

FGTC Return to Wood Hurst track for Norman Southgate Memorial Meeting in 2009

The Fenland Grass Track Club (FGTC) returns to the Wood Hurst venue used in September 2008 for its two day meeting over the weekend of 5th 7 6th September 2009. The venue at Oldhurst Road, Woodhurst, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 3BQ should provide an excellent track for the two days of racing which will make up the Norman Southgate Memorial Meeting.

The Saturday meeting continues the FGTCs tie up with the VMCC for 2009 with the Saturday meeting being a joint Youth and Vintage meeting including all the normal youth and Vintage classes. The meeting will count as a round of the VMCC club championships for any club members that enter and all the youth riders will be riding in the 2nd round of the MedicMart Youth Challenge series. This series is sponsored by MedicMart the Peterborough based company specialising in all your First Aid who will also be providing the First Aid cover for all the FGTC events this year.

The Sunday 6th September sees a 3rd running of the Norman Southgate Memorial Meeting which has an extra significance with the 500cc sidecars not only riding for the Norman Southgate Memorial trophy but also competing in the third and final round of the 500cc Sidecar Qualifying series. It will be a fitting tribute to Norman to have all the top 500cc sidecar riding at his meeting, with this being the class he followed and supported towards the end of his life.

This meeting includes the second round of the JRM 250cc Challenge series, with a brand new 250cc JRM engine for the winner of the series. Tom Perry stole a march on the other top 250 riders at the first meeting but expect Adam Shipp, Harland Cook and Lee Street to come back stronger at this meeting to try and win the engine. The club would like to thank JRM for this excellent sponsorship deal, which is now into its third year, along with Alan & Jamie of Speedway Services Ltd who have facilitated the deal for the club.

With Speedway Services Ltd also supporting the 350cc and 500cc solo classes via the Speedway Services Ltd 350cc and 500cc solo series ensuring the entry in all the solo classes should be good. This meeting will be the second round in these series and winner of the 500cc series will get a £300 voucher and the 350cc series winner will get a £250 voucher. The other solos classes at the meeting will be the uprights and Pre-75s. Of course the classes are completed by the two 1000cc sidecar classes.

Anybody wanting regs for either day or even both days please call Juliet on 07722232437 or 01473 720466. They can also be downloaded from the Clubs Website at www.fgtc.co.uk

With all the classes and the good track it is hoped that there should be a full days entertainment for all the family on the Sunday as well as the Saturday. There will be refreshments on site all weekend along with a beer tent. Practice on Saturday will start at 13.00hrs with the first race off the line at 14.30hrs and on the Sunday practice will be at 11.00 with the first race at 12.30.

The club would like to thank Alan, Jamie and all their staff for their continued commitment to the club and also their support to the sport. Speedway service Ltd are the complete one stop shop for all your Speedway, Grass track and Long Track needs, contact them on 01553 829197 or visit the website www.speedwayserviceltd.com.

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