



MR Thumpercross Series 2005

Dear Riders,

Newsletter 1, February

Welcome to the 2005 MR Series; we have been running the Series since 1997 and we aim to make it as exciting as ever and give as many people as possible the chance to experience top flight 4stroke racing on some of the best tracks the country has to offer. We continue to try and promote the sport in the best way possible and we hope to improve the show this year in a number of areas. As you may know we spent a lot of time in the second half of last season discussing plans for '05 with riders, fans and officials, and floated the idea of running fewer meetings but making them **all 2 day events**. We have decided to commit to this idea and intend to run '05 events this way, to try to bring back more of the special occasion atmosphere we have always prided ourselves on, and put the extra effort into making these events as much **fun** as possible while still meeting the high standards we set ourselves.

With ever increasing pressure on finding good venues, containing costs and the explosion in availability of 4stroke bikes we felt it was time to change direction slightly now that you can ride your bike against similar machine pretty much every week if you choose. **Noise** is also a major concern with the new generation of bikes, but until the governing bodies demand that the manufacturers supply enduro type silencers to all UK imports that issue will not go away and tempted though we are to introduce a regulation like that it would clearly be unfair to everyone who has an otherwise fully legal bike. But this year Noise Meters will be everywhere so please make sure your current silencer is in good order **at all times**.

In '05 subject to there being sufficient interest we intend to run classes for **Open Experts, 250's** (mixed Expert & Junior depending on support) **Open Juniors, Twinshocks**, and "**Longstrokes**". This last class is aimed at bikes which are essentially pre '98, like the Rotax engined CCM's, ATK's etc, the KTM LC4, Husky and Husaberg 510/610 and anything else pre dating the YZF400. We hope that riders of this era such as Greg Hanson, Lee King, Simon Wyse, Derek Roberts etc will get involved on bikes that they rode in those years; certainly Greg & Derek had a glint in their eyes when we ran the idea past them.....

It has proved impossible with the number of meetings scheduled and late GP switches to avoid date clashes this year, and as ever we entirely understand if riders are committed to British Championships elsewhere then that must take priority, however it was felt that we should run events on the best dates possible as the vast majority who have always supported the Series would otherwise be let down. Please note that the Twinshock Series does include races at the "**Kings of the Castle**" run by the STSSC at Farleigh and therefore has one more event counting for that championship. Also, since there will be fewer meetings in '05, rather than have a traditional Presentation Dinner, we felt it better to pay out **more in race result money** and have a Trophy Presentation straight after the last race at the Final. Though the Dinner is always great fun, it would be a long wait between the last race and the normal November date.

Last year we registered sufficient Season Registered Riders to guarantee them all a ride if they entered, but this season because it is a much shorter programme we will be treating **everyone** as Day Registrations; however we will be asking everybody interested to fill out and **return the Registration Form** attached and we will be accepting entries from these people **before Closing Date**, in priority of finishing order in last years Series at Round 1, with any remaining slots going to riders from previous years then to newcomers. Subsequent Rounds will then have entries accepted in order of **current '05 standings until Closing Date**. As ever we try to support those who support us, but experience shows as well that there is always room for new faces, which is how the Series has progressed over the years. All MR events are run as **Closed to Club** and therefore we charge a nominal £10 Club Membership Fee on an annual basis, which helps cover the admin costs of the Series and is good value for an ACU Club Membership. We are happy to sign ACU Competition Licence Application Forms for all Club Members. Please get your completed Registration Forms back to us **by March 31st** so that we can get Regs out and start promoting the first event in good time; only those who return the Registration Form will be on the mailing list.



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The **Day Registration fee** has been pegged at £15 as last year, and any additional charges such as Transponders have also been held at '04 levels, it is important to say that even if you are new to the Series it is still worth sending a Registration Form and Entries in as we had spaces available in most events from summer onwards last year, many people then became regulars and scored good points in the second half of the year and thus have gone up the priority list for entries this season. **Everyone** riding at an event scores points and qualifies for prizemoney & championship places. This system allows us to look after the majority who have supported us through the previous season, and still fit in new riders as numbers naturally settle down during the year.

As everyone in the sport will be aware, **Marshalling** has been an increasing problem in recent times and no-one has yet come up with a perfect answer. After a lot of discussions last year our Series Chief Marshall, Charles Wheeler, worked out a strict rota and enforced this such that everyone does their fair share **without exception**. Efforts are made to call up those riders who live locally to each event so that the ones who travel furthest can get on their way home when they want. Late Entries will most likely have to provide a marshal; by running along these lines again hopefully you will know in advance which events you have to provide a marshal for at the start of the season, rather than the week before. This should mean that everyone does a half day during the season, and there should be no reason why we cannot have everyone signed on and in position ready for practice to start on time. But, as ever, if anyone has a better suggestion please let us know!

Definite dates & venues for the 2005 season are as listed below, with the possibility of one extra event still awaiting confirmation in between these dates.

R1	May 1 st	Matchams Park, Hampshire
R2	May 2 nd	Matchams Park, Hampshire
R3	August 28 th	Howton Court, Herefordshire
R4	August 29 th	Howton Court, Herefordshire
Additional Twinshock Round		
R5&6	July 2 nd & 3 rd	Farleigh Castle, Wiltshire

Twinshock riders please note Matchams will be modified to avoid unsuitable obstacles for your races.

The MR Website will be updated as soon as Regs and results become available, it worked well last year although we could do with some help in getting results and news up a lot faster. We also hope to extend the email newsgroup so if you do have an email address, please let us know it. Finally, if you would like to help out with time, labour or sponsorship in any way at all, please contact us as it takes a lot of effort to organise the Series and all kinds of assistance are much appreciated, great or small and these things add up to help us run better meetings.

Please get your registration forms back to us by March 31st and we will start allocating racing numbers from our '04 champions down, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Round 1. In the meantime may we wish a happy and successful New Year to all our friends in motocross and we look forward to a great 2005 Series.

Best wishes, The Co-ordinators.

PS We have been asked to find 10 top experts to go to France for an **International** meeting on April 2/3rd please contact us for details if you are interested.

PPS If you would be interested in a Club level **Supermoto** event in Southern England, please tick that box on the registration form, further information on that as things develop.....

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Registration Form

Rider Name _____

Address _____

County _____

Postcode _____

Phone _____

email _____

Mobile _____

Date of Birth _____

Riding Class: Open Expert , 250 Expert , Twinshock , Supermoto
Open Junior , 250 Junior , Longstroke , *Please tick your preference*

Please note AMCA riders need their ACU Grading Points to ride as Experts.

Bike Make: _____ Capacity: _____

Personal Sponsors: _____

Do you already have an **M.R. Race Bib**? Yes / No

For ACU Licence Application Forms phone **01788 566400** or email **licensing@acu.org.uk**

Previous experience, Personal Profile, and/or any other details of interest, helpful for Press Releases etc:

Annual Club Membership Fee **£10.00** (*ACU Affiliated Non-territorial Club 0585*)*

Total payment enclosed **£ _____** (*Cheques payable to: "MR Thumpercross Club" please.*)

*(See the Series Guidelines for details of the operation of the "MR Thumpercross Club")

Signature : _____

Date : _____



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Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

Since establishing the **MR Thumpercross Series** in 1997 as a new national championship for 4Stroke Motocross, the Series has grown every year, and we are pleased to confirm that we will be continuing to develop in 2005. In order to increase the exposure and focus on 4Stroke Motocross for Riders, Spectators and the Trade, we aim once again to further improve the organisation, presentation, interest and enjoyment of our Meetings.

The Series aims to be innovative and our unique **250cc fourstroke-only class** has been a major success over the last 4 years with increasingly close racing which has kept spectators spellbound, often rivalling the Open Experts for action, and creating a fascinating battle of youth versus experience. With the change to higher profile 2 day events this season there is the opportunity for much more focussed exposure, and with a mix of top Experts and 250's including some continental guests, Twinshock and the new Longstoke class attracting interest, we will have an exceptional lineup of 4 stroke riders at each meeting, with a range of talent from GP runners through to more mature competitors, on a huge variety of machinery.

We therefore anticipate that the level of interest in the Series will increase once again this season, so providing an even better opportunity for exposure in a very enthusiastic environment. We are in negotiations to renew the screening of '05 Rounds on **Satellite TV**, and we will also be working hard to expand coverage of our events outside the specialist **Offroad press**.

To help all this happen we would be most grateful for further sponsorship in any way possible with the following:-

Holeshot Prizes, £10 per leg for all classes, which has proved very popular over the last couple of seasons.

Programme/Series Guide inserts, A5 format, £100 full page, £60 half page, £30 quarter page, **to your artwork**. * 12,000 were handed out at meetings last year.

Banner Space, for £50 per Banner, we will put up and take down Banners provided by yourselves at all 2005 meetings, in as photogenic a place as possible.

Headline Sponsorship of a round on **Satellite TV**, contact us for details.

Hyperlinks to your site from www.thumpercross.com, contact us for details.

Sponsorship of an Award for best Twinshock / over 40 / Ladies / under 21 / pre 98 / Aircooled competitor. Or any other category of special interest you may like to suggest.

** We would also appreciate some Press Information from you to include in our existing Commentator Pack, to guarantee the coverage you would like at Meetings.*

Thank you for your interest, we are already looking forward with great anticipation to the new season, and we feel it will be a very exciting one with new focus, and new Riders switching to the Series to experience the enthusiastic yet competitive racing of MR Thumpercross for themselves. All in all there has never been a better time to be involved in 4Stroke Motocross !

Please contact us as soon as possible as we will need to have everything in place by April 15th in order to kick off the new season with Round 1 on May 1st. Payment is due with artwork please, to meet printing deadlines and ensure insertion for the full Series. Invoices raised by request.

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