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**With a fair wind behind us.....**

(And in every other conceivable direction)

With the weekend of June 23<sup>rd</sup> looming the usual pre race preparations were in full swing and anticipations high. Having tested the new RaceTech front suspension on one of our planned private tests we were keen to see how this translated on-track, the only additional change since the test was the addition of a GPR damper and given the weather forecast it couldn't have been timelier.

Sunday arrived, wet and with a wind that was whipping up to gale force, the type of day when you don't want to put a toe outside of the duvet yet alone venture to Jurby Aerodrome. Setup and scrutineering passed without issue, copious amounts of coffee and a bacon sarnie helped make it bearable and with the wind moving the clouds and a track drying we opted for an intermediate front tyre to be safe and to also test how the handling would respond with a different set of discs and tyre combination, and the answer was very good indeed!



With the International Southern 100 (S100) Road Races next month and people still requiring signatures for the TT Mountain Licenses the paddock was busy as was qualification; we qualified mid-pack keeping clear of any 'trouble' out on track (it was slippery) and like everyone else battled with the ferocious wind.

Lunchtime was spent sheltering from the wind but even though the conditions were bleak there were fans and avid race followers wandering the paddock. Our SV continues to draw a lot of attention; it draws a crowd which is great exposure for both us and our Sponsors.

The afternoon consisted of four races across two classes (Post Classic, Singles and Twins and the 650 and 400 Classics races). Races one and two ran with the wind easing and the conditions improving Keef managed to bring her home in the top 6. Races three and four saw conditions worsen and with a few fallers Keef eased off the pace a little and brought her home with a pair of 7<sup>th</sup> place finishes.





**Summary**

Good steady weekend, lap times are dropping and we are getting close to having the SV setup for the Manx Grand.

We have a busy few weeks coming up, the International Southern 100 next (with all the TT Stars and press to boot) then straight afterwards the Festival of 1000 Bikes at Mallory Park with the good and the great of Motorcycling history. We have been invited as part of the Past Masters and are listed online and in their programme. We will have Team photographers at both events so will have some amazing static and action short for you.



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And **thank you** to all our other Sponsors and supporters, without you we couldn't do this...!

Yours Sincerely,

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