

## The Brighton Speed Trials 2007 - The Motorcycles

Here we go again, another years marker in the calendar and it does not in any shape or form get any easier to create yet another field of super machines to entertain not only those who actually take part but to create that sense of excitement that you the all important spectators up on Brighton's famous "Shelf" enjoy. Brighton is now almost certainly unique in that in times past seafront speed events were many in a years calendar, Bexhill is claimed to be the birthplace of sea front sprints, true it is that Bexhill did run the first sprint but it never quite caught on. Brighton due to the foresight of Sir Harry Preston had a course built specifically for speed events which indeed caused quite a furore, but good sense prevailed and that legacy still continues.

So many other courses have now disappeared Blackpool, Great Yarmouth, Ramsgate etc, etc, so that now Brighton remains seemingly alone. This now virtually unique event still holds sway mainly by the wonderful efforts of the Brighton and Hove Motor Club backed up by the City Council, who despite all the pressures from those who do not realise the historic value of this parade of automotive living history, still support the event.

There is naturally a limit to the numbers who can take part and this imposes the very unpleasant factor for those who have to select the drivers and riders who fight to get a place in the programme of selected participants. Many have to be unfortunately rejected, you can believe me when I say that hours have been spent in trimming the entry to the permitted level. We always try to include some fresh faces which inevitably means that some firm favourites who have participated year upon year have to be turned away.

History has to be part of the consideration an example perhaps being the inclusion some historic machines from the past perhaps a good example is that of the big two of everything Norton JAP specials built many years ago by the man who was called "The Learned Professor Of Sprint" Francis Williams, who hand built these specials in Swandean to attempt to take the course record for bikes. They certainly were top performers in their day and on good days would take FTD in the bike sessions but the record always just eluded him. They were latterly campaigned by the late Ernie Woods and have been beautifully restored by their now owner Derek Fox and today "Thor" will be ridden Chris Illman in the old stylish manner. The usual coterie of VMCC riders such as Frank Clarke on his Brooklands Special, Richard Morgan on his late Fathers 500 Rudge, Roy Robertson flying the Big Twin Vinny clad in classic streamlining.

Over the past few meetings the sidecar merchants have been thin on the ground and for this year the entry list has grown, largely we believe in order to do battle with that ever developing engineering wonder of John Renwicks' the superb Vincent special, passengered as usual by that large lump in the chair Con Kreet, all 134 lbs of it, this class should provide some really good old fashioned sport. Of course the real crowd pleaser is the fastest six battle, when the fight to get into this group causes the real "Fireworks" and the work up to get into that top six run off is always a huge success for the winner of that battle.

We trust that the choices we have made will provide all with a super days sport and that whom we had to refuse will accept their undoubted disappointments.

Finally all our thanks to all those who work so hard to set the whole thing up, for the continued support of our sponsors Messrs Frosts, to Brighton City's continued permissions and especially to you the Spectators, whose continued support all helps to ensure that Sir Harry's dream continues and his Drive of Edwardian iron work will continue to provide a still living link back to the automotive history of this great country of ours, thank you all.

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## BRIGHTON SPEED TRIALS 2007 RIDERS LIST

### CLASS I VINTAGE & CLASSIC (UP TO 1972) CONSISTENCY CLASS

NO	NAME	MACHINE	CC	YEAR	CLUB
301	Bob Anderson	Cotton - JAP	500	1938	VMCC
302	Frank Clarke	Brookland JAP	500	1936	VMCC
303	Brian Curtis	Norton International	500	1936	VMCC
304	Mervyn Evans	RSM Triumph	650	1960	VMCC
305	Rhett Fisher	Bultaco Pursang	363	1967	VMCC
306	Paul Gregory	Triton	500	1966	NSA
307	Chris Illman	Norton JAP "Thor"	1000	1953	VMCC
308	Mark Illman	Booth Ariel	350	1960	VMCC
309	Ralph John Landridge	Norton Atlas	1967	749	VMCC
310	Richard Morgan	Rudge "Sprinter"	499	1930	VMCC
311	Nick Pinnell	Triumph T100	500	1948	VMCC
312	Allen Randall	Honda Twin (CB450)	499	1972	VMCC
313	Ted Reading	Triton	650	1956	VMCC
314	Roy Robertson	Egli Vincent Rapide	1272	1972	VMCC
315	Roger Skip	BSA Rob North Rocket 3	750	1970	VMCC

### CLASS II SOLOS UP TO 350CC

NO	NAME	MACHINE	CC	YEAR	CLUB
321	Ron Cheeseman	Suzuki X7 Special	249	1978	VMCC
322	Tim Thompson	Performance Bike Kawasaki KR1S	249	1990	VMCC
323	Peter Wilson	Honda K4	349	1969	VMCC

### CLASS III SOLOS UP TO 500cc

NO	NAME	MACHINE	CC	YEAR	CLUB
331	Andy Forward	Triumph 'Morado' Special	500	1971	VMCC
332	Mike Gilbert	Dresda Honda	500	1972	NSA
333	Martin Newton	Honda CBR	400	1992	NSA
334	Alan Tinnion	Frankies Monster	500	1980	NSA

### CLASS IV SOLOS UP TO 1000cc

NO	NAME	MACHINE	CC	YEAR	CLUB
341	Dave Glover	Ducati Special - Cunning Plan	996	2000	NSA
342	Jayne Glover	Suzuki Gamma Special	510	1985	NSA
343	Ron Hill	Suzuki GSXR	750	1985	NSA
344	Terry Morgan	Ducati 998	998	1999	NSA
345	Lorcan Parnell	Kawasaki ZX9R	899	2000	VMCC

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### CLASS V SIDECARS & 3 WHEELERS

NO	NAME	MACHINE	CC	YEAR	CLUB
351	Richard Chandler Passenger:	CCR Suzuki Alan Marshall	1000	2002	VMCC VMCC
352	Roger Hollingshead Passenger:	Asco Honda Julian Cole	1150	1991	NSA NSA
353	Des Lindsey Passenger:	Yamaha F1 Viv Waters	998	1990	VMCC VMCC
354	John Renwick Passenger:	Renwick Special "Con Kreet"	1665	1951	VMCC
355	Paul Standing Passenger:	F1 Asco Yamaha R1 Tricia Standing	1000	1989	VMCC VMCC
356	David Woodard Passenger:	REA Suzuki Darren Saunders	1500	1989	VMCC VMCC

### CLASS VI PRODUCTION SOLOS

NO	NAME	MACHINE	CC	YEAR	CLUB
361	William Biles	Suzuki GSXR Slingshot	750	1991	NSA
362	Fred Grainger	Suzuki Hayabusa	1298	2000	NSA
363	Mike Grainger	Kawasaki ZZR 1400	1352	2006	NSA
364	Kevin Lade	Suzuki GSXR 1000 K6	999	2006	VMCC
365	Andy Martin	Suzuki GSXR	999	2006	VMCC
366	Simon Webb	KTM 990 Super Duke R	999	2007	VMCC
367	Matt Wildee	Performance Bike Yamaha R1	998	2007	VMCC

### CLASS VII SOLOS UP TO 2000cc

NO	NAME	MACHINE	CC	YEAR	CLUB
371	Richard Albans	Suzuki Hayabusa SC Bikes of Brighton	1585	2005	VMCC
372	Nigel Barker	Suzuki Hayabusa Turbo	1500	2000	VMCC
373	Peter Bellenie	Suzuki Hayabusa	1300	2001	VMCC
374	Keith Cooper	Suzuki GSXR	1216	1990	VMCC
375	Jeff Dowsett	Suzuki GSX 1100	1428	1982	VMCC
376	Andrew Gilbert	Suzuki GSXR 1100	1127	1990	VMCC
377	David Hall	Suzuki GSXR 1100L	1216	1990	VMCC
378	Craig Mallabone	Suzuki Hayabusa Turbo	1300	1999	VMCC
379	Stephen Mead	Suzuki Hayabusa Turbo	1365	2002	NSA
380	Manfred Rauscher	Kawasaki ZZR1100	1109	1991	OSK
381	Roger Simmons	Suzuki Hayabusa Turbo	1300	2000	VMCC
382	Phil Steele	Suzuki Hayabusa Turbo	1299	2004	NSA
383	Richard Stubbins	Suzuki Hayabusa	2007	1300	VMCC
384	Andy Whittle	Kawasaki Z1R	1300	1979	VMCC
385	Phil (Jnr) Wood	Suzuki Hayabusa Turbo	1300	1999	VMCC
386	Steve (Snr) Wood	Suzuki Hayabusa	1398	2000	VMCC