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Legend Foggy helps raise £29,000



Phil Morris, Colin Morris, guests of honour World Superbike riders Carl Fogarty and Frankie Chili and Sue Morris and Gwen Morris

Hundreds turn out to see stars

More than 450 motorbike fans helped raise £29,000 for charity by turning out to see legendary former World Superbike Champion Carl 'Foggy' Fogarty in Shropshire.

Foggy, who was world champion four times in the 1990s, was the guest speaker at the eighth Road Racing Legends event held at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry last night.

He relived his time on the track for adoring fans, who enjoyed a three course meal and a charity auction as well as other talks from riders.

The event was billed as a rematch between Fogarty and old rival Frankie Chili, refereed by Road Racing Legends patron Jamie Whitham.

Phil Morris, who organised the event, said the event raised £29,000 for good causes.

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He said: "It was an absolutely unbelievable night with fans from across the whole of the UK in attendance and we raised £29,000 which adds to the £105,000 the events have raised in the past.

"Carl and the other lads we had were all fantastic and it was like a who's who of the motorcycle world all here in Oswestry.

"Everyone I spoke to said they had a fantastic time and I think it really helped to put the town on the map - people were saying it was the talk of the town yesterday. There were a number of locals in the crowd of 450, but I was really pleased that we had fans from everywhere coming along to Oswestry."

Fan Tom Edwards, 27, from Oswestry said it was a fantastic occasion.

He said: "It was a wonderful event and Carl was a really funny and interesting man. He had a the room in hysterics at times with his stories and he was also really kind in enjoying drinks with his fans.

"He also posed for pictures, signed autographs and was a real gentleman, it was a fantastic event which I believe also raised money for good causes."

Since early 2005, Road Racing Legends has raised more than £105,000 and donated funds to various charities through fundraising events and corporate sponsoring.

Fogarty, 47, was known as Foggy during his career and has gone down in history as one of the most successful World Superbike racers of all time in terms of the number of championships and number of race wins.