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ROAD RACING LEGENDS



Road Racing Legends 5th year of organising a fund raising event:

Following an incident at Ballacob, near Ballaugh, in the sidecar race at the Isle of Man TT races on 10th June 2009, TT Champions and Honda Factory Rider's Nick Crowe & Mark Cox are presently undergoing medical treatment in the UK and require urgent financial assistance to help with current and ongoing expenses.

Driver Nicky Crowe, 38, from Jurby, Isle of Man and passenger Mark Cox, 39 from Rochester, Kent were both been airlifted to Nobles hospital with significant injuries.

Nick and Mark were leading the race when the incident occurred on the approach to Ballaugh (17 mile marker), on lap one of the three lap race.

Both Mark and Nick, were ejected from the sidecar following a collision with what is believed to be a hare, sustaining serious injuries, and after being airlifted to Noble's Hospital they received full examinations and the necessary immediate treatment.'

The Sidecar race - the second of two Sidecar races of the 2009 Isle of Man TT - was abandoned following the incident.

Nick's injuries were so extensive that he has undergone four operations so far, one of which was to remove his lower right arm, as the damage to this area was extensive and was also causing issues for the recovery of some of his other injuries.

Following a transfer to Liverpool hospital, Mark underwent two operations in his first week in hospital, on his left leg and ankle. As a result of the injuries, Mark's left leg is four inches shorter than it should be and another operation is planned in the next few weeks that will hopefully lengthen his leg, although it is not certain this operation will be successful. The fractures to Mark's pelvis and right hip are now beginning to heal well, having been repositioned, plated and pinned, as is the case with his right arm as well.

Road Racing Legends next event is to be held on Friday February 05th 2010 comprising an evening with **Carl Fogarty, James Whitham** and Friends, at the Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry.

Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis and the numbers are strictly limited to 350, all of

which will be seated. Tickets are £20 each and go on sale 01st December 2009.

Road Racing Legends have also just launched a website that can be visited and viewed by navigating to www.roadracinglegends.org. We thank all our sponsors for their continued support and assistance in making these events possible.

This will be our 5th event and to date, we have raised £42,222 for various charities including the Manx Helicopter Fund, Rob Vine fund for private ambulances, purchases of wheelchairs for injured riders, Robert Dunlop Memorial Fund, Little Hearts Matters along with supporting local charities and hospices.

It is proposed that following our next event, a percentage of the proceeds raised will be donated to the Nick Crowe & Mark Cox fund to assist in the rehabilitation of passenger and rider.

We wish all the very best to the boys and their families and speedy recoveries to both Nicky and Mark.

The sponsors of the event next year will be Morris Holdings UK Ltd, Paperway, Morris Lubricants, Oswestry Waste Paper, The Wynnstay Hotel, Comtext Signs, Ocean Telecom. Footman James, Bonhams, Classic Racer, Red Torpedo, Michelin, Road Racing Ireland, Annsfotos, Ultra Clean, VMCC, Kate Woodhead Estates and OTIS Ltd.

Jamie Whitham six times British Champion and Sky Sports Commentator continues to be patron of the charity. His aims and objectives are to push the charity forward to raise further funds to support motorcycle charities.

The organisers of this, our 5th event are once again, Gwen & Phil Morris (Oswestry) and Sue & Colin Morris (Craven Arms).