us all. I am always pleased when I know the funeral is going to have someone representing us, it means a lot to families, thank you to all who have helped in that way.

Although I do not feel it appropriate to state names, one of our members left a legacy in his will and we have recently received a cheque for almost £26.000. I wish we could just say "thank you."

The generosity of members and families are overwhelming and thank you, everyone of you who have been so kind, how ever much, small or large, it is more than welcomed.

UNDER THE CHEQUERED FLAG

It is always with great sadness when I come to this section but it is at your request to continue to keep it going. To all who have left us R.I.P

Don Padgett (Uncle Don) December 2017 80yrs. Former Manx Grand Prix rider and well known motorcycle dealer in Douglas. Don rode consistently in the MGP 1964-1977. He was the uncle to top team owner, tuner and former GP rider Clive Padgett. Many attended the funeral coming from the UK. The closing music appropriate to those of you who knew him was "always look on the brightside of life" by Eric Idle, the congregation were swaying and humming to the tune. Emotion in general was. Sadness and laughter.

Gerald (Ged) Dormer 2016. Started racing 1953-1962. He had a side valve Ariel with sidecar. He also owned two BSA Gold Stars and raced a Manx Norton which belonged to his very good friend Don Chapman.

Brian Hussey competed in the MGP from 1968 to 1974 before moving up to the TT for 1975 and 1976.

Kris Hibberd competed in the Sidecar TT as a passenger from 2005 until 2013 mainly with Mike Cookson, but was in Conrad Harrison's chair in 2006.

Ernest Sanders. Passed away 2016 He was a very competent sidecar member Thank you to member Harry Eastwick for letting me know.

James (Jim) Scott – June 2017. He raced in the Isle of Man in the 70's at Jurby, S100, MGP and the TT. In 1977 He was Irish and Ulster Road Racing Champion.

Eric G. Willmott – April 2018 passed away on the eve of his 90th birthday. He competed in various motor racing events throughout the 50-60s on 2,3&4 wheels Including 5 runs at the TT with sidecar passenger Mike Duncan on a Triumph. Unfortunately broke down or crashed in the TT so never recorded a finish. Member of the Somerset Vintage Motorcycle Club.

Colin Parsonage 2018. passed away early this year. He rode in the MGP from 1957 to 1962 before returning for the TT in 1967 and 68. Colin returned to the MGP in 1974 on a Greeves machine.

Dave Dickinson Sep 2017 – During the 1968 to 1975 period Dave sidecar TT rider entered the 500 and 750 sidecar TT's on 500cc BMW Pushrod. 500cc BMW Rennesport and 750cc BMW Pushrod machines. In 1971 Dave did something unique in Sidecar history by competing and completed both races in each year with the sidecars on opposite sides (UK and Continental configurations). TT riders know the complexities of mastering the racing lines of the TT circuit with one configuration - yet Dave did with two. It is believed that he is the only sidecar rider in the 100 + years of TT history to have achieved this.

George (Sparrow) Costain Jan 2018 aged 90yrs His love of Motorcycles covered the Southern 100, MGP and also the TT in 1956, he was also a travelling marshal. Sept 1954 the Senior MGP was run in vile weather conditions, the start was delayed by half an hour due to poor visibility on the Mountain. Junior winner, Castletown's Derek Ennett was "quoted" as favourite and close behind Alistair King on a similar Sam Cooper Matchless. Challenging this opinion on Nortons would be John Hartle, Geoff Tanner, Jack Wood, Percy Tait, Dave Chadwick, *George Costain* and Derek Powell. Getting to the end of the race, It was definitely George's day, he was the winner, all the other names had the unfortunates thrown at them one way or another. That's motorcycling in the Isle of Man.

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Luigi Taveri passed away March 2018. aged 88yrs. A Past President of the TTRA. 3 times TT winner. A great supporter of the TT he made his IOM debut 1955 when he finished runner up to MV team mate Carlo Ubbiali in the 125 cc race on the Clypse Course. Luigi was one of the most decorated riders in the history of the FIM Circuit Racing World Championship and the only man to have scored points in six Grand Prix Classes. Luigi was always happy to have a friendly chat and comments from a very big admirer Tommy Robb recalls when he was 20 yrs old he made time to talk to him when he was just an admirer. Life took on a twist, some seven or eight years later this fantastic Swiss rider was going to be Tommy's team mate when they were both Works Honda Team. On the bike, Luigi was one of the most determined riders and he could win on any capacity machine from 50cc to 1000cc.but his forte was in the lightweight classes where he was an absolute master. I just love the photograph in the Classic Racer. Page 21. with Graham Rhodes. One of our members Ben Hines attended the funeral representing the TTRA, he also lives in Switzerland. Thank you and very much appreciated.

Dean Silvester. February 2018. Dean had a successful MGP career from 2000 to 2004 being victorious in the 2004 Junior MGP after finishing 3rd the previous year. He then competed in the TT until 2007. It is with sorrow that Dean passed away under tragic circumstances.

Eddie Sayle from the Sulby Glen Pub suddenly passed away this year, our sympathy and condolences go to Rosie and family.

Forthcoming Fundraiser. Malcolm and Julie Wheeler.

On a more cheerful note. Julie and Malcolm are planning a return of the TT Riders Association fundraising event at the Wheatsheaf, Louth, Lincolnshire on Sunday July 29th 2018. Admission is free, you get the chance to mix with racing legends, see the most exotic race bikes up close, win great prizes in the raffle and bid for amazing memorabilia in the auction. Gates open at 11am. For more information please contact mwheeler@mortons.co.uk

Presidents Fundraiser . Richard (Milky) Quayle

Richard has organised a TT Race Course Tour in conjunction with iomtt.com/travel 2018 TT races. Online booking www.iomtt.com and from ticket shop at Grandstand. Ticket price £40 per person.

Tuesday 29th May – 10am from Pit lane. Milky Quayle

Saturday 2nd June 7am from Sea Terminal Car park (near Costa) Milky Quayle

Monday 4th June 7am from Sea Terminal Car park (near Costa) Milky Quayle

If you have any non rider friends coming over this is a great opportunity to enjoy.

The Sulby Ladies Seat

For those of you who may remember the Ladies seat at the end of Sulby straight. This was an elaborate bench seat presented to the community of Sulby village from the TT Riders Association approx 1999. It had carved iron ends with the TTRA name encircled round it. Last November there was an accident where the seat was demolished all except the iron ends. We have managed to save it and it is resting in a warehouse being in safe keeping until the actual wall has been repaired. Thank you to new committee member David Madsen-Mygdal who has taken care of the situation.

Finally. May I take this opportunity of thanking you for your kind wishes, cards and telephone calls and emails regarding the serious head on car collision I was passenger in. Thanks to Seat Belts and Air Bags and mainly luck my friend and I escaped, injured yes, but it could have been far worse.

This was caused by a car coming on the wrong side of the road ¼ mile (they were from Spain), we were coming round a double "S" bend and hey presto there they were. Being in the country there was no other cars on the road to give them a warning of what they were doing wrong. Many thanks again.

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Hello Friends of the TTRA,

How nice to be thinking of a new year of racing and “get together” with like minded friends, putting the bad winter weather and ailments behind us.

Just a note for your diary...

The 6th Annual Luncheon for “The Friends” will be Thursday 23rd August 2018

arrival 12-30pm for 1pm. Guests will be made very welcome so have a look around and see who you can ask to join us. It is always a nice friendly occasion to start the Motorcycle Festival week-end.

The Venue is Mount Murray Golf Club, Santon. A glass of wine or fruit juice on arrival followed by a three course meal £26.50. Tickets must be purchased in advance by post or ring 402505. Frances Thorp at Mountain View, Glen Maye, IM5 3BJ or alternatively at the 38th Milestone, Grandstand, Douglas.

Hope to see you there.

New Fotra members joining the Association is very pleasing and there are many who are holding fundraising events, chat shows, birthday bashes with donations to Fotra instead of presents which is really generous.

Quite a good number of Fotra members attended the TTRA Luncheon at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham and really enjoy the event and are amongst the great bidders at the Auction, of course it is the highlight of anyone's calendar.

Remember we do a 4 star Hotel accommodation if required, make it a couple of days break. Best Western Plus. The Manor Hotel. Meriden. Good parking.

Booking reference TTRA for discounted price.

Sadly this year we have lost two very special members who have been a major part of the TTRA Friends.

Ian P.Cannell CBE passed away in June 2017. Ian was so well known in many ways. He attended every TT and MGP meeting, He drove the course cars for the MGP and TT and was one of the first TT commentators, he featured in one of the first broadcasts on Manx radio round the course commentary of the 1964 TT.

His well recognised voice was heard at the ceremony on Tynwald Day at St John's for 52 years. This is a very prestigious occasion of the year in the Isle of Man. Ian was the commentator and was deeply steeped in the history of the occasion which he transmitted over the air so eloquently, He tirelessly worked for the British Legion serving as the Islands Branch President and National Chairman. In 2004 he was awarded the CBE in recognition of this work. If you look across the road from the Grandstand the Royal British Legion retirement home was named after Ian Cannell for his tremendous and outstanding work. He will be sadly missed around the Grandstand and Paddock area but never forgotten.

Robin Smith sadly passed away in December 2017

This has been written with the approval of his devoted and loving wife Helen.

This is rather an unusual feature of the Newsletter but I felt it was warranted. Robin was so well known, recognised, respected and loved by us all for many different reasons. For the TTRA, Robin and Helen were staunch members of the Friends of the TTRA and were the leading collectors with the collection boxes and over the past years they have collected on our behalf in excess of £15,000. This put them in the lead for being selected to be presented with the Silver Rose Bowl at the Luncheon in October last year. This was an ironical event. Robin and Helen had never been to the Annual Luncheon and they, with some friends, decided it would be nice to come. Unbeknown to anyone it had been recommended at the Committee meeting the day before that Helen and Robin well deserved to be recognised for their outstanding effort to support the TTRA. The presentation was made by our new President Richard (Milky) Quayle together with the Town Cryer and Compere Charlie Williams. There was a tremendous applause.

Robin had never raced in the TT but he had been an avid motorsport fanatic. He was an experienced off roader on two wheels and a former Isle of Man 250cc Kart racing Champion, in addition they hardly ever missed a car rally, kart race, S100 or Jurby Airfield racing and of course the TT races.

Very tragically Robin was involved in a road accident nearly 20 years ago when a car driver turned in front of him opposite the Grandstand as he was going to meet some friends to go for a Sunday morning ride. He suffered an acquired brain injury and was not expected to survive. Helen would not allow him to be taken off the life support machine. He spent many years in various specialist hospitals in the UK and of course including Nobles Hospital IOM.

Robin was not a true Manxman he arrived when he was 6 months old and this was always a family joke.

For those who may not know, Helen was one of the Grand-daughters of Tom Sheard who was the 1st Manxman to win a TT.

On behalf of us all, Robin will never be forgotten for his bravery, kindness and smile.

Thumbs up Robin.

RIP

To Helen, thank you for being such a loving, devoted, brave and caring wife and giving Robin every minute of your life and support in the past 20 years.

Bless you from all who know you. x

Being a part of the TTRA and involved with our commitment to riders is such a worthwhile charity and you know that for whatever reason, there are many who do need our help sometimes along the way, especially in later years of their life.

The Friends are very much a big part of the Association and if you have any friends or family who are interested enough in our purpose they are always welcome to join.

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