



WEST MIDLANDS REGION

Newsletter –March 2007

Road, Circuit & Track Competition

2007 looks like being one of the busiest for a long time for riders and officials in the West Midlands. Pete Mooney, our Regional Events Administrator, reports an event programme improved upon 2006, with less blank days in the calendar. Of particular note are:

- the National Youth Circuit Race Championships in June
- the National Junior RR and Masters RR championships in August.
- rounds of the national track series events,
- rounds of the National Junior RR series
- round of the Womens road team Series
- a 2-day event (which is good to see in the Regional calendar)
- many other Regional promotions across road, track and circuit events

On behalf of everyone on the Regional Committee, can I offer a big “well done” to all event promoters and their clubs – we hope your events are fully subscribed and run successfully for all concerned. Of course, if there is any club or person out there who would like to add to this very successful programme of events, do let Pete Mooney know and he’ll provide guidance to slot it into the calendar.

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We need your help ...

West Midlands Region RR Championships – Sunday 3rd June

In the absence of a volunteer club, the RR championships are being run under a Regional banner on Sunday 3rd June, using the Astley course near Stouport-on-Severn. Sarah Adams has boldly stepped forward to co-ordinate the race event itself, and is being supported by several of the Regional Committee. As part of an enhanced event support programme we shall also be looking to stage some Go-Ride type activities in the finish area so that there is more to attract and retain spectators.

As a Regional event, **we now need** volunteer marshals and officials from as many clubs as possible to ensure that the event can go ahead. Tasks required include - Assistant judges, lead car drivers, neutral service vehicles, general marshals, signing on, gear checker for juniors, catering, help with signage on the day, etc. If you or your club are able to provide some help, please contact Sarah Adams directly to register your support. (sarah@red-kite.co.uk)

NEG - Motorcycle marshals

These motorcycle marshals are proving invaluable in supporting the safe running of events throughout the country, but there are very few trained NEG riders in the West Midlands. Where such rides are brought into the Region from elsewhere, there is obviously an increased cost to this extra travel. The Region wishes to address this lack of local riders and will be funding the training of motorcycle marshals to develop a National Escort Group (NEG) presence in the West Midlands Region.

Garry Hooper from Coventry RC has already 5 potential candidates to be put through the necessary training, but it may be the case that there are more willing volunteers out there. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this role, do please get in touch with Garry to register that interest and to find out more about the training that will be provided. (garryhooper@btinternet.com)

I hope we shall hear from many of you in the near future, and in the meantime, all best wishes.

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