

SCCA NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

This issue has all the information you need for the 2012 season with The Friction and Hydraulic Services Series, Parker International Series and an expanded 2-Up Series having their dates all set after a busy SCCA AGM – as well as the reliability season confirmed too. There's also a look at the SCCA presentation which took place in November.



Wonky Wheeler 10

The SCCA run their traditional out of season 'Wonky Wheeler' 10 mile time trial on New Year's Day starting at 11am. This relaxed event usually sees a mixture of riders out to post a good time and those more interested to see how much fitness they have lost, with many wearing fancy dress. Starting and finishing near the Seven Stars Inn at Cold Hatton (TF6 6QH), the course is a simple 'out and back' south along the A442 turning at Shawbirch island. Riders are requested to park at the southern end of Sytch Lane, ½ mile south of the start – please do not park on the pub car park. All riders welcome for this entry on the line event. This is the first event affected by the CTT's levy increase for club events (doubling from £1 to £2) so the cost is £3.

Welcome to Hafren CC

The SCCA are pleased to welcome Newtown based club Hafren CC to the SCCA following a recent application for membership. Reformed during 2011, the club has rapidly grown, attracting around 50 members some of whom were regularly seen at Mid Shropshire Wheelers' club 10's and Oswestry Paragon club 10's as well as putting out a team for the SCCA 4-Up. The club impressed with their desire to put on an Open event and with their willingness to promote rounds in the Parker International Series and 2-Up Series in 2012, leading to a unanimous decision to accept their application at the AGM. It is hoped they will enrich the competitions. More information at www.hafreccc.com/.

Website and Forum

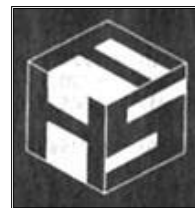
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The Forum has seen some changes recently. There are now sections for the Friction and Hydraulics Series, the Parker International Series, an Other events section as well as a Sales and Wants section. Still a work in progress, each of the events has a separate thread which will be updated with information in the lead up to and after the event, with such things as start sheets, previews, results and reports. It is also hoped to add a description of each course within each thread for any riders unfamiliar with the course codes. It is expected to run as a 'bulletin board', although obviously members can add posts to it as well. Hopefully this will prove to be better than previous which looked a little untidy. Check it out now at <http://z3.invisionfree.com/ShropshireCCA/index.php>.

Friction and Hydraulic Services Series 2012

A 15 round Open Series for 2012 sees two new courses in use, the loss of two 10's with both Newport and Dysynni not promoting in 2012 – but a new 10 mile event courtesy of new members Hafren CC. The SCCA 100 is incorporated next year within the National event and is a week earlier than usual as a consequence. **County Championship events are shown in red.**



Round	Date	Day	Time	Club/Association	Distance	Course
1	03/03/12	Saturday	14:00	Wrekinsport CC	Hilly 18	K21/18
2	17/03/12	Saturday	14:00	Oswestry Paragon CC	Hilly 17	D18/2r
3	08/04/12	Sunday	08:00	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	25	D25/8e
4	12/05/12	Saturday	14:00	Ludlow CC	10	R10/6B
5	13/05/12	Sunday	07:00	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	50	D50/3r
6	30/05/12	Wednesday	19:00	Hafren CC	10	D10/8r
7	16/06/12	Saturday	15:00	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	10	D10/23r
8	26/06/12	Tuesday	19:00	Shropshire Cycling Clubs Association	25	D25/24
9	30/06/12	Saturday	14:00	Ludlow CC	10	R10/6B
10	08/07/12	Sunday	06:00	National Championship	100	D100/1
11	10/07/12	Tuesday	19:00	Oswestry Paragon CC	10	D10/8
12	14/07/12	Saturday	15:00	Shropshire Cycling Clubs Association	30	D30/11
13	28/07/12	Saturday	14:00	Wrekinsport CC	25	D25/23t
14	16/09/12	Sunday	08:00	North Shropshire Wheelers	25	D25/8e
15	22/09/12	Saturday	16:00	Wrekinsport CC	10	K52/10

Thanks to a new roundabout at Four Crosses on the A483 we have two new courses on a great surface. The D10/8r is the reverse of the current course used by Oswestry Paragon. It has potential to be faster with the drag to Buttington roundabout eliminated:

- ⤴ Start on A483 at 2nd lay-by north of Buttington roundabout at two metal grids
- ⤴ Continue to Four Crosses roundabout and encircle
- ⤴ Finish at farm gate on left 50 yards short of start

The D25/24 will be used in 2012 for the Shropshire Championship 25 which will be put on by Oswestry Paragon CC:

- ⤴ Start NE of Guilsfield at junction of inclassified road to Geuffordd
- ⤴ At A483 turn sharp left
- ⤴ Proceed N to Four Crosses roundabout on A483 and encircle
- ⤴ Proceed S on A483 to Buttington roundabout and continue straight over
- ⤴ Continue S on A483 to Station roundabout and take 1st exit
- ⤴ Continue S on A483 to Chirbury roundabout and encircle
- ⤴ Proceed N on A483 via Station and Buttington roundabouts to Arddleen
- ⤴ Turn sharp left to finish in 3 miles in line with footpath 0.42 miles short of start

For Sale

- ⤴ Shimano Wheels WH 500. Good condition, including new chain and 13-28 cassette. £85 or nearest offer
- ⤴ Ribble Frame (Small). No forks. £50 or nearest offer

▲ Mudguards £5

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Parker International Series 2012

An expanded 17 race series sees the addition of a Hafren CC club event and the return of Newport Shropshire CC running their own Series replacing an SCCA-run event. Oswestry Paragon continue with their 19 which was affected by appalling weather on it's first outing in 2011.



Round	Date	Day	Club/Association	Distance	Time	Course
1	18/03/12	Sun	North Shropshire Wheelers	19	09:00 AM	D2/19
2	25/03/12	Sun	North Shropshire Wheelers	25	09:00 AM	D25/20
3	31/03/12	Sat	SCCA	10	03:00 PM	D10/23r
4	14/04/12	Sat	SCCA	10	03:00 PM	D10/23r
5	21/04/12	Sat	SCCA	10	03:00 PM	D10/23r
6	16/05/12	Wed	Wrekinsport CC	19	07:00 PM	D3/9rev x2
7	20/05/12	Sun	North Shropshire Wheelers	25	09:00 AM	D25/8e
8	13/06/12	Wed	Hafren CC	10	07:00 PM	D10/8r
9	19/06/12	Tues	Newport Shropshire CC	10	07:00 PM	K52/9.8
10	22/06/12	Fri	Oswestry Paragon CC	19	07:00 PM	D3/19
11	11/07/12	Wed	Wrekinsport CC	19	07:00 PM	D3/9rev x2
12	14/08/12	Tues	Ludlow CC	10	07:30 PM	D28/10
13	08/09/12	Sat	Oswestry Paragon CC	1.6 (HC)	02:30 PM	D0/16
14	23/09/12	Sun	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	30	10:00 AM	D16/1rev x2
15	29/09/12	Sat	SCCA	10	03:00 PM	D10/23r
16	06/10/12	Sat	SCCA	10	03:00 PM	D10/23r
17	13/10/12	Sat	SCCA	10	03:00 PM	D10/23r

Non SCCA BAR Events

Each year the Association nominates a number of standard distance events to count towards the County Best All Rounder competition alongside SCCA run events. Riders need to race at least one event at each counting distance to qualify. For 2012 the non SCCA events are:

Date	Time	Club	Distance	Course	Organiser
29-Apr	07.00hrs	WCTTCA	50	D50/3	P Davies
04-Jun	06.00hrs	Anfield BC	100	D100/2	P Catherall
10-Jun	07.00hrs	Chester RC	25	D25/8e	JG Ashbrook
15-Jul	07.00hrs	BNECC	25	D25/6	A Templeman
02-Sept	08.00hrs	Chester RC	50	D50/3r	M Jenkins
16-Sept	08.00hrs	WCTTCA	25	D25/28e	P Catherall

Reliability Season

The prelude to the racing season will be upon us sooner than you think with a new 50 mile event run by Bridgnorth CC kicking things off on 22nd January. The event HQ is Oldbury Wells School, Bridgnorth (WV16 5JD) with signing on from 9am and with the first group leaving at 9:30am. Details of the route are being finalised, but will be posted at <http://z3.invisionfree.com/ShropshireCCA/index.php?showtopic=245> when received.

Paramount CRT meanwhile have chosen a new route, still starting from Sundorne Sports Village as they have done in recent years. This can be seen at <http://connect.garmin.com/course/378680#.TvomOXLt3zQ.email>.

Oswestry Paragon CC are reviewing the longer version of their course.

Details are as follows:

- ▲ 22nd Jan: Bridgnorth CC: 50 miles, Oldbury Wells School, Bridgnorth 50 miles 9:30am
- ▲ 29th Jan: Wrekinsport CC: Rodington Village Hall 53 miles 9:30-9:50am
- ▲ 5th Feb: Ludlow CC: Ludlow Leisure Centre 47 and 70 miles, 9:20-9:45am
- ▲ 12th Feb: Paramount CRT: Sundorne Sports Village 42 and 64 miles 9:30-10:00am.
- ▲ 19th Feb: North Shropshire Wheelers: Raven Café, Prees 50 and 84 miles 9:00-9:15am.
- ▲ 26th Feb: Mid Shropshire Wheelers: Sundorne Sports Village 54 miles 9:30am.
- ▲ 4th Mar: Newport Shropshire CC: BandM Home Bargains car park 50 miles 9:30-9:45am.
- ▲ 11th Mar: Market Drayton CC: Lidl car park 55 miles 9:00am.
- ▲ 6th May: Oswestry Paragon CC: Llanyblodwel Village Hall 49 and 70 miles, 9:30 (long) 10:00 (short).

Links to MapMyRides of each of the courses will be posted up during January at: <http://z3.invisionfree.com/ShropshireCCA/index.php?s=e91876d7817aed0564cdae8bf0bb38a5&showforum=21>.

Newport Shropshire CC Club Events

After an absence of several years Newport Shropshire CC run a short series of club events on their traditional course starting near Chetwynd Aston island and turning at Hortonwood island entirely on the A518. The five events will run at 7pm on Tuesdays between 5th June and 3rd July, with one selected for the Parker International Series.

2-Up Series 2012

An expanded Series sees 50% more events as Oswestry Paragon CC and Hafren CC join in with new rounds. All based on normal club courses at 10 miles, you must ride 4 of the 6 rounds with the same partner to qualify:

Round	Date	Day	Club	Time	Course
1	11/03/12	Sun	North Shropshire Wheelers	09:00 AM	D2/10
2	18/05/12	Fri	Oswestry Paragon CC	07:00 PM	D10/5c
3	29/05/12	Tues	Ludlow CC	07:00 PM	R10/6B
4	03/07/12	Tues	Mid Shropshire Wheelers	07:30 PM	D1/11 rev
5	01/08/12	Wed	Wrekinsport CC	07:00 PM	D3/9 rev

How To Win Trophies

For the benefit of the many newer riders out there a summary of how to win trophies:

Trophy	How to Win
BAR	Highest average speed in approved events over 25, 50 & 100 miles
LADIES BAR	Highest average speed in approved events over 10, 25 & 50 miles
JUNIOR BAR	Highest average speed in approved events over 10 & 25 miles
VETERANS BAR	Highest aggregate standard in approved events over 25, 50 & 100 miles.
Shropshire Championship Shield	Rider gaining most points in the Shropshire Championship Points Series
Buz Hughes Shield	U-21 rider gaining most points in Shropshire Championship Points Series
Shropshire Ladies Championship Shield	Lady gaining most points in Ladies Championship Points Series
Shropshire Veterans Champion Shield	Vet gaining most points in Veterans Championship Points Series
Shropshire Junior Championship Shield	Junior gaining most points in Junior Championship Points Series
Inter-Club Trophy	Rider gaining the most points in the Inter-Club Series
Junior Inter-Club Trophy	Junior gaining the most points in the Inter-Club Series
Ladies Inter-Club Trophy	Ladies gaining the most points in the Inter-Club Series
The Alan Roberts Junior Trophy	Fastest junior rider in SCCA 10 mile Championship
The Gordon Davies Trophy	Fastest male rider in the SCCA 10 mile Championship
The Gordon Davies Ladies Trophy	Fastest lady rider in SCCA 10 mile Championship
Freeston Trophy	Fastest rider in SCCA 25 mile Championship
Brian and Gill Morrison Trophy	Fastest lady in SCCA 25 mile Championship
The Jack Pitchford Trophy	Fastest rider under the age of 21 in the 25 mile Championship
50 mile Trophy	Fastest Rider in the Mid Shropshire Wheelers 50 mile event
100 mile Trophy	Fastest Rider in the SCCA 100 mile event
Presidents Trophy	Rider riding most in Friction Series. Tie decided by Parker Series rides then by fastest longest common distance.
Hill Climb Trophy	Fastest rider in the SCCA Championship Hill Climb
Jim Heath Trophy	Fastest veteran on standard in Mid-Shropshire Wheelers 50 mile event
Road Race Trophy	SCCA member finishing with the most points in the SSSCRRL
John Farr 4-Up Shield	Fastest team all from a single affiliated club in the SCCA 4-Up
2-Up Trophies	Team gaining lowest points over best 4 of 6 rounds in the 2-Up Series
Top Club Shield	Team gaining highest points in Shropshire Championship Points Series

Both the Friction and Hydraulic Series (The Shropshire Championship Points Series) and the Parker International Series (The Inter-Club Series) are limited to the best 12 rounds scores for all individual competitions.

SCCA Presentation

Around 65 riders and supporters turned out for the SCCA Presentation on a glorious morning to cheer on 2011's winners. Food as usual was catered by the Wrekinsport ladies and was well received, with excellent bacon and sausage sandwiches in particular.



History of The Mids

Dave Poulter has been doing some research of the history of Wrekingsport with the idea of doing a booklet to coincide with the clubs 90th birthday celebrations in 2012, and in doing so came across a detailed history of the early days of the Mid Shropshire Wheelers. It was put together for their 50th year handbook and dates from 1977, compiled by Joyce Whitney, who long standing riders may remember was always seen at Mids events serving teas along with husband Bob from the back of their estate car, well before most events had headquarters. This should be of interest to many readers.

"A long lost minute book that last saw the light of day some 20 years ago recently re-appeared proves that the Wheelers aren't as old as they thought they were – They are older! An excellent history of the club compiled not so long ago recorded that the club was formed when 37 young men met on Tern Bridge on Wednesday, May 20 1926. But that was written without the benefit of the missing minute book – the club's first, presented to it by a founder member. H.R.Rawbon. The prodigal minute book reveals that the club was, in fact, formed when 20 young men met at Tern Bridge on Thursday June 18 1925. Founder members included Arnold Williams, unanimously elected as the clubs first captain. Arnold continued to figure prominently in the life of the club and now, aged 73 a life member of many years standing, lives at Bryn Road, Shrewsbury.

Among those first members were C.D. Breeze, J.E. Armitage, the first secretary and treasurer, E. Padmore (vice captain), H. Higley, T. Midgley, H. Rawbon, M. Bedding, F. Helm, G. Wilson, L. Newton, W. Bromley, F. Street, and E. Cox. They unanimously decided to call themselves the Mid Shropshire Wheelers and pay 2s 6d (25p) a year subscription – except for committee members who (no doubt in recognition of their privileged status and the hard work they put in without charge) had to pay three shillings... Presumably the thinking was that anyone bright enough to keep a cycling clubs members in line had to be earning so much that he could afford to pay 20% extra in subs. (The truth of this was quickly demonstrated by the committee a few weeks later when they got their own back and decided to charge themselves fourpence less than members for their club badges.)

Six days after that historical gathering on Tern Bridge, the clubs committee met for the first time, on Wednesday June 24 1925 at their headquarters, the Bridge Café, Ironbridge, where they continued to meet regularly for the next three years. They decided to hold their first club run the following Sunday, June 28 1925 from the square

in Shrewsbury to Llangollen. The club had a strong bias towards racing right from the start and one of the first acts of the new committee was to write to the East Liverpool Wheelers asking for invitations to compete in their 50. At the next meeting they nominated their secretary-treasurer, J.E. Armitage as the man to represent the club.

The committee chose the design for the familiar Wheelers badge on July 15 1925, when they also decided that all club runs would start from Ironbridge and to establish a racing section. There was a lot of interest in track racing in those early days and members trained for track events on the A5 between Tern Bridge and the Umbrella House, sprinting between telegraph poles and taking pace from coaches travelling from Welshpool to Birmingham. They would ride to meetings on Ellesmere's banked grass track, a shale track at St. Georges, a concrete track at New Brighton and also at Much Wenlock, Bridgnorth and Knighton – swapping steel wheels for cane rimmed wheels once they arrived.

The first club 25 was run on the Shawbury triangle on August 9 1925, scratch man E.Padmores winning a prize of 7s 6d with a time of 1:13:47. He beat co-scratch man Armitage by nearly 3½ minutes. The slowest of the 12 entrants recorded a long 1:30.

This was the era of the man in black of course, and all time triallists wore the same uniform – black jackets and black tights. The rules said that the whole of the body had to be covered and in fact in 1926 the committee warned riders they could not ride in shirt sleeves. It also took steps to avoid offending the Sunday morning churchgoers by ensuring that competitors in a 25 that went past St Giles Church did not do so when members of the congregation were entering or leaving. This nice regard for the proprieties of life was matched by a pioneering spirit that would have warmed the hearts of today's women's libbers. For, as early as its fourth meeting, on July 22 1925, the committee decided to admit lady members to the club (Mind you that is positively the last reference to them for many years, and there is no evidence that they were involved at all in the clubs activities. Even the annual dinner was an all male affair).

The clubs Wem and Broseley sections were invited to compete in the first 10, won by scratch man T. Midgley in 27:06 on September 13, from a field of 19. The first annual general meeting was held at the Unicorn Assembly Room in Shrewsbury on November 4 1925, when the years activities were shown to have produced a healthy profit of £1/1s/11d. Albert Walters was elected the clubs first President."

To be continued in the next issue.

SCCA 4-Up 2012



An early warning that your CTT Handbook will be showing the wrong date for the SCCA 4-Up which does NOT take place on 12th August but a week earlier on **5th August**. This belated change was noticed just too late to stop the press and is due to the National 12 hour using the A442 on that date. As many of you are aware the A442 is the boundary between Liverpool and Midlands DC's, with priority given to Liverpool events in

the case of any clash. **Make sure you update your handbook when received.**

SCCA Membership

With a number of new clubs on the County scene it is perhaps timely to state how to join in all the events shown above. Events are broadly classified into Open (Friction Series, 4-Up) and Club (Parker Series, 2-Up Series, club's own events). SCCA Membership for a club costs just £15 p.a. and allows all members to ride, score points and play for medals and trophies in all Club events as all are designated "Come and Try It". However to ride in Open events (and score points in the name of your club) it must additionally be affiliated to the governing body of time trialling, Cycling Time Trials. This costs £30 p.a. (£80 p.a. if club is sponsored) – see <http://ctt.org.uk/> for further details. Riders can however affiliate directly to the SCCA as a Private Member for £5 if they have a permanent Shropshire address regardless of their club, and this would gain them status to ride in Open events and score points if their club is not CTT and/or SCCA affiliated.