

Mallory Race Report Round 1 & 2

Mallory Park Round 1 & 2 Race Report highlights

After a long winter it was great to be back and at Mallory Park for our first fixture. The grids were healthy and provided some close racing throughout the weekend in all events. It was good to see some old faces back to BHR including Ewan Cameron, Mike Farrall, Rob Stafford and sidecar team Phil Biggadyke and passenger Hayley Capewell after their break to compete in the 2014 Isle Of Man T.T. Races on their F2 outfit.

Unfortunately competitors only had one race on Sunday due to a serious incident. We would like to wish John a speedy recovery and thoughts and best wishes go to himself and his family from us all.

Event 1 Tuers Garage Championship/Event 14: D & M Engineering Championship

It was fantastic to see ten pre-1948 solo machines form up to the grid; alongside event 14, the pre-1984 Japanese Air-Cooled solo motorcycles up to 500cc. The race certainly wasn't the same without Mervyn Stratford on his extremely quick Rudge, but Mike Farrall was on a charge and even though the pre-48 class was gridded behind the newer Japanese class, he soon was picking them off winning all his event races and only being a second off the fastest lap by Peter Carroll on his Honda CB450. Extremely impressive! Clive took two out of three wins in the Japanese class, Clive Wadley taking the third on his Honda CB500. Both competitors were very close throughout the weekend.



Adam Trzepadlek(Lee Hollick Photography)

Event 12: Lacey Ducati Championship/Event 11 Rex Caunt Racing Championship

The Bantam class formed up on the grid behind the Ducati's making it one of the largest fields of the weekend. Andy Hunt, the 2014 Championship winner was challenged all weekend by various riders in the two races he won. Michael Fox taking the third win of the weekend by just under two seconds from Andy on his 249 Ducati steelcraft machine. This event provided great racing all weekend with no predictability of results.



Mike Powell (Lee Hollick Photography)

Mike Powell, as always showed great form winning two races and taking a fourth position in the last race of the weekend with fastest lap. Mike was second in the 2014 Championship from Michael Brown, Michael finishing in a very respectable fifth and sixth position in what was a competitive race.

**Event 17 Penguin Speed Shops Championship/ Event 15 Pre 1958 Sidecar Outfits Championship
(Morgan Three Wheeler Challenge)**

These events always draw the crowd in and they weren't to be disappointed. With battles all through the field and each event mixing with one another. The super fast Morgan's of Bill Tuer and Greg Bibby had their work cut out all weekend with Classic invite Drew Thompson and passenger Danny Quirk. Due to eligibility Bill took all three wins of the weekend. Bill also won all three races and one of the Morgan challenge events as passenger to Hamish Bibby.



Ewan Cameron & Simon Clover/ Stephen Mann & Phil Wade(Lee Hollick Photography)

Adam Pope/John Christopher and Tony Banister/Robin Blowers were neck and neck from Devil's Elbow; both riding the socks off their Triumph Thunderbird 650's, and it was touch and go who would get second and third place with Julian Bishop/Rebecca Howes taking all three wins on the Vincent Rapide 1297cc machine.

Event 10: Woodland Oil Championship/ Event 9 Old Bike Mart Championship

Gary Porter had a clean sweep over the weekend on his BSA Rob North Rocket 3 750cc machine in event 10.



Mike Ley (Lee Hollick Photography)

Mike Ley very deservedly taking the Milnes 500 Trophy awarded on Saturday in event 9.

Event 19 BSSO Scooter Championship (Geared Scooter only)/Event 20: BSSO Automatic Scooter Championship

Two-stroke fanatics were treated to two separate races over the weekend for geared and auto's due to large entries which meant riders could race in both classes, which they had been unable to do in 2014 season. Group 6 competitor Mike Bonett (JB TUNING) and 2014 overall and group 6 champion Damon Tunnicliffe (SRP Racetech) having a tremendous battle in the last race of the weekend. Damon unluckily got caught behind a back marker coming down Devil's Elbow which gave Mikey a win with less than a second between them, sharing the fastest lap of the race with a 1.08.05. These boys never fail to disappoint with racing action.

The autos in a separate race welcomed back 2013 champion Joe Ravenscroft who gave Ryan Clipstone, the Group 10 2014 championship winner, no easy win in race two of the weekend. Both riders finished well ahead of the rest of the field.

Event 7: Bob Newby Racing Championship/ Event 6: Footman James Championship and separate race Event 5: Goodwin Championship/ Event 4: Palletforce Championship

Congratulations go to four riders of these events: Richard Molnar in Events 5 & 7 taking an accumulative five wins, fastest lap, and walking away with both the Norton trophy and Peter Arnold: Best Aggregate solo. Dave Matravers also taking one win and some very close second placings to Richard Molnar; and also being awarded with the Arthur Whitehouse: Best Performing AJS/Matchless trophy in the same appearances.



Richard Molnar/Dave Matravers/Mick Fox (Lee Hollick Photography)

The success continued for the Molnar family with Father and engineer of the machines Andy Molnar in Events 4 & 6, also taking home five wins and the Milnes 350 Trophy. As you can probably tell, this event saw many winners that day!

Event 16: Sidecar based three wheeler championship/Event 18: PB Mechanical Services championship

These outings didn't fail to disappoint with close racing. 2014 event 16 winner Phil Holt was missing from the weekend, however there was still some close racing between four outfits on the last race of Sunday. Phil Biggadyke/Hayley Capewell took two wins on Saturday from Adrian/Bob Dawson, but having problems Sunday and retiring early in the race. Dawson/Dawson #197, Lenny Pallister/Ian Marriner #44, Ryden/Dury #101 and Whitehouse/Weston#61 had a close battle to the very end in the closing race on Sunday, with only a single second separating first to third place over the line. The BEARS 2014 winners Phil Jones/Claire Duplock finished third in each of their races, with John Lorrigan and Adam Pope battling for the class win over the weekend. In addition, it was great to see new BEARS outfits in an event only in its second year with BHR.

Event 3: 250cc specials championship/Event 2: pre 1963 250cc championship

Ian Henshaw had a clean sweep taking home the Milnes 250 Trophy awarded on the day for Event 2.



Ian Henshaw ((Lee Hollick Photography)

Andy Hunt also took the honours each time in event 3 and produced the fastest lap of the weekend with a 1:06.61. Andy still showing his amazing talent on his 250cc machine.

Event 8: Three BEARS championship/ Event 13: Classic Racer Magazine championship

The SOLO BEARS event is also relatively new to BHR, and ever growing with a variety of machines from BMW K100 to Moto Guzzi's and Laverdas. Ben Kingham had clear wins over the rest of the field on his very nicely turned out BMW, Ben not having much luck with his Vincent in another event that weekend. Sunday saw an old face take the win; Ewan Cameron



Ewan Cameron (Lee Hollick Photography)

it was great to see him back out amongst them all and certainly there was no need to blow away any cob webs! Gary Porter was also showing good form in Saturday's races on his BSA Rob North Rocket 3 in Event 8.

Event 50: Bonham's Auctioneers over 50's solo championship

This event mixes all competitors over the age of (dare I say it) fifty!



Robin webster/Ewan Cameron/Nic Powell (Lee Hollick Photography)

These gentlemen show age is just a number with a fastest lap by Tim Woolley on his Rocket 3 at an impressive 1:03.69, tailed by David Lissaman on his NRE Seeley 900, and Mike Farrall on his well turned out Rudge Ulster 500 coming in a very respectable third, particularly considering engine capacity differentials!

Next Stop for BHR will be at Anglesey in Wales a fast circuit popular amongst riders. We hope to see you there. Please visit the website for all fixture final details and more . .

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