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## The greatest show on Earth.....

We always look forward to the TT and this year was no different, well that is until you get a call asking for assistance that is. Neal 'Champ' Champion a good friend of Keef's and regular pit buddy of ours in the ARA Championship had entries accepted for this year's event and support was required, well we couldn't say no now could we!

Champ had entries in all classes (except TT Zero Electric Race, but that changed....) so a very busy fortnight would be the order of things, so queue an every growing 'To Do' list and phone calls galore.

What hasn't been said about the TT, it means so much to so many, this fair Isle is a magical place lots of people fall in love with the magic of the 'Jewel of the Irish Sea' (as did I, the last time I came here, it was for the Manx GP in 2007, I never left). So its probably best surmised in Champ's own words:

### Champ's Blog

*I'm sat on the ferry, sailing away from the magical Isle of Man. This might be my last post for a little while, so I thought I'd just try and capture some moments from the last two weeks*

- *first night of practice, unable to figure out much of the circuit, and wondering if I'd made a huge mistake*
- *Second night of practice, flying the ZX10R between the hedges, and loving and revelling in the power (and wheelies)*
- *Standing in the queue for the portaloos in Parc Ferme with Bruce Anstey and Cameron Donald, amongst other famous TT racers*
- *Hearing that my friend, Inky Anne, was OK after her outfit crashed at the Les Graham Memorial*
- *Lining up for the start of my first TT race, the six lap Superbike, waiting for the flag, and launching down Bray Hill*
- *Wheeling off the yumps after Ballagearey on the run through Glen Vine*
- *Wheeling off the yumps after Cronky Voddy on the way down to the 11th Milestone*
- *Standing on the pegs to try and turn the bike through Barregarrow*
- *Finishing my first TT, and barely being able to get off the bike afterwards*
- *Starting all 7 solo races, and finishing 5 of them*
- *Lining up on the grid on the ManTTX electric bike in the TT Zero race*
- *Jumping from a slow 100mph average to a much more respectable 107mph on the Supertwin in my second practice on it*
- *Clocking 14th fastest time, at 109mph, in the last practice on the twin.*
- *Catching and passing people in the first lap of the Lightweight*



- *Racing back and forth against Maria Costello for 2 laps, and passing her on the way in to Ballagarey, and again alongside over the jump at the Wagon and Horses*
- *Getting it damn near perfect round the Mountain Box on the twin*
- *Becoming more and more comfortable with the fast and scary corners - Ballagarey, Crosby, Gorse Lee, the end of Cronky Voddy, Hillberry.*
- *Finishing 17th in the Lightweight, with a last lap of 110mph, and winning a replica*
- *Managing a 116.7mph on the ZX10R in the Senior (but so wanting it to be 117 or 118...)*
- *Catching and passing Paul Duckett in the Senior (until he woke up and got back past and cleared off)*
- *Finishing the six lap Senior TT*
- *Receiving my replica and finisher's medal from Phil McCallen*
- *Having my dad there to see all the races*
- *Doing all the above with the help of my mates Alex, Simon, Barry, Keith, Adie, Andy, Virginia, Alex H, Mike, and my dad, amongst many, many others. And (mostly) having a laugh along the way.*



Road Racing on the Isle of Man..... words are not enough, come and find out for yourselves!

Thanks to all our Sponsors we hope that these pictures and our endeavours do justice to your support, without it we couldn't do this.

Yours Sincerely,

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