

CRMC Anglesey – Meeting Review

Whilst September on Anglesey Island can sometimes throw up some miserable weather, the circuit staff managed to organise a glorious weekend for us all weekend. Here is a round up of all the excitement that prevailed the other side of the Britannia Bridge....

Races 1, 10 & 20 – Classic 500cc

It was Joe Barton that got out of bed the right side on Saturday morning, as he clinched pole by 0.7 seconds from Mark Cronshaw and Mike Cooper made up the rest of the front row. Barton led flag to flag in Race 1, taking the victory from Cooper by 2.3 seconds, with Molnar coming in 3rd place, 9 seconds off Barton's pace. Stephen Atkin continued dominating the Over 55s category as he has done for most of the year, taking class victory from Meredydd Owen and Pete Gibson coming home in third. In the Goldstars class, it was Robert Knoyle grabbing the early 25 points, from Steve Hands and Gary Abbott coming home third in class.

Race two saw another delightful performance from Barton, with Cronshaw coming along to take 2nd place this time round and Molnar, becoming somewhat of a permanent bridesmaid this year, took another 3rd on the road. Atkin added to his victories, making it a Super Saturday at Anglesey, with Gibson and Elliot giving each other a swap of what silver and bronze feels like, and in the Goldstar class it was identical to race one, with Knoyle taking victory from Hands and Abbott.

Race 3 saw Barton make it a hat trick of victories over the weekend, celebrating in style with a wheelie over the line. Molnar's go faster juice worked on Sunday morning giving him 2nd with Cooper taking third. Atkin also got a hat trick from Owen and Elliot, with Abbot taking the final Goldstars victory of the weekend from Hands, and Robert Coley making a decent effort to take home 16 points.

Races 2, 11 & 22 – Classic Sidecars

No one seems to be able to stop Kieran Clarke and Patricia Visscher this year, as they took pole from Jon Perkins & Ian Nickels in the practice on Saturday morning. Clarke took the overall victory, from Andy & Thomas Street who had a good go in the early stages of Race 1, but the grunt of Clarke's Moorspeed BMW left them for dust. Perkins/Nickels took third in class and on the road this time out. Period 1 saw Shaun Motson and replacement passenger this weekend Dave Gristwood take the class victory, from Darren Chapman and Rob Cook, with Adam Pope and John Christopher taking third in class. Period 4 saw a good victory for Joe Heys and Derek Salleh, from Steve Brooks and Ben Stell, who very nearly ate some grass coming round the last corner, if it wasn't for Stell's excellent passenger technique keeping the outfit firmly on the ground.

Clarke/Visscher took another easy victory in Race 2, cruising to victory 10 seconds ahead of Street/Street, with Perkins/Nickels taking another 3rd place. Chapman/Cook took the Period 1 class victory for the first time in their CRMC career in this race, as Motson/Gristwood struggled with gearing issues, bringing it home 2nd in class, just in front of Pope/Christopher. Brooks/Stell took victory in Period 4, with Heys/Salleh suffering a mechanical issue, having to retire from the race.

Race 3 was a much closer race for the victory, with Street/Street getting the holeshot and keeping the lead for 3 laps, before Clarke/Visscher pulled the pin and took the victory by 1.9 seconds. Perkins/Nickels had a safe ride home to 3rd again, marking a good weekend for their points tally. Geoff & Sam Knight added 25 points to their Period 1 hopes, as Motson/Gristwood, Chapman/Cook and Pope/Christopher all suffered mechanical issues within 2 laps of each other, leaving 2nd in class in Period 1 open to Luke & Mark Haskins, whilst over in Period 4 Brooks/Stell took another victory, with Heys/Salleh nowhere to be seen.

Races 3, 12 & 23 – Production & Superstock 400cc

Mark Taylor came to this class this year and has really shown the field the way round, continuing that trait at Anglesey, taking pole from Dominic Clegg with Neil Robinson completing the front row. Taylor took the victory, with Peter Bardell taking a break from his usual Matchless G50 to have a go on an FZ600 and coming home in 2nd, from Clegg in 3rd. Grant Goodings took the victory in the Superstock 400 class, from Robinson and Simon Walsh took 3rd in class in Race 1

Race 2 saw Taylor fighting off the CBR400 of Robinson, taking outright victory by just 0.4 seconds. Goodings came third overall, 2nd in the Superstock 400 class with Colin Wilcock taking third in that class respectively. Clegg took 2nd in the Production class from Bardell, a race which attention was drawn to the great mid pack battle, involving Jerry Longland, Darren Cooper, Graham Higlett, Mark Roxborough and Simon Walsh all throughout the race.

Robinson jumped up and showed everyone who he was in Race 3, taking the overall victory from fellow 400 rider Goodings, with Clegg taking third on the road and the overall production victory, from Taylor who lost a part of his side fairing on the track on lap 4! Joe Woodward took 3rd in class in the Production class, with Wilcock taking another comfortable 3rd in the Superstock 400 category.

Races 4, 14 & 24 – Post Classic Air Cooled 500cc, 250/350cc Grand Prix

In probably the closest fought race over the weekend, it was Harley Rushton that took pole, from Ant Hard and Jamie Edwards coming to the grid for Race 1 in third place. However, it was Mike Cooper that took the victory in race 1, by 0.4 seconds from Hart, with Rushton coming along in third place. Dominic Herbertson stopped being annoying on the Facebook videos to take 1st in class in the Air Cooled 500 category, from Andrew Widdowson and Robert Bevan, whilst in the PC350GP Over 55s class it was Mark Edge taking victory from Robin Lamb and Mark Henderson taking third in class. Vince Cundle took victory in the PC250GP class in race 1, with Jamie O'Brien a non starter.

Race 2 saw Hart take the top step of the podium, from Cooper and Rushton, in a race that was a bit calmer than the remainder of them! Herbertson took another victory in the Air Cooled 500 class, from Oli Bingham, with Widdowson taking third in class. Mark Edge took a tumble on the last lap, gifting the Over 55s win to Lamb, with Henderson taking 2nd in class. Simon Lehane, the other entrant in the class was ruled out for the weekend after a crash early on the Saturday morning. Cundle took victory in the PC250GP class from Michael Grigson, who unfortunately highsided at Rocket Corner left dad Dave rebuilding the bike for him on the Saturday night.

Race 3 was a fierce battle, Hart coming out on top by 0.195 seconds from Cooper and Rushton. Herbertson cruised to another Air Cooled 500 victory, from Bingham and Widdowson. Edge came back strong and took another victory in the Over 55s from Henderson as Lamb didn't take to the grid for the last race of the weekend. Grigson took victory in the PC250GP class, from Cundle.

Races 5, 15 & 25 – Classic 350cc

Mike Cooper took pole in this race, from Joe Barton and Mark Cronshaw taking third place on the grid for Race One. It was Cronshaw that found his pace and took overall victory, from Dom Herbertson and Harley Rushton came home in third overall. Herbertson took the victory in the 350cc Twins class with Rushton 2nd, Richard Parker coming third in class. Over in the 350cc European Class, Barton came 2nd and David Tetley rode the wheels off his 350 Manx to come home in third. In the Over 55s category, it was Peter Boast that took victory, from Steve Elliot and Gary Freeman third in class.

Race 2 saw Herbertson take overall victory from Cronshaw and Barton coming home third overall, but only good enough to take another 2nd in class, missing out from Cronshaw by just 0.17seconds. Rushton took another 2nd in class in the 350 Twins class, from Parker with another third aboard his Honda CB350. Tetley took another 3rd in class in the 350 European class, one thing to be noted with David is although he's one of the quietest riders in the paddock, he can get a rocket of a start on his Manx! Boast took another Over 55s victory, from Elliot and Freeman another comfortable third.

Race 3 saw Cronshaw back on the overall top step, from Rushton and Barton taking third overall. Tetley took a hat trick of thirds in the 350 European Class, with Parker promoting himself to 2nd in class in the 350 Twins, after a rare mechanical retirement from Herbertson in Race 3 left him pointless. Boast took another Over 55s victory, from Elliot and Freeman once again.

Races 6, 16 & 26 – Superbike Originals & Supermono GB

Gary Porter took his Rob North Rocket 3 to pole position, from Hefyn Owen and Peter Boast taking third, 3 different classes all on the front row! It was Boast that managed to take the overall victory, from Jamie O'Brien and Dan Ledger, making the overall top 3 a Supermono class result as well. Superbike Originals was won by Owen, from Darren Cooper and Rory Hill took third on his FZ600. Porter took victory in the Clubman class, from Ralph Coldwell.

Race 2 saw O'Brien take the victory, from Boast and Ledger again a Supermono 1,2,3. Owen scooped another Superbike Originals class victory, from Cooper and John Paget took third in class time time out. Porter had a massive issue going into Peel on the last lap – his bike caught fire underneath him! This gifted the Clubman victory to Coldwell again.

Boast took the victory in Race 3, from O'Brien and Alex Sinclair having his first mention in this meeting review took third in class aboard his Supermono. Owen took a clean sweep in Superbike Originals, from Cooper and Hill, with Coldwell taking another victory in the Clubman category.

Races 7, 17 & 28 – Classic 200cc, 250cc & 350cc Goldstars

Jerry Longland took pole, from Andrew Thornton and Joe Woodward taking third on the grid for Race One. Longland completely dominated the first race, taking overall victory by over 6 seconds from Woodward and Thornton came home in third. In the 250 class it was Charles Murdoch that took victory, from Michael Titchmarsh and Stuart McDonald came home third in class. Over in the 200s it was Jeff Smith with the 25 points, from Robert Murdoch and Nigel Parker third in class. Steve Hands took 350 Goldstars victory, from Gary Abbott and Barry Mason came third in class.

Race 2 saw Woodward take the overall victory, from Longland and Graeme Acott took third overall, this sorted the 250 Air Cooled class as well. Jeff Smith took victory in the 200 class from Robert Murdoch and Parker took another third in class. The 250 class saw another victory for Charles Murdoch, from McDonald and David Tetley, aboard a 50cc Kreidler, took third in class. Hands took another victory in the 350 Goldstars class, from Abbott and Mason in third again.

The final race of the weekend saw another victory for Woodward, from Longland and Thornton being a firm bridesmaid this weekend. Charles Murdoch took victory in the 250 class, from Stephen Cross as the only two finishers in this class. Smith took another 200 victory, from Robert Murdoch and Parker took another third in class. Hands took the final 350 Goldstars victory from Abbott, with Mason taking another third in class.

Races 8, 18 & 29 – Classic Formula 750cc, MotoSuperbike & Post Classic Superstock 750cc

Joe Barton took pole in this session, from John Dieterman and Richard Molnar made up the front row. It was Dieterman that took victory in Race 1, after a cat and mouse race with Barton all the way through, taking the victory by 0.7 seconds, with Molnar coming in third, rounding out the top 3 for the MotoSuperbike category. The Superstock class was won by Neil Robinson, with John Chambers second and Mark Roxborough coming home in third. Over in the Formula 750 class it was Andy Hornby securing his championship title taking the victory, from Dan Ingham in second and Graham Higlett 7 seconds behind Ingham in third.

Race 2 saw Barton take victory this time by a quarter of a second from Dieterman with Molnar taking up his bridesmaid position again, coming home in third. Robinson is very quick on his machine and took another first in class in the Superstock class, from Wayne Axon this time and Jason Kennedy coming home third in class. Formula 750 saw Hornby coast to an easy victory again, a great way to continue his weekend in preparation for his trip to Cookstown next weekend, with Ingham second and Higlett coming home in third once more.

Dieterman took his second victory of the weekend in the MotoSuperbike class, from Barton and Molnar another firm third. Robinson continued his Welsh domination of the Superstock class, taking another class victory from Chambers and Malc Sampson grabbing 16 points for his championship came home third in class. Hornby took a clean sweep in the Formula 750 class, from Ingham and Higlett.

Races 9, 19 & 30 – Post Classic 125cc

Ant Hart found a Honda RS-NF4 hanging around in the back of his shed, and decided to bring it out for a play and put it firmly on pole position for the first race, followed by the ever dominant Jamie O'Brien and James Blackmore completing the front row for the first race of the weekend. Hart used the pole to his advantage to take victory in race 1, from O'Brien and John Smith, both men taking 1st and 2nd respectively in the open class, with Blackmore coming home third in class. Hart won the 87-89 class, with Steven Colville second and Bob Farrington in third place, and in the Piston Port class it was championship winner Jerry Lodge that took the victory, from Robin Lamb and William Pickering in third place.

Race 2 saw Hart take overall victory again from O'Brien and Blackmore this time. Williams Grant got third in class in the Open class, whilst Colville took another 20 points and Farrington another 16 in the 87-89 class. Lodge continued his dominance of the Piston Port class, from Colin Wilcock and Stephen Cross coming over the line third in class.

Hart didn't partake in the last race, leaving the victory wide open for O'Brien, from Grant and James Wilmot came home third overall and in class, the top 3 taking the podium honours in the open class. Lodge took another victory in the Piston Port, from Lamb and Nev Busson took third in class this time, with the 87-89 class victory going to Farrington, from Colville.

Race 21 – ACU Classic

It was Joe Barton that took pole position for the first of the feature races of the weekend, by just under 0.9 seconds from Mark Cronshaw, with Richard Molnar third on the grid heading into 10 laps of the beautiful Anglesey Coastal circuit. Barton dominated the race from start to finish, taking the victory and securing the ACU Classic Championship from Cronshaw in second, with Mike Cooper coming along to take third. Dominic Herbertson took another 350cc victory, from Harley Rushton, who had a race long battle with Richard Parker, Simon Walsh just tagging in behind them, 4th in class.

Race 27 – ACU Post Classic

Joe Barton took another pole in the ACU Post Classic, proving that he can chop and change between machinery at any given notice, taking pole from John Dieterman, with Ant Hart third on the grid. Neil Watson was an early casualty in the race, getting tangled up with Joe Woodward going into Target on Lap 1, and third place man Hart took a low side to the seaside on Lap 2, crashing out of the race in truly fashionable style. It was Barton that took the victory though, in a race that you could not call, with so many lead changes, Dieterman put up a stellar fight but could only walk away with second, with Richard Molnar coming home in third place. Mike Cooper took the up to 750cc category victory, from Harley Rushton, with Neil Robinson in third place.

WHAT A MEETING! We have one more meeting left this year, at Croft on 2/3 October, and with over 10 championships still completely undecided, the gloves will be off and the fight will be on!