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### **ENDURO COMPETITION SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2009**

1. Yes it's that time of year again, your Christmas message from the Comp Sec! On the whole I think it's been another good year for us and me as the Comp Sec/Team Manager especially. You don't know how good it is to see the Championships and Team continue to go from strength-to-strength. Although the competition's been tight and the racing close it's reassuring to see everyone giving it their all without any animosity. As for the RAF Enduro Team we had some good performances again this year: we are definitely looking the part; given time I'm sure we will eventually start performing to our potential and as a team. It's particularly good to see some young lads coming through with the right attitude. All we need to do now is get them chomping at the bit and winning some races!

2. To round the year off and following on from last Christmas I plan to do some practicing on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December. The practice will probably be at Slab and area K at SEME, as I'm having difficulties getting us in at Longmoor. If you would like to come along, for either or both days, please let me know so that I can add your name to the Safety Action Plan. Unfortunately there's no accommodation available so we'll have to stay overnight in a local Travelodge. This worked out well last year though as it gave us the opportunity to have a meal and a few beers without the pressure of racing.

### **2010 RAF OFF ROAD MOTORCYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

3. Chf Tech Nick Bartle (KHeMS, RAF Lyneham, Chippenham, Wiltshire. SN15 4PZ. Telephone: 95481 6948) has once again offered to co-ordinate the 2010 RAF Champs and will be writing to you all soon.

4. A copy of the 2010 championship rules can be found at Annex A (published on the RAFMSA web-site along with next year's classes), please ensure that you read and understand them. If there's anything you need explaining do not hesitate to contact Nick or myself. As per last year, Regulations and Entry Forms for all 2010 rounds can be found on the RAFMSA web-site (<http://www.raf.mod.uk/rafmotorsports>).



## 2010 BRITISH ENDURO CHAMPIONSHIPS (BEC)/NATIONAL EVENTS

5. As mentioned at the EGM, the RAF Enduro Team will only be contesting a selection of BEC events next year. The first round of the 2010 BEC, the Muntjac enduro, is taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> February. If you are interested in riding or supporting the event you are to contact me before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

6. In addition to the Muntjac the RAF Enduro Team will be contesting the following National events as a team:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Apr The Grampian enduro (BEC Rd 2) in Lossiemouth.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May GBXC Rd 3.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Jun GBXC Rd 4.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> Jun The Welsh 2-Day enduro at Llandrindod Wells.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jul GBXC Rd 5.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Jul The Manx 2-Day enduro on the Isle of Man.
- 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Sep The Natterjack enduro (BEC Rd 6) at Longmoor.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct GBXC Rd 6.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Oct The Weston-Super-Mare beach race.

7. If you are interested in riding or supporting any of the above events can you please let me know by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010? I will then contact you nearer the time providing; Duty status, Travel authority etc. **Please be advised that if you do not notify me of your interest I will not be contacting you: you will not be eligible for RAF Enduro Team ‘Duty’ status or RAF Enduro Team travel authority.**

8. A copy of the 2010 National Event Policy can be found at Annex B (published on the RAFMSA web-site), please ensure that you read and understand it. Do not hesitate to contact me if there’s anything you need explaining.

## TRAVEL AUTHORITY

9. The RAF Sports Board (RAFSB) have made changes to the procedure for applying for RAFSB Travel authority. In a nutshell I can only apply for authority to conduct the RAF Off Road Championships and for the RAF Enduro Team to contest events of National and International status.

10. For those amongst you who wish to apply for ‘Duty’ status as RAF Station representatives, along with associated travel authority, please see the RAFMSA Off Road Motorcycle Racing Policy for 2010 for details (again a copy can be found on the RAFMSA’s web-site).

## 2010 ENDURO TRAINING CAMP

11. Following on from the success of the 2008 Training Camp, I intend to organize and conduct another. If you feel you would benefit from the training, would like to take part and wish to be considered, you are to contact me by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. Please note that if there isn’t enough suitable interest the Training Camp will not go ahead.

12. Should the training camp be oversubscribed, as there will only be 6 spaces available, the following is a list of eligibility criteria (please note the list is not exclusive):

- a. Priority will be given to those who contest the BEC or who have/show the potential for competing in future BEC and International events.
- b. All participants must have a full UK bike licence.
- c. Only full members of the RAFMSA who are medically fit (i.e. not down graded) and have passed their RAF Fitness Test are eligible.
- d. Special consideration will be given to those that have supported and contributed to RAFMSA events.

13. In conjunction with the above I intend to allocate places from across all 3 RAF classes particularly to our up and coming riders (as this is where the training would be most suited).

#### RAF CORPORATE CLOTHING

14. Some of our corporate clothing is starting to show its age. As we wear it in the public eye, and represent the wider RAF, some of you might want to consider replacing yours. Should you require any RAF Enduro Team polo shirts, fleeces or jackets please contact me with your size/requirements by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. The maximum cost to you will be £5 per polo shirt, £10 per fleece and £15 per jacket.

#### RAF RACE SHIRTS & RACE CLOTHING

15. 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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. The maximum cost to you will be £20 per shirt.

#### RAF RACE CLOTHING SUBSIDY

16. As I am keen to continue with promoting our corporate image, as per last year, I am once again going to subsidise the purchase of RAF Enduro Team race kit. To that end for every: IKON Patriot 3 helmet, pair of white Alpinestar Tech 8 boots and pair of 2009 blue Alpinestar crusader race jeans you buy. When you send me your receipts, I will refund you up to a maximum of £40 towards each helmet, £85 towards each pair of boots and £35 towards a pair of jeans.

#### DUNLOP/ACERBIS UK/OFF ROAD ONLY/WERX & Zero Nine MX/GSS NUTRITION

17. For those of you that don't know we have support contracts with the above suppliers. If you would like to take advantage of discounted prices on all products from the above suppliers, please don't hesitate to contact Cpl Dicki Quance our Logistics Support Manager. Dicki can be contacted on 95551 7543, 07790 849823 or at MT, TSW, RAF Stafford, Beaconside, Staffordshire. ST18 0AQ and **don't forget to ask him for a receipt!**

#### RAFMSA MEMBERSHIP

18. At present we have 87 paid up members of the association. For those of you that haven't renewed your membership for next year, by Standing Order, please renew your membership by the end of January. This will ensure we receive a fair allocation of MSA funds at the AGM in March. Membership forms can be found on the RAFMSA website.

19. If you have paid your membership by Standing Order and haven't received your membership card by now, that's because you haven't informed the Membership Services Officer (MSO) of your address change. I suggest you contact the MSO and change your address, as we will again be checking membership cards at each RAF championship round next year.

## GENERAL

20. Before I finish with the usual admin points, a few things to note.

- If your details change from that given to the RAFMSA membership services officer (secretary), could you please let me know as I find it hard to keep track of everyone and their postings, moves etc? It is incumbent on you all to keep me informed of your whereabouts and your preferred means of contact.
- For me to assist you financially next year you must send me your receipts for your racing expenses (please note that hand written, without an address or official stamp, Visa, Pay-Pal, E-bay and fuel receipts will not be accepted by the RAFSB). You must also photocopy all your entry forms and send these to me, along with a set of your events' regulations, programme and results. Please forward them to me by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010. For those of you that did this year, please find a cheque attached.
- There is still a requirement for you to get yourselves qualified as a Scrutineer, Enduro Steward or Enduro Clerk of the Course, through your local ACU Club and Centre. The more qualified personnel we have the better and the more money it will save us when running events. Please let me know your qualifications and their expiry date as soon as you get them.
- I am due to give a presentation at the RAFMSA AGM in March. If you have any good quality digital images of yourselves in action. Can you please send them to me by the end of January, as I assure you they will be gratefully received?
- Along with this letter you can find copies of all future correspondence from Nick and me, **including all RAF Champ's Entry Forms**, on the RAFMSA web-site.

## OFF ROAD POLICY

21. As mentioned above, please find a copy of the RAFMSA Off Road Motorcycle Racing Policy for 2010 on the RAFMSA's web-site. I would ask you all to read it carefully **and take the necessary actions that apply to you**. If you need any points clarifying or require help or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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