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ENDURO COMPETITION SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER – MAY 2010

1. A bit earlier than planned but here's my latest words of wisdom!!! The RAF Champ's has had an excellent start this year and with the exception of the Sportsman class, I think it's all still up for grabs especially the Expert class. It's just a shame that the same can't be said for our exploits at National level events. Let's hope Rd 1 of the GBXC and Rd 2 of the BEC change things!

2. Along with the others that have contacted me I'm having an excellent season so far at Club and Centre level, let's hope it continues. For those that I haven't seen for a while, I hope you're having a good season and I hope to catch up with you at Rd 3 of the RAF Chap's or at the Festival of Motorsport.

FESTIVAL OF MOTORSPORT (FOM)

3. The RAFMSA will be holding another FOM this year at Dalton Barracks, Abingdon, OX13 6JB, on 25 May 10 with initial set up on 24 May 10. All Full and Associate members of the RAFMSA are encouraged to participate. Please check the RAFMSA website for more details and be advised that the Admin Order will be published on the RAFMSA forum on 5 May 10, however, I see our involvement being:

- a. Camp out 23 May 10, following the RAF MX at Lyneham.
- b. Set up a short cross-country Special Test loop on 24 May 10.
- c. Special Test training, practice and racing in the morning of 25 May 10.
- d. A Special Test and tyre changing competition on the afternoon of 25 May 10.

4. If you wish to participate, please contact me with your intentions and thoughts by 17:00 Hrs on 4 May 10 so that I can forward a letter of authority. If there's enough suitable interest I'll even donate some prizes to make the competition more interesting.



HYDRAULIC SCISSOR LIFTS

5. Several of you have asked me if I can get you a Bike Tek scissor lift from my contact in the trade. For those that haven't seen or heard of them: they're heavy duty hydraulic stands which lift your bike from 340 mm to 890 mm, have a max lift weight of 135 Kgs, are foot lever operated, have locking spring hooks, have a rubber top mat, are fully CE approved and have a locking safety bar. They retail for around £200 but I paid less than £90 for mine (depending on the interest I may even be able to subsidise your purchase).

6. As it's a lot easier for me to bulk purchase. If you want to place an order, please contact me with your requirements before 17:00 Hrs on 14 May 10.

RAF CORPORATE CLOTHING

7. Some of you will have seen that the design of our fleeces has changed. Should you be suffering from 'Fleece Envy' or simply require replacement items, please contact me with your size/requirements by 30th July 2010. The maximum cost to you will be £5 per polo shirt, £10 per fleece and £15 per jacket.

RAF RACE SHIRTS & RACE CLOTHING

8. As above, I am going to place another order for RAF race shirts. Should you require any please contact me with your size/requirements by 30th July 2010. The maximum cost to you will be £20 per shirt.

ENDURO TEAM TRAINING CAMP TO SPAIN

9. As mentioned in my December newsletter we are conducting another training camp to Spain this November. Participants have been selected and plans are well under way for the trip. I have however, had several enquiries asking if others could attend if they make their own way there, on annual leave, and under their own expense.

10. In short the answer is yes, and as we've hired a guide for 3 days trail riding, there's more than enough room. If you are interested please contact me and I'll let you know when and where we are going so that you can make your own arrangements.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

11. Please be advised that an extraordinary general meeting of the Off Road Motorcycling branch of the RAFMSA will take place at this year's Dirt Bike Show on 5th November. As I will be buying tickets at a discounted rate, please confirm your attendance and ticket requirements to me by 24th Sep 10. I will then send you a letter of Authority and directions to the conference facility that we've got booked (we've even got tea, coffee and bacon rolls booked).

12. Topics for discussion at the meeting are listed below and if you have any subjects or grievances you would like to discuss, please let me know by Friday 29th September.

- a. The 2010 RAF Off-road motorcycling championships.
- b. The 2011 RAF Off-road motorcycling championships.
- c. The 2011 British Enduro Championships and National Events.
- d. The 2011 International Six Day Enduro.
- e. Preparations for the RAFMSA Annual General Meeting.

- f. Articles for Flywheel.

EXPENSES RECEIPTS

13. In a change to the date mentioned in December's newsletter, please send me your receipts, entry forms, programmes and results sheets for your seasons' racing by Friday 27th August 2010 with your seasons' write-ups.

CORRESPONDENCE

14. As you will have seen from the address above, my contact details have changed. In turn, if your details have changed or are different to those given to the RAFMSA Membership Services Officer, can you please let me know?

15. The subject of articles for Flywheel and the RAFMSA's website came up again at the RAFMSA AGM. There was also high praise and appreciation for those that had submitted articles. Although one of you sent me several articles last year, for which I am extremely grateful, the rest of you are severely lacking. Can I once again implore you all to put pen to paper and send me some material, especially photos?

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