

TTMA NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2014

STOP PRESS..... SAD/BAD NEWS

Since the last newsletter and owing to pressure of work, Amanda Wightman has sadly decided to hang up the editorial hat and has resigned from the Board of the TTMA, as has her husband, Andy. May we wish them the very best for the future and thank them both for the huge amount of hard work and effort they put into the TTMA whilst they were involved.

2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the TTMA took place on Friday, 26th September 2014.

As usual half of the board resigned by rotation, but Keith Trubshaw tendered his resignation after a lot of thought. Keith has been responsible for the implementation and ongoing updates and maintenance of our database for many years. We are all wholeheartedly grateful to Keith for the hard work he has devoted to us and look forward to working with him in the future, as he has promised to continue to look after our database.

The Directors for the year to September 2015 are

Terry Holmes
Alan Blaney
Brett Hammonds
Sam Hammonds
Frank Mitchell
Andy Pettifer
Colin Watterson

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello and welcome to the latest newsletter which I hope finds you all in good health and happy.

Work is well underway in the planning for the events of 2015, IMC and Show dates sorted as well as gearing up on our recruitment drive.

Talking about shows, it will soon be time for the Bike Show at the NEC at Birmingham, where we will be part of the IOMTT. Stand. The show runs from Nov 22nd to Nov 30th, if you attending make sure you call in and see us in Hall 2.

Owing to pressures of work Gordy Moore, Amanda and Andy Wightman have stood down from the board, I would like to thank them for all their support and dedication they have given to us, and I am glad to say that they will still be around at event times as a member of Team Orange.

Right folks, time to get on and do a bit more, take care and will catch ya soon.

TRAINING REPORT

2014 has been a great year for our training team both on and off the island and now with the Festival of Motorcycling over we hope you can have a bit of a rest before the next event you are involved in takes place. We do need you to look at when your IMC course needs to be renewed and make sure that you book nice and early.

Our 2015 dates are now posted on the web site www.iomttma.com and are also below.

21.02.15	Gloucester
22.02.15	Gloucester
21.03.15	Bedford
22.03.,15	Bedford
11.04.15	Redhill
12.04.15	Rugby
16.05.15	Douglas
17.05.15	Douglas
04.06.15	Douglas – TT Practice
05.06.15	Douglas – TT Practice
12.07.15	Douglas
27.08.15	Douglas – MGP Practice
28.08.15	Douglas - MGP Practice
11.10.15	Douglas
24.10.15	Liverpool
25.10.15	Liverpool
15.11.15	Douglas

The courses normally commence at 08:45 for registration and finish at approx. 5pm. There are 24 places (Maximum) available on each course. Once this is filled names will go on a waiting list and other courses will be arranged to suit numbers, anyone wishing to attend please contact the office. Therefore take a look now to see when you are due to renew your IMC training and then see which time of year and venue is the closest to you.

We are looking forward to seeing all marshals that attend these training days and time and time again they have proved so valuable with dealing with incidents on and off the course. We have more and more marshals who tell us that it's our training that has helped them deal with situations they may find themselves in, all year round and having the knowledge has made a big difference. This is very pleasing for us and we would always like to hear from you with any stories you may have. Please contact the editor newsletter@iomttma.com who can arrange for articles to be included in our newsletters.

Once you are booked to do the training course I would ask you to make a real effort to attend these courses. We have people who could fill these places should you not be able to attend, so check and make a diary note, put it in your phone, mark it on the calendar, just do something to remind yourselves. Muriel from the office emails everyone a couple of weeks before hand to also remind you.

Until we see you sometime soon, take care of yourselves and each other.

Brett Hammonds
Training Director

SECTOR ONE

Hi folks, well talk about being put on the spot. I said to someone I know its cold out, the reply was have you looked at the calendar lately its October! If anyone on sector one has any photos or storeys please email them to me at alanb@manx.net . I'll look forward to hearing from you. Let's see if you can answer these questions.

- 1 LOAN OF MONEY
- 2 CERTAIN COLOUR MALE
- 3 OLDEN DAY UNDERGARMENT
- 4 SOMETHING TO " "ABOUT
THIS ONE WILL CATCH YOU OUT
- 5 T 7 W O T W

Just for fun enjoy.

Only a short one this time

ANSWERS

- 1 GRANT
- 2 REDMAN
- 3 BODDICE
- 4 CROW
- 5 THE 7 WONDERS OF THE WORLD

Till the next time be good

Alan

SECTOR TEN

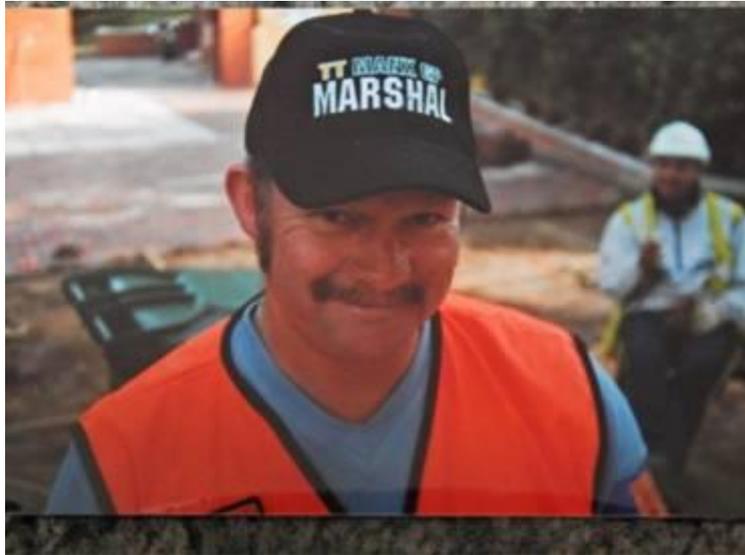
May I just say a big thank you to everyone who turned out to marshal this year's Manx GP, in what can only be described as very cold and windy conditions! Very much appreciated. I'm sorry I didn't get to see many of you personally this year being unable to move around while acting as DSM at the Verandah (on that note would anyone like to volunteer for this post for next year?) I hope all of you who came from off Island had a safe trip home and that everyone wherever you live are fully recovered and in good health

All the best

Mike Brown

GUESS THE MARSHAL – STRICTLY FOR THOSE ON SECTOR ONE

Clue for those on S1: He is one of you but looks considerably different nowadays and certainly looks younger! Or do I need new specs??



THE HUT PROUD MARSHAL

This is a picture sent in by Dennis Mawson of Graham Clarke, the flagman at the Creg at the door of his spotless little hut. Graham is very proud of his Mountain abode, keeps it spotless and this year even cut down the grass in the surrounding plot to improve his vision up the road



Well done, Meryl. Your training methods obviously work!!

TREE PLANTING FOR CONOR TURNER

A memorial tree planting was recently held at Appledene as a tribute to Conor Turner.

Conor, who was just 17 when we lost him, was part of the Hedzup race team from Scotland, and he joined up as a member of Team Orange and completed all the novice tasks of collecting his 10 signatures and also did his IMC course all at the one event.

He was awarded the TTMA Steve Judkin shield for his efforts and dedication, an award richly deserved.

There was a great turn out for the dedication, which was led by Ian Pert the top man at Hedzup racing, and it is a fitting tribute to such a lovely lad, sadly missed by a lot of people.



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WORLD EXCLUSIVE

THE 2015 SPRING SUMMER COLLECTION FROM GIORGIO ARMANI

DIRECT FROM MILAN FASHION WEEK.

The official new off-duty hi-viz apparel for all marshals on Sector 8. For details of stockists please contact Steve, as the office has absolutely no idea. By the way Steve, how much was the bet for?



FROM MILAN TO WARRINGTON!

On Thursday 23rd October I was delighted as Deputy Mayor and TT marshal to welcome the Morecambe Missile to Warrington to sign Sue Cartwright's large watercolour painting of John McGuinness as he raced past the Creg Ny Baa.

The painting will be used to raise money for the Friends of TT Riders Association (FoTTRA) fund at an event that is to be staged at the Warrington Parr Hall on evening of Friday 5th December.

So if you can make the evening you will be more than welcome as John returns with Stars of the Padgett Racing Team to answer questions and much more.

Tickets for the event, organised by the hard working Geoff Kelly, can be purchased on-line from the Parr Hall web site. <http://www.pyramidparrhall.com/whats-on/event/stars-of-tt-padgett-racing-team/>

Geoff Settle
Sector 12 marshal



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