

# **2012 BIG CHILL EVENT REPORT**

1: **Ambulance:** They have now arrived at the track 10 or 15 minutes late three times out of the last four days of racing. I believe the only cure is to book them next year for 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for practice which will cost us an extra \$100 but will certainly help lower my stress levels.

2: **Radios:** We had nine radios this year but we ( Glynn, Paul & I ) believe we need to go to 11. 4 flag points, Clerk of the Course, Race secretary, Starter, Timing, Ambo, Flaggie co-ordinator & one spare.

3: **Registrations:** As the secretary box is too small to accommodate everyone I would like to be able to buy a couple of fold up tables. This year I brought an extra one with me which is what we used on the day but we needed more desk area.

4: **Competitor grid marshalling:** It was suggested to me that we have a fold up chalk board which would be located on the edge of pit lane where the race secretary would record the number of the next event. This would certainly help the many competitors who are camped in the rear of the pits who are having trouble making their events on time. The significant increase in entry numbers in the last few years & the ever increasing number of generators is also making this situation worse.

5: **PA system:** As I supply & sell PA systems I am going to talk to Rob Brown about adding some more speakers along the eastern edge of the pit area to improve the PA sounds levels. I will do this in the next couple of months & then I will be seeking the clubs approval to purchase some speakers & hopefully we can do this work at our annual working bee in February early next year. I will supply all equipment to the club at my cost. Approx cost under \$1,000.

6: **Race briefing:** A \$300 radio microphone would greatly enhance the PA system particularly for race briefings.

7: **Event entry processing:** I would very much like to handle all entries next year personally. Entries would be posted direct to my PO Box, I will enter them in the payment database which I then abbreviate for the on line race database. I would email the payment database to the club treasurer on a regular basis to keep him or her up to speed. This system will actually save me time & headaches as the person entering the data must have a full understanding of the differences in classes & who can enter which class. It will also significantly reduce the work load of our new treasurer & hopefully help us find someone to take on this important role. Believe me, it will reduce my work load not increase it. I would bring all the entry cheques to the event & hand them over to the club treasurer.

8: **Future events:** I would really like to continue running the club races until we get this second event in April??? next year off the ground. After that I will be happy to step aside & let someone else be in charge.

9: **Second race meeting:** I see this extra event as more of a Historic only event with all the old races we had in years gone by. Historic capacity events like we had last weekend, Continental, Japanese & British events & of course the return of the QEMSC quarter hour. The NCRR will not come back to Stanthorpe for a second event in significant numbers as they already have a full program of races. This alone will reduce entry numbers by at least 20 & \$3,000 in income. Because of this I cannot see this new

event making much if any money but as our July event makes such a healthy profit I do not see this as a real problem.

**10: Future race classes:** At our current growth rate I believe we will eventually have to reduce the number of non historic events in order to be able to fit in our increasing historic events as the numbers grow. To this end next year I plan to remove any historic 250 & 400 multis from the Combined class & simply run a class ( Formula Stanthorpe ) that will cover all non log booked machines over 200cc. I would still have a GP125 class & of course Supermoto within the same race. This will also prevent those historic multis from simply doubling up in both period 6 & Combined which the majority of our other competitors cannot do. To put it simply these multi cylinder machines will be either logged booked or not & that will determine which class they can enter.

**11: 2013 Big Chill race secretary:** Our current race Secretary Paul Borowski has advised that he will be concentrating on other pursuits next year so will not be able to make our July event. I would very much like the club to acknowledge his support over several years with some sort of certificate of appreciation. I will obviously be looking for a replacement race secretary for next year. The race secretary would be responsible for ensuring that all officials are signed on & assisting the club treasurer with registrations, PA announcements etc. There is minimal work to do prior to race weekend.

**12: Flags:** Gene & I have already discussed the need to purchase a new set of flags from MQ & getting a carry bag made for their storage & protection.

In conclusion I would like to thank the many people who help make this event such a success & those that have supported my endeavours to improve the event for everyone concerned & to further promote historic racing. Dave