

As a newer member of both QEMSC and Motorcycle Sportsman, I have been following the progress of historic racing in Queensland in recent times. I was very heartened by Dave Vincent's email to members and I was hoping that I could add my support to his ideas. Please feel free to send my email onto other members.

I am fortunate to own a Norton which is best suited to historic events and two period Hondas which can run in both historic and open events. I congratulate both QEMSC and Motorcycle Sportsman (MCS) for running these events and all are run in a professional manner and are an absolute joy to attend (even when you crash like me last weekend).

The track at Stanthorpe is a lot of fun and is very challenging but it does not compete with Morgan Park which is evolving to be one of the best all round circuits. MCS has set a programme for 2012 and have indicated in the past that they are willing to programme historic events if they understandably get enough entries. At the Nationals some years ago we had a wonderful turnout and it was a fantastic experience for riders and spectators. We all know that there are race bikes out there and yet it seems that in the last year or so the entries have dropped off. I know the GST and other economic issues mean that the allocation of disposable income needs to be carefully planned and this may have an impact. Also, many of us are not getting any younger but still maybe regular careful racing is a way of keeping us all mentally younger.

We have an opportunity in 5 and 6 May to show our support for MSC and Morgan Park by becoming involved in the Masters event. I personally don't care if it is a Championship event or not, I also don't care who I am racing against and I certainly don't care if I win or come last – What I do care about is that it is an opportunity for historic machines to be on display in race trim as they should be seen and heard.

I urge us all to think about getting involved in the Masters event and others as the year unfolds. As Dave said:

**It's very simple, either we all support the Masters of Morgan Park this year or any dedicated historic classes at Warwick are gone!!!!**

See you at the track and stay upright and oil tight.  
Paul Chesher