

# TTMA NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2015

## Signing on for TT 2015

Online signing on will be opening very shortly, and if you intend to use that method please do so as quickly as possible to avoid receiving a conventional signing on form which we plan to send out on 1st April. We would ask that all forms be returned to us to reach us by the date on the reverse of the form.

A couple of points to watch out for. It was noted that last year a couple of people signed on for every session throughout the fortnight, but in fact only turned out on three to four occasions. It is more helpful to us if you sign on for only those sessions you know you can do, and if you find you can do more it is a bonus. It is easier to manage manning levels knowing that you are committed to marshalling on the sessions you can indicated you can do, rather than wondering whether or not you will turn up and potentially cause a shortage by your absence.

Finally a note to all of our new marshals in 2015. Before you can go out on to the course, you will need to come to our office at the rear of the Grandstand to pick up your warrant card, hi-viz and marshal's pack. Alternatively, in the week preceding practice week we are out and about the Island handing the cards and packs out. These sessions are between 6.30 p.m. and 8.30p.m. and details of the venues are as follows:

Monday, 25th May 2015	Masonic Hall, Ramsey
Tuesday, 26th May 2015	Tynwald Inn, St Johns
Wednesday, 27th May 2015	George Hotel, Castletown
Wednesday, 27th May 2015	Queens Hotel, Laxey
Thursday, 28th May 2015	Sulby Glen Hotel, Sulby
Friday, 29th May 2015	TTMA Office, Douglas

## Chairman's Report

Well folks at the time of writing this we are just under 90 days to the start of TT 2015.

As you can imagine that means we get busier and busier as it draws closer, IMCs are I full swing both on and off Island. We have had a couple of Social nights, and soon it will be time to do some shows/meetings across on the recruitment drive for marshals.

We are aiming to be at Scarborough for the Spring Cup and at the Stafford Classic Bike show - all on the lead up to the TT.

Will also getting in touch with lots of companies to get some nice prizes, for you our great marshals to win in our free draw held over the TT Fortnight.

The line-up for the races looks fantastic this year, let's have some great weather and we will see some great racing, and of course don't forget your Marshals Supper, which as usual will be held at the Villa Marina on the Mad Sunday evening, more details on this nearer to the event.

The online signing will be up and running by the time you are reading this, please do your best to sign up this way, it makes it a lot easier for us for planning and rotas, and also by you doing this way means we don't have to post you out a form which saves us money.

Thank you all for your support and dedication

Take care  
Terry.

## Training Report

Our next destination is Bedford in mid-March, then in April we will be driving down to Redhill for the one day and then onto Rugby (ACU HQ) the next day.

We trained some great existing marshals and some really great new ones too last year I know that some were called upon to use all their training during TT and The Festival of Motorsport in 2014.

We were hoping that this year we would have full courses but already Bedford is causing us concern we need to have full courses to make it worth our while financially.

If we cannot fill these days we will cancel or cut them down to the one day. This is something we do not want to do but we will if necessary.

The maximum is normally 25 per course but we have had issues with people not turning up. It costs the TTMA a significant amount of money to travel around the country; we are also giving up our time to go to all the different locations. Please make an extra effort to check when your training needs to be updated and when attending. Be there early and on the right weekend. If you have any queries about the time, date or location of your course, please contact the office in advance.

The dates for the courses are available on the web site [www.iomttma.com](http://www.iomttma.com). You will soon see even more news and some photos too! We are due to launch our new and improved website soon. The dates are listed below for your information.

21 March Bedford  
22 March Bedford  
11 April Redhill  
12 April Rugby  
16 May Douglas  
17 May Douglas  
4 June Douglas Preference to Visiting Marshals  
5 June Douglas Preference to Visiting Marshals  
12 July Douglas  
27 August Douglas Preference to Visiting Marshals  
28 August Douglas Preference to Visiting Marshals  
11 October Douglas  
24 October Liverpool  
25 October Liverpool  
15 November Douglas

During TT practice week the usual Thursday and Friday courses will be run in Douglas. These as you can see are for the visiting marshals and are filling up already, therefore please check with the office for spaces. It is on a first come first served basis so don't leave it too long.

In July we have IMC training on the 12th and then the Festival of Motor cycling (MGP) comes along and again we have the practice week training on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of August. This is on the Thursday and Friday of practice week as usual.

Now that's a lot of training weekends for you to choose from. Take a look now to see when you are due to renew your IMC training and see which time of year and which venue is the closest to you, especially if you live in the UK.

We look forward to seeing all our marshals at these training days and time and time again they have proved valuable in dealing with incidents on and off the course. More and more marshals are telling us that it's our training that has helped them deal with situations they find themselves in all year round and having the training has made a difference.

This is very pleasing for us and we would always like to hear from you with any stories you may have. You can always send them in and we can include them in the newsletter which is sent to all our marshals.

Let's hope 2015 is warmer, drier and more action packed than 2014. We look forward to seeing, training and working with you all. Take care of yourselves and each other until we see you again.

Brett Hammonds  
Training Director

## Sector 4

Hi Guys, behind the scenes work is well underway for this year's TT, I will be meeting the Clerk of the Course as this Newsletter goes to press. The purpose of this meeting will be to carry out the risk assessment for the Sector, and to check marshalling locations, scaffold locations etc.

I know some of you will have been on one of the IMC courses that have been run in the "off season" and I hope you all enjoyed the training. I have just completed a 4 day Motorsport Medical Technician course, along with members of the Hogg Rescue Team & TM 1 & 2 (Tony Duncan & Jim Hunter). It was a very intensive course and culminated in a written exam & practical assessment, and I am happy to say we ALL passed the course. It is good to know that we have such experience backing us up at the sharp end.

If you are going to go to one of the remaining social nights (4/3/15 @ The Hydro in Douglas, or 25/3/15 @ The Tynwald Inn, St Johns) please contact Muriel at the Office, as numbers are required.

Colin



The attendees at the Motorsport Medical Technician course

## Sector 10

Hope you are all recovered from the season's excesses. A new year has dawned and already the work for this year's TT is progressing, won't be long coming round now.

Still looking for a DSM for the Verandah, you need to be an experienced marshal with good people skills, hold a current IMC and have access to a computer (to be able to access rotas and fill out attendance records when you get home). You do not need to have marshalled on sector 10 before.

Looking forward to seeing you in June, old friends and new. Until then stay safe and happy

All the best

## CAMRA Beer Festival is coming back soon



The Campaign For Real Ale's (CAMRA) Isle of Man branch is holding its **4<sup>th</sup> Real Ale and Cider Festival between 9 – 11 April** Marshalling help needed

. It promises to be the biggest ever as it is moving to the Villa Marina.

Over 1,900 came through the doors of the Freemason's Hall in 2014, with more than 200 visitors from across. The Festival was officially opened by The Bishop of the Isle of Man, Rt Reverend Robert Paterson, who pulled the first pint of Airmed Ale brewed specially by Bushys to honour the Festival's good cause – The Rob Vine Fund, who provide medical equipment for the Rescue 3182080 Helicopters. In the region of £700 was raised in total during the Festival period.



*Bishop Robert and the team from the Rob Vine Fund*

Despite increasing capacity by having a marquee on the side of the hall, people were still queuing for the evening sessions last year. So it has been decided to move to the Villa Marina which has a capacity about three times that of the previous venue! The Festival will feature upwards of 150 beers, ciders and perries. The organisers plan to have over 125 casks of ale from the 4 Island breweries and from all parts of Britain – last year this was just under 100. The winner of last year's Beer of the Festival, Little King Louis IPA brewed by Hooded Ram in Douglas, will be amongst those available. Food will be available and there will be live music on stage in the Royal Hall. And as a first traditional pub games will be on offer to test one's skill (or luck).

This year's good cause is the Joey Dunlop Foundation, and it hoped that a rider or two will be there on launch evening (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>). Several travel agents are providing travel and accommodation packages for those coming from across.

More details on the Festival [www.iombeerfestival.com](http://www.iombeerfestival.com) or for ticket information and purchase in advance go to [www.villagaiety.com](http://www.villagaiety.com)

See you there  
Alan Cooper (Sector 1, Bray Hill)

### **Interested in vintage and classic sports cars?**

The Manx Classic three-day sprint and hill climb event is held at three different venues around the island - all on the TT course.

Can you help marshal at the event this April?

This year we're delighted to have a great selection of cars lined up from every era, from 1911 Edwardian racers, to Morgan three-wheelers and classic Minis through to modern Mitsubishi's!

We've got a great team of friendly marshals and officials, and we're always keen to welcome more. Could you help us this year? Training & support - plus a good lunch bag each day - await all volunteers!

Thursday 23 April: Governor's Sprint, from TT Grandstand, Douglas  
Roads closed 12 noon to 3pm and 6pm to 9.30pm

Friday 24 April: Creg Willey's Hillclimb, Glen Helen  
Roads closed 9am to 5pm

Saturday 25 April: Lhergy Frissell Hillclimb, Ramsey  
Roads closed 9am to 6pm

If you can help, or if you have any questions, please contact our Chief Marshal, Paul Dewar, at: [mmrc@manx.net](mailto:mmrc@manx.net) or phone: 01624 670150/07624 420955

More info, pics and videos of previous events: [manxmotorracing.com](http://manxmotorracing.com)

### **CAMPING AT THE TT OR MGP 2105**

Ballamoar Camp Site at Ballaugh, over on the West Coast of the Island, have kindly offered marshals a discount of 10% on camping charges. Their website is [www.ballamoarcampsite.im](http://www.ballamoarcampsite.im) or call them on 01624 898323.

### **Articles and Photographs needed**

To enable us to issue a more interesting and varied newsletter, please feel free to email articles and photographs to us. [newsletter@iomttma.com](mailto:newsletter@iomttma.com) or [info@iomttma.com](mailto:info@iomttma.com)

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