

# THE TT RIDERS ASSOCIATION 72nd ANNUAL LUNCHEON APPLICATION FORM.

The National Motorcycle Museum & **Conference Centre Birmingham** Friday NOVEMBER 22nd 2024

# Ticket price £42 per head. DRESS CODE SMART CASUAL

Members are requested to wear their Association Tie

All must be seated by 12-20pm as the Luncheon proceedings will commence at 12:30 with the installation of our New President for 2024/2025

TABLES OF 10 FULL PAYMENT AND NAMES REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION.

Unfortunately NO REFUNDS can be given on cancellation these are treated as a donation to the Association Benevolent Fund

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TO ENSURE THAT YOU SIT WITH YOUR FRIENDS, APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 21 <sup>ST</sup> PLEASE OTHERWISE SEATING

Applications and cheque payment to the TTRA. No later than October 21st Dave Moffitt 50 Watterson Lane, Willaston, Douglas, Isle of Man IM2 6NA 07624 452449 email TTRA38@outlook.com

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# TT Riders



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## TTRA Newsletter No 91 September 2024

Hello and welcome to everyone. I hope you are all well and available for the Luncheon on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November! Please make yourself, your partner and team available for this event and let's make it another enjoyable function for everyone.

The day will begin with our Annual General Meeting at 10:45 followed by the Luncheon. Included in the ticket price is free admission to the National Motorcycle Museum which is a fantastic display of machinery and memorabilia.

During the afternoon we will install our 2024-2025 President Mr Rex Butcher who will receive the Chain of Office from Mr Steve Plater. As you are all aware the Chain was first presented to Freddie Frith in 1951 who was our first President and as you can see from the list of Past Presidents it is a long list of experienced TT Riders who are nominated, proposed and voted for by us, the members.

This will be followed by a delicious meal, plenty of banter, a tombola and the auction. Proceedings will be compered by Charlie Williams.

This is one our main fundraising event of the year and we are thankful for the kind donations of Auction Items which will be listed on your table on the day. Amongst the items are tickets to a MotoGP, Goodwood event tickets, BSB tickets, TT Hospitality Tickets and a signed minimoto from 2007 donated by Mr Paul Butler.

Your support for this event is much needed and appreciated.

### TT and MGP

This year's TT was fantastic in many ways, the racing was incredibly close with exciting battles throughout the field in each race with TTRA member Michael Dunlop adding to his tally of victories to reach a record total of 29 surpassing his Uncle Joey. An incredible achievement and one which I am sure we never imagined possible, Congratulations Michael from us all. All the podiums were filled with TTRA members with the exception of one rider, who we will be speaking to!! Loris Majcan was the best overall Newcomer receiving the Vernon Cooper Trophy.

Ryan and Callum Crowe were impressive in winning the Sidecar events. The first race winning from TTRA members Pete Founds/Jevan Walmsley and Alan Founds/Rhys Gibbons, and the second race from TTRA members Ben Birchall/Kevin Rousseau and Dave Molyneux/Jake Roberts lifting the Bill Boddice Trophy as well as the Jock Taylor Trophy for the fastest sidecar lap at over 120mph.

Rhys Gibbons was the Dave Wells Sidecar Passenger Newcomer award winner for third place with Alan Founds in race one. Best Newcomer Driver went to British and World F1 Champion, Todd Ellis.

Dave Molyneux announced his retirement from the TT ending his magnificent career with a podium finish, making a total of 31 podiums and 17 wins. Congratulations and Happy Retirement, Dave.

There was a total of 45 solo and 25 sidecar TTRA members competing in this years TT. Congratulations to each and everyone of you.

We had to endure some unseasonal weather on the Isle of Man during the fortnight which included some damage to teams awnings during the event.

The 38<sup>th</sup> Milestone was well attended throughout the fortnight, and it was wonderful to see so many competitors, team members and friends come in for refreshments and a chat. We had visitors from UK, Eire, Europe, South Africa, America, Australia and New Zealand. It was a pleasure for TTRA and FoTTRA committee members to meet you all and share memories.

There were 22 new member registrations, and we welcome you all to our exclusive and inclusive Association, we have all started in an Isle of Man TT Race and we are honoured to have Dave Madsen Mygdal who has finished in a record number of 130 TT Races from 150 starts, on our committee.

I have researched the number of TT starts the Committee have, it is a staggering 432! TT Winners Charlie(9) and Nick(1) also have 20 and 11

podium finishes, Chairman Neil Tuxworth accomplished 4 podiums in his 67 starts.

The TT Riders Association once again supplied drinks bottles, provided by The AB Project, and SIS electrolyte powder to competing riders.

We once again opened our doors for our members at the 38<sup>th</sup> Milestone for the Manx Grand Prix where the event was affected by uncharacteristic severely poor weather conditions. The qualifying was so badly affected that riders struggled to qualify machinery and all the races except the Senior MGP, which was a two lap race, were one lap races due to the inclement weather throughout the week and mist on the mountain bringing the event to a close on the Bank Holiday Monday. It was a very trying time and well done to the event organisers, officials, riders and teams for putting on a fantastic meeting.

We are grateful to the TT Riders Association and FoTTRA committee members who manned The 38<sup>th</sup> Milestone everyday throughout this year's TT and MGP and appreciate all their efforts in attending both events. Many tales were told, refreshments made and friendships rekindled ensuring it was 'The Place To Meet'!

This year we have welcomed sixteen present TT riders and six past riders who were introduced to the Association by their friends. If you are chatting to riders, past and present, mention the TTRA and the work we do fundraising and supporting Injured Riders and their families and older members who may be in a distressing situation. The Committee will look into each request for assistance on merit, in a discreet and compassionate manner.

We do have the following memorabilia available from stock, If there are enough orders I will bring them to the Luncheon for you with no P&P charges

Fleece £25.00 ( plus £8.00 P&P)

Polo Shirt £15.00 ( plus £6.00 P&P)

V Neck pure wool Jumper £18.50 ( Plus £6.00 P&P) The above available in Small, Medium, Large & X Large in Blue and Grey subject to availability.

Postage costs are more expensive from the Island, collection is free!!

Cap (one size fits all) £12.00 (plus £6.00 P&P)

Tie £12.00 (Plus £3.00 P&P) These are a new design with the emblem and TT Riders Association on them.

Metal Lapel Badge £5.00 (Plus £1.50 P&P)

Stickers £1.00 (Plus £1.00 P&P)

Car Mats £20.00 ( Plus 16.00 P&P) The car mats consist of a set of 4 with either the TTRA logo or The Triskelion ( 3 Legs emblem)

# **Under The Chequered Flag**

Jack Bullock passed 'under the chequered flag' on July 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 aged 89. 'Mad Jack' lived in Lancashire, he began work on the farms, known for his singing he then worked a wagon driver and successfully ran his own tarmac company. He raced in the MGP 1956-58 with a best finish of 17<sup>th</sup> in the 56 Junior. He competed in the TT from 58-62 and achieved a notable finish of 17<sup>th</sup> in the Lightweight 125TT in 1962. He leaves his Wife of 59 years, Shirley and their three children and twelve Grandchildren. We send our since condolences to Jack's family and friends.

Fred and Lesley (nee Broadley) Lewin competed in the 1970, 71 and 72 TT's before being wed and continued to competed in 73, 74 and 1976 was their last appearance. They achieved a best finish of 12 place in the 1971 750 Sidecar race. We were notified in August that Lesley had recently passed away and Fred some time previous. Our thoughts are with their family and many racing friends.

Dick Pipes sadly passed away in September 2023. Dick competed in the TT from 1968-76 and 1980, 81, 83 and 85. He competed in twenty TT races riding a variety of machinery in all classes from 125 Lightweight, Junior, Senior and Production 750. Dick achieved a best finish of 17<sup>th</sup> place in the 1971 Junior on a Yamaha. Our thoughts go to his Wife Elin and Judith their daughter who came to The 38<sup>th</sup> Milestone and shared stories and photos of Dick during his racing days.

Peter Elmore rode in the MGP from 1961-1971 achieving a podium finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 1971. Pete then competed in in the TT from 1972-74 with a highest placing of 17<sup>th</sup> in the 1972 Senior. Pete passed away in November 2023 and we pass on our condolences to his family and friends.

John 'Matty' Mines passed away on 31/12/2023 aged 87 years. Matty competed as a driver in the 1966-71 Sidecar TT's and had eight races with just one dnf, riding G50 and Triumph engine outfits he built himself.

His best finish of 9<sup>th</sup> was achieved with passenger G Davis in the 1971 500 TT. Sincere Condolences to Matty's Wife Ann, Daughters Sue, Lesley and Emma.

American Pat Hennen competed in TT 1977 and achieved a commendable 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the first non world championship points scoring event. The following year he lapped the course for the first time in under 20 minutes in the Thursday afternoon practice. During the 78 Senior he set a lap record at 113.83 on the works Suzuki before a crash at Bishopscourt ended his racing career. Pat died on 7/2/24 aged 70.

Barry Symmonds was Team manager at Honda Racing and integral to the careers of Joey and Robert Dunlop, Ron Haslam, Wayne Gardner, Roger Marshall and Norton Team riders Trevor Nation and Steve Spray. He also created the opportunity for Steve Hislop to win the epic 1992 Senior on Nortons 'White Charger' which current President Steve Plater rode into the 2023 Luncheon. Barry was a huge character in road racing, he passed away in March 2024 aged 79. Thoughts are with his family and friends.

Bill Simpson left us in April aged 81. He first rode the mountain course in the MGP 67, 73 and 74 and progressed to the TT in 75 racing each year until his retirement form racing in 1986 to concentrate on young Son, lan's career. Bill won the 76 Production TT with Chas Mortimer also finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 85 Production race, he had 11 top 15 placings in his 20 TT finishes. We send our Condolences to Ian and his family.

Rod Gould died aged 81 in April. He raced from 1967-72 competing in 13 TT races, finishing in 4 with two second places in the Lightweight in 1970 and 72. He retired from racing in 1972 and took up a job with Yamaha Europe Racing as team manager. He setup a dealership in Birmingham with Mike Hailwood in 1979 and then went onto work for Lord Hesketh in 1984.

Artie Oates passed away on 14/5/2024 age 80 years at home here on the Isle of Man. Alongside his brother Edda, they were colourful characters in the paddock and raced here on the Island with great success at Jurby Airfield and Road courses plus the TT where he started in 44 races from 1972 to 1995 with the exception of 1992. He achieved a podium finish in

3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 1991 having raced with Edda from 1972-1990 he then had several different passengers until retirement. Our thoughts are with Artie's family and friends.

Karsten Schmidt sadly passed away in May this year. He first competed in the TT in 2003 coming back each year until 2010 when he suffered life changing injuries in an accident at Barregarrow. After this incident Karsten was confined to a residential home in Germany. Always smiling and joking, he will be fondly remembered by those in and around the paddock. We send our condolences to his Wife Simone, family and friends.

## **Fundraising Events**

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in the various fundraisers throughout the year, the time, ingenuity and dedication are very much appreciated. There have been several events held and two in particular, one in Kent and one in Preston were very popular and successful. Members of the Committee arranged a collection day during the Southern100 week in Douglas which was very well received by everyone and Dave Madsen Mygdal's 500 Honda received plenty of attention. If you wish to organise an event in your local area please contact me. We are pleased to announce that we have an agreement with the owners of the Creg ny Baa Grandstand and canteen, which also has a large carpark and access up to Kates Cottage, to allow the TTRA a pitch for fundraising activities during TT and MGP events. I am grateful to Dean and Scott for this opportunity. We will work with FoTTRA to ensure this is a success.

I would like to say a big thank you to the many legacies and donations in lieu of flowers that have been received throughout the year and during the sad times families remember the TTRA helping us to continue to try to do to assist those who need our support. I do acknowledge their support and send thankyou letters for each donation.

#### **Database and Email Newsletter**

Thank you for your response to my question regarding updating your Database information and whether you wish to receive email Newsletters in the future. I spent almost a month updating addresses, phone numbers and email addresses which I appreciate as it helps to keep the database up to date. There was a considerable take up of members wishing to opt in to receive email notification which this will be the first E-Newsletter you receive.

Finally, I hope to see as many of our members as possible at this year's Luncheon. Can I ask all those attending, to ensure the day is as enjoyable as possible, runs smoothly and on time, please note the following itinerary.

The National Motorcycle Museum opens at 08:30, you receive free entry with your Luncheon Ticket. We will commence the day in the National Conference Centre, adjoining the Museum, with the AGM at 10:45 followed by drinks in the bar, please use this time to preorder drinks for you to enjoy at your table, there is no waiter service and it is a CASHLESS bar (card only). At 12:20 we shall move to our respective tables, (the seating plan will be on display in the entrance to the bar) in preparation of the new President, Rex Butcher, entering the room at 12:30, Charlie Williams will compere proceedings. Rex will then receive the Chain of Office from outgoing President, Steve Plater. Luncheon will be served at 13:00, this is a fixed menu, if you or any of your Guests have special dietary requirements please include this information on your application form, you will receive a green ticket to produce when sat at your table. After the meal we will have special presentations followed by the Tombola, small envelopes will be on the tables for you to write your name on and place your entry in to be in with a chance of winning the prize. The main auction will be carried out by auctioneers (tbc), lists of auction items will be on each table for you to decide what to bid on! We do ask if you are not interested in bidding then please retire to the bar area so that the auction can take place. The auction is our main fundraising event of the year and it is important that we respect the auctioneer and bidders as some large bids are often placed and we appreciate your assistance in making this event a success and on behalf of the Committee, we look forward to catching up and seeing many of you on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Yours in Sport** 

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Dave and your Committee