

## **Press Release 25 National Champions Galore at the Pride of the East Meeting.**

The Fenland Grass Track Club are pleased to present their second race meeting of the 2010 season with a new event the Pride of the East Grass Track to be held over the weekend 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010. For the 1st running of this meeting at a new superb venue a strong entry has been assembled with four of the British Grass Track Champions entered. This meeting sees the return of top class Grass Track racing to Norfolk.

The venue is West Lexham Field, Mill Common, Newton-by-Castle Acre, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE32 2BZ and will be signposted from the A1065 road between Swaffham and Fakenham. A large track has been laid out on the grass field which was laid to grass just for Grass Track racing to be held there. The club would like to thank Ivan Ducker (1000cc sidecar frame builder) for all his work in securing this venue.

The Saturday is a youth and vintage meeting with many of the stars of tomorrow showing off their impressive skills along with many riders from the past in the vintage classes. Practice for this meeting starts Midday with the first race off the line at 13.00. It is hoped to get the meeting finished fairly early and have a Television in the Beer Tent to watch the Football in the evening.

The meeting includes the second round of the Medicmart Youth series and also is a round of the Vintage MCC championships, MedicMart (01733 247752) a local first aid and ambulance company are sponsoring all the youth racing at the Fenland Grass Track Club meetings in 2010.

The Sunday sees the main adult Pride of the East meeting and includes the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the JRM 250cc challenge series with the 250cc JRM engine for the series winner. After the first meeting National 250cc Champion Harland Cook leads the series but Josh Dingle and Gary Wells (Ipswich) are close behind in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last years champion Adam Shipp (Diss) after machine troubles at the first meeting returns to prove that without those issues he would have been challenging again this year. This meeting also includes the second round of the Speedway Services Ltd 350cc Challenge series. Former British Champion Richard Smith won the first meeting and looks to extend his lead in the series but Michael Faulkner (Boston) will be looking to improve his position along with Teri Massingham and Daniel Glover. The 500cc solos are riding in the second round of the Speedway Services Ltd 500cc Challenge series and what an entry headed by Speedway riders Paul Cooper, Rob Mear (Hatfield) and Tom Perry (Newly crowned under 21 British champion), but series leader Harland Cook will be looking to strengthen his hold on the series and Richard Reed (Woodbridge) would like to improve on his present 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The sidecar entries are just as good with the 500 sidecar entry containing three of the top 6 from last years National Championships including the

winners 2009 British Champions Nick & Abi Radley (Chelmsford), but Scott Dunn & Natasha Bartlett (Brandon), Simon Beard & Mark Kearns (Kings Lynn) plus Dave Carvill & Karl Webb will be looking to beat the champions. Nick & Abi, Scott & Natasha and Dave & Karl will be returning from riding in the European Semi-final the weekend before so could all be on a high after qualifying in France.

The 1000cc sidecars are riding for the Shaun Ducker Memorial Trophy, which has been presented by former rider turned sidecar builder and West Lexham resident Ivan Ducker and his wife in memory of their son. The strong field sees reigning National Champion Mark Cossar (Rugby) looking to continue his successful start to the season with new passenger Carl Blyth, but he will be pushed all the way by Colin Blackburn and Martin Smith (Boston) (Who rides one of Ivan Duckers sidecars.), Rod Winterburn & Liam Brown, Gareth Winterburn & Ben Molloy and multiple British Champion Steve Smith & Carl Pugh.

The action does not stop there with a large upright class it will be hard to pick a winner but likely front runners include Ian Gutteridge, Peter Baker (Sudbury) , Arnie Fenner (Chelmsford) and Lee Barley (Covington) . Lee also rides in the Pre 75 solo class with Chris Mackett likely to be a front runner in this class.

Practice time for the Sunday meeting will be at 11.00 with the first race at 12.30.

Admissions prices for the meeting are as follows. Under 14s are free for both days. Saturday admission prices £4 for adults and £2 for concessions, Sunday admission prices £10 for adults and £5 for concessions, but weekend ticket prices £12 for adults and £6 for concessions programme for all the weekends racing £1. Track side parking available and there are toilets on site.

There will also be hot and cold refreshments both days including a beer tent and with a large race programme two good days racing should be seen. Anybody wanting further information for the meeting, or to check in case of bad weather, please call **07722232437 or 07974728480**. There are also more details on the clubs website [www.fgtc.co.uk](http://www.fgtc.co.uk).

The club would like to thank Alan & Jamie at Speedway Services Ltd for their sponsorship and JRM for the excellent prize in the 250cc class. Plus all the other sponsors and helpers who ensure the meeting can go ahead. Anybody who like to get involved with helping the club run meeting is more than welcome just come and introduce yourself to a club member at the meeting. All help from all ages always welcome.