
TT restricted areas

Posted by CBR2002 - 2008/04/30 12:58

When will the list of restricted areas be published for this years TT? More to the point why hasn't it been published yet? It is way overdue? I heard yesterday that it is not going to be make good reading.

On a brighter note - new chief marshal assinged!

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Joey D - 2008/04/30 17:40

Well at least from a Safety point of view for all concerned and attending this years races it may be a good idea to publish it sooner rather than later :unsure:

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by edscape - 2008/05/10 16:19

I have been to many spots on the TT course, and found many to be dodgy. Take Rhencullen for instance. The place is jammed with hundreds of spectators. You have all seen how the top men come through out of Kirkmichael, past the 30mph sign on the back wheel and cranked over. Spectacular. But the TV doesn't show the less experienced men coming through, and I can tell you that some day a rider will lose it into that bank taking a large chunk out of that crowd with him. It's as hairy as the bottom of Barregarrow, and that's banned. Use your heads when you get there and stay safe.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by larryd - 2008/05/10 16:28

Hi Eddie - Glad I got through to you all those years ago about Rhencullen;)

Larry D

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by edscape - 2008/05/10 18:34

Jasus Larry. I must be gettin mellow in my old age.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Phil Windrum - 2008/05/11 00:41

Totally agree guys. Rhencullen looks fantastic on DVD but that's as close as I have ever wanted to get!

I think the really annoying thing is being treated like mushrooms- being kept in the dark and fed excrement!? On one hand the organisers' line is that there will be "No dramatic change to TT viewing areas" while on the other we keep getting drip fed rumours. I have seen postings on another site from the man who purports to own Glen Mooar saying it is prohibited this year and others making comments like it will be very difficult to watch anywhere between Ballacraigne and Glen Helen, which if true is hardly "No dramatic change to TT viewing areas."

To be honest the first thing we're gonna do off the boat is scoot round and take a look. Call me a Doubting Thomas but it's getting to the stage that until I've seen it with my own eyes...I'm sure any of you boys over for practice week will keep

us well posted tho;)

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Ben Oates - 2008/05/11 01:06

I don't think the section of Rhencullen you refer to is that bad. All you have to do is take a step backwards and you will be OK? I could give you a long list of far more dangerous allowable vantage points.

As far as the Black Dub is concerned, this was my reply to the landowner:

Poshboy,

Can i firstly say thank you for letting me, my family and my friends spectate on your land next to the tea rooms since you took the site over. This is without doubt our favourite vantage point on any road racing course. I am saddened that we will no longer be able to spectate from this position but I also fully understand why you have had to take such a decision. Hopefully one day we will once again enjoy the spectacle and hospitable tea rooms on race days.

It sounds as though most of the restricted areas in place at the Manx Grand Prix in 2007 will remain and this will somewhat disappoint returning TT fans. Pauline, the section you are referring to, Gorse Lea, has had a fence constructed just prior to the B road which will restrict any vantage point. As for the wall after the cottage, I suppose it's up to the landowner.

A sensitive subject. I say this with some despair, but if these issues are not addressed promptly, i feel it could spell the end of road racing on the Isle of Man.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by edscape - 2008/05/12 11:50

Ben Oates wrote:

I don't think the section of Rhencullen you refer to is that bad. All you have to do is take a step backwards and you will be OK? I could give you a long list of far more dangerous allowable vantage points.

I remember distinctly standing on the bank with my right foot on the wire fence ready jump down into the field if need be. The guys further down the bank had no such option. However Ben, you obviously haven't been involved in a high-speed incident. If you were, you would know that even if your eyes are glued to the road at all times, (impossible at the TT) the action unfolds indescribably quickly, and you would need to be an olympic athlete to stand any chance of avoiding it. Stay safe by being aware of where you spectate from.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Phil Windrum - 2008/05/12 12:14

Again I agree Ed- with bikes going at those speeds you would be just glued to the spot. The accident that sticks in my mind which really illustrated this was Paul Dedman coming off at Juniper Hill a few years ago. He high-sided at the bottom of the hill and the bike managed to collect two marshals at the very top of the hill. Looking at the distance it travelled you'd think they had plenty of time to move but they didn't.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Alan Oates - 2008/05/12 13:17

Just to straighten a few things out here...

None of Rhen Cullen is completely safe, but then none of the 37.73 miles is completely safe. You could even fall down

the stairs and the grandstand and break your neck! However, quite a lot of Rhen Cullen is safe - anywhere before the jump and around 50 yards after the house are fine. After that your are mad to sit there and both Ben and I never have. If that is all that is lost, fine and good – why would you sit in the firing line? However, I suspect the lot will be closed off.

The same is true of the Black dub. Just after the tea rooms for around 50-60 yards is fine but there is then a sliding scale of madness for those sitting any further around. Again, we have never sat towards the end because we have an element of self protection. But I am a bit pissed at being unable to sit in my usual safe spot towards the tea rooms. I have unfortunately seen more than one accident around there so I have some idea what I am talking about when I say 'safe'.

The only thing the Paul Dedman crash proved is that those marshals were stood in a stupid place. It was a bit like being stood on the side of the tarmac at the exit of Clearways at brands – who on earth would stand there? Thank goodness they survived.

Larry, if you want to be 100% safe I would go watch your sport at the crucible. This isn't safe – there are 100s of disclaimers around the course saying that so I don't understand why this insurance liability point is an issue at all.

As far as I see, Moyle's criticism of the organizers was that there should have been a prohibited area sign at the 26th milestone. OK, so go fix that problem and make sure a sign is put there. I don't see the connection between Moyle's verdict and increasing the number of prohibited areas. Surely on the basis of the verdict you would want to reduce the amount of prohibited areas not increase them.

The liability should be on the fans. If you want to stand in a stupid are that is up to you, but you probably will get hit and it will be your fault.

There is one place that I consider to be the best place on the TT course to spectate. It is far more dangerous to watch there than at any point at Rhen Cullen or Black Dub. But I'll bet my mortgage on it not being prohibited because it is virtually unknown. I'm not watching at Quarter Bridge or the Grandstand so I guess I am forced to spectate from more dangerous places – bit silly that.

The good news is that there will be more marshals as a result of this but is that really a reason to sign up?

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Ben Oates - 2008/05/12 14:15

Edscape,

I was involved in a pretty nasty incident at Greeba Bridge in the Junior Manx Grand Prix about 10 years ago where I was hit by a bike which came over the wall. We were lucky. It didn't stop us watching from that spot though, I watched the next lap stood on the very same brick. My choice. It wasn't a position I deemed particularly dangerous but watching motorsport is just that, dangerous.

I was also unfortunate enough to witness Paul's accident at Juniper. I thought the marshals who were injured were half way up Juniper, not up the top of the hill. Would I have stood where the marshals were stood? Absolutely no chance. Ludicrous comes to mind.

I'm not sure exactly what point you are trying to make but if you stop spectators watching from their favoured positions, for whatever reason, they are not going to attend. No spectators, no meeting.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by admin - 2008/05/13 12:32

Full list of prohibited areas available by clicking [here](#).

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Ben Oates - 2008/05/13 22:43

Well I don't want to be too negative about the biggest event on the calendar, which is just around the corner, but I was rather disappointed with the release of the prohibited areas.

I fully agree with some of them and I think on the whole, the highly dangerous areas were already prohibited. However, I noted a few more than 'one or two' additions. I had a PM asking for a list of additions in TT fans lingo, this is what I compiled. I might have a couple wrong and no doubt I have missed a few:

Glen Lough Campsite
Gorse Lea
Ballaspur/Ballig
Laurel Bank
Black Dub
Top of Barregarrow
Bottom of Barregarrow
IOM Bank (Kirk Michael)
Rhen Cullen (Part 2)
Alpine (I think)
Ballacrye (I think)
Entrance to Quarry Bends
Exit of Waterworks
Exit of Gooseneck (partially prohibited?)
On top of the wall at Hillberry
Exit of Signpost.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by kev02 - 2008/05/13 22:52

wuldnt it of been easier to release a list of places that arnt prohibited?

unfortunately not unexpected but nevertheless sad day for many fans.all favourites now outta bounds.
predict ALOT of very shocked and disapointed visitors too.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by edscape - 2008/05/14 11:23

If only the mountain wasn't so cold and desolate. There are stacks of really good places to watch from. Get your thermals on and bring the thermos full of soup and a good radio. Enjoy.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Phil Windrum - 2008/05/14 11:25

The slightly annoying thing is that some of the places are not fully prohibited and unless you know house/road names and field boundaries it's very difficult to picture. Definitely needs a sighting lap.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Alan Oates - 2008/05/14 11:29

my first reaction was that it didn't look too bad but as Phil say's the proof will be in the eating. To be honest reading it I had no idea where you could and couldn't sit. I predict quite a few arguments between fans and marshals as they debate whether they are 9 meters or 10 meters from the action.

I guess the big questions are: Even if areas are designated prohibited is it against the law to sit there? What would be the consequences of sitting there?

If the answer to these is no and you accept full liability then happy days, I always went to road racing on that assumption anyway.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Donny Swoop - 2008/05/14 12:53

This is as bad as it could have been. Or is it? I have no idea, it's too hard to read. Will have to do a sighting lap when i arrive.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Joey D - 2008/05/14 22:21

It will have to be a slow lap on arrival to check out the good old fav spots.

If it as bad as they say it is, then (fair play with regard to safety reasons) but bad for race fans, and may turn many away for 2009. :(

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by larryd - 2008/05/14 23:08

Cheap shot Alan.

I don't play, nor indeed do I watch, snooker.

I have however had six MGP starts and seven at the TT, and it is on the strength of observations made during these that my opinion was formed regarding the left-hand bank at Rhencullen.

Those who sit there are well worth the attentions of the men in white coats.

Your comment about "stepping down/back" when necessary is noted, but when a 120mph missile is heading for you, you don't have the time.

You'll only get one chance to prove your theory, and I hope to God that you're proved right - an awful lot of people in various situations and locations have been proved wrong.

Too many of them are dead.

Larry Devlin

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Ben Oates - 2008/05/14 23:46

Hi Larry,

I notice you originally directed your post to me although I think you have edited it correctly now!

I have purposely tried to avoid posting on internet forums since the new year, purely because of inaccuracies like that, normally with more malice, along with a number of other issues. I'd rather talk on the hedge. This thread did make me bite though.

We could debate Rhencullen eternally and I take your comments on board. However, statistically, given the large numbers always present at Rhencullen, I think the race fan is more than happy to spectate from this popular vantage point and therefore I think the masses would disagree with your comments.

Anyway, I suppose it's irrelevant now. ACU Events Ltd have made a decision which is likely never to be reversed. Maybe we can discuss this at a bit more length at Braddan Bridge? Or from behind the newly erected cage like fencing at the Quaterbridge? We should be safe enough there.

Enjoy the races. ;)

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Alan Oates - 2008/05/15 00:01

larry, thanks for taking the analogy in the light hearted manner it was intended. In the same way you accepted the risk when you went out on track so do fans need to accept some risk when they choose to spectate. This sport is not safe, its for people that don't always want 'safe'.

I and my friends do not stand in dangerous places (and that includes part of Rhen Cullen) - there is a judgment to be made on getting close to the action and putting one's self at risk. I have no problem with the judgment being made for me if it is reasonable. But based on Ben's post above the judgement is over conservative and not reasonable. If you read around there are many who support this view.

However, I am in the 'do a lap' crowd so will reserve final judgement till then. I know at least 7 spots not mentioned in the brochure so my TT week should be OK.

The thing is, even with these changes, someone will get hit. It might not happen for another 15-20 years but as sure as night and day, it will happen. Why? Because accidents happen.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by moffy - 2008/05/15 00:22

Some people like risk and danger and thats why they sit an inch from a bike if they can.

With people like this around the changes may will be a good thing. Some people are not happy unless they can almost touch the bike and rider.

The problem you have with accidents is the distance the bike can travel after it has hit a hedge,tree,lamp post,barrier or wall.

Come on guys and girls lets look forward to the positives and hope everyone has a safe,succesful and enjoyable TT.

I look forward to meeting some of you.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by larryd - 2008/05/15 00:27

I'll be in the S100 paddock from Monday next to the Wednesday of practice week.

Alan, Ben, the kettle's always on!

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by pykey05 - 2008/05/15 09:09

Alan my mates and i marshalled at Ballacry and going through the Black Dub area we allways said to each other before the roads closed 'there is no way we would marshal or spectate there' but at the end of the day its commonsense were you choose to watch and all forms of motorsport are dangerous, i think that is printed on all race tickets and programes be it the TT or a scramble?

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Alan Oates - 2008/05/15 12:21

Pykey, like you say common sense. I have always sat in safe places, always had an escape route because the unlikely probably will happen. And I have always attended knowing it is dangerous - there are more than enough health warnings. I assume by your post that you thought Ballacry was safe but this is another area now out of bounds under the new guidelines. So the ability to use your common sense has gone.

larry, would love a cuppa but not ariving until Thursday of practice week. Might be in the Sidings for a few for a week after that!

moffy, you are right. For some, getting really close to the action is part of the attraction. If it wasn't surely they would go to a BSB round. There they would see arguably more quality riders and bikes. Only problem is you need a good set of binoculars. I guess it is the same as watching all TT races from the grandstand (but wouldn't know).

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Stevie - 2008/05/15 12:59

This is funny

<http://www.iomtoday.co.im/news/TT-course-prohibited-area-signs.4084438.jp>

Funny because look what the signs are being nailed to. Imagine if a rider hit one of those. People nicking the signs is actually making the course safer! People are being such nancies over this there was nothing wrong with the course as it was.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by admin - 2008/05/20 22:42

Someone was asking for pictures, here's a taster...

<http://i216.photobucket.com/albums/cc133/sidltd/Variou/t01.jpg>

<http://i216.photobucket.com/albums/cc133/sidltd/Variou/t02.jpg>

<http://i216.photobucket.com/albums/cc133/sidltd/Variou/t03.jpg>

<http://i216.photobucket.com/albums/cc133/sidltd/Variou/t05.jpg>

<http://i216.photobucket.com/albums/cc133/sidltd/Variou/t06.jpg>

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by moffy - 2008/05/21 08:54

Stevie. You, LOOK WHAT THE SIGNS ARE BEING NAILED TO?

No stick is going to die if a rider or bike hits it, a human could. The sticks will give way with a small amount of pressure.

Then you say, PEOPLE NICKING THE SIGNS IS ACTUALLY MAKING THE COURSE SAFER?

Dont be so stupid, If people do sit where these signs have been put then they are putting themselves at risk and risk the races not running. Also by stealing signs they are making it dangerous and un-clear for others.

According to people of better judgement than you, things were not right and they have tried to be as possitive about this as they can be.

Not everyone is going to be happy but something needs to be done.

I remember sitting on the bank at Brandish corner when the Amarican rider william baldwin crashed and hit a girl, think it was 95. The girl lived and has been back to the races. My point is this, You must be completely mad to sit in certain places and that would be one of them. People do not care for the saftey of themselves or others until its to late and peoples family and friends suffer. I think we should support the organisers as they are doing this for our saftey, not themselves.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by joe - 2008/05/21 11:05

as a tt marshall (when i go to the tt) and manx gp were i have marshalled for a number of years now, i can shed some light on probited areas.

as a marshall i have the power to remove any spectator(s) from any probited areas that are deemed dangerous.

when asking fans to move, i have noticed all are more than willing to do so, if not we can obtain the help of the iom police, to forceably remove them.

now this has never happened to get police help, as most fans were more than happy to move along.

however we recieved instructions from race control, that if fans dont move, we contact race control were they will hold up the practice/race, until they are happy that everyone is safe.

i dont think anyone would want to see the race held up, so most do move on.

there are heavy fines in place for intrusion on the course ect, i would assume that they would imply to fans who wont move from probited areas.

there is a way of asking people to move, thr right way and wrong way. i have always been polite in asking and explaining, not like some over here who say you cant f****ng stand here now move.

i notice a photo from the 11th were i marshall the last photo is going to the corner, i have stood in the field, on a specially made platform, behind the bank,flagging its called the 11th flag, a vital point at the 11th milestone, i see they have the posts and ticker tape up, in all my time i have never seen anyone watch on this bank, as from all times, there it has been probited.

hope this helps to answer some questions.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Ivan Ardon - 2008/05/21 17:43

moffy wrote:

No stick is going to die if a rider or bike hits it, a human could.

I think you are missing the point here. A stick can cause considerable damage to a rider if he makes contact with it. Such incidents have resulted in fatalities in the past at my local circuit - I won't mention any names. Stevie - you may want to advise if I am way of course here. :dry:

I can't make head nor tail of the literature but judging by everyone the changes are a bit more dramatic than first thought. It's a wait and see if you ask me.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Stevie - 2008/05/21 17:50

I think there must have been a crime on the Isle of Man! From the photos the police have cordoned of the hedges while they investigate a dictatorship.

Ivan, you are right. I don't respond to that idiot moffy anymore.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Stevie - 2008/05/21 20:45

Sorry admin, you are right. I am sure everyone else is thinking it without me saying it. A first class merchant b...!

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by moffy - 2008/05/22 09:11

Look, Lets not make this personal, these are just my views and opinions. If some of you are coming over for the TT i look forward to meeting you and having a bit of craic.

Im a road racing fan like everyone of you and we have a love for the same thing.

lets just enjoy the racing.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by ErikBloodaxe - 2008/05/23 21:19

Well I set out for a sighting lap tonight in the car with a heavy heart, and I have just got back a few minutes ago. I'm very pleased I made the effort to do so as it was most educational.

I took the official printed list of prohibited and restricted areas from the Manx Independent newspaper so I could check out every detail. I find that I must admit that many (but certainly not all) of these areas are potentially very dangerous places to consider watching from, and common sense would have prevented me from doing so. The organisers appear to have considered what "could" happen, ie if someone lost it under heavy braking approaching a corner, ran wide and clipped a bank on the exit of a corner, or if a bike hit the aforementioned bank and bounced back across the road, hitting the opposite bank where people were watching from.

Having said that the official comment from Adrian Earnshaw that there were only a few more prohibited areas than last year is totally wrong and very misleading. However our government is very good at misleading the Manx public I'm afraid, so no surprise there. The truth is that there are many other areas that will be out of bounds to spectators by virtue of the fact that they are in private property, and whereas a few years ago TT fans would be welcomed into such places and probably offered the use of a toilet and cups of tea all day, such friendship and co-operation is not so easy to find these days.

I confidently predict that there will be a lot of people who miss the races because they cannot find anywhere to watch from before the road closing time overtakes them. They will be stuck on housing estates, roaming around listening to the commentary on their radios, they will be able to hear the bikes but unable to actually see them. And you can be sure that these people will not bother to come back again to the TT or Manx. And who can blame them. And herein lies the reason for the continued decline of racing on the TT course. I speak with experience, just about old enough to recall almost every practice and race on the TT course, TT and Manx, for the last 40 years. Nineteen of those years as a competitor in the TT and Manx GP.

As a local, I will manage to find somewhere to watch from, but I have never felt less enthusiastic in my life. The two places that I am most annoyed about are the exit of Windy Corner and the exit of Signpost. I cannot fathom why these are prohibited. Firstly Windy Corner. For generations this has been a convenient and vital signalling station for many riders, just about far enough away from the end of a race to pull back a few seconds when necessary. I see tonight that this is now a thing of the past. You have to be positioned up behind the stone wall at the top of the Slieu Losht Quarry access road, too far away for realistic signalling. What is dangerous about this spot? The only time I recall an incident there was George Formby in "No Limit" in 1935.....

And my main gripe, the exit of Signpost. Yes, it is common sense to have the first 30 m or so out of bounds on the left

bank, but why close off the whole length of the road right down to past Bedstead? I watched most practices and races from this area since 1969, before the bulldozers moved in and it was all built on. I have seen several top men come a cropper at Signpost, Alex George (1970 Junior TT), Mick Grant scooping up Keith Heckles in the 1971 F750 TT, Tom Herron in early morning practice around 1977, George Fogarty, Ken Inwood whilst 2nd in the Senior MGP, Cap Davies, Michael Rutter, and lots more I cant just recall. Never in all those years did I ever witness anything that would warrant closing off the full length of this road for safety reasons. It's totally unnecessary in my opinion, and many Onchan people who have always watched from there can no longer do so, or for that matter, anywhere else between The Grandstand and Hillberry. Like I say, many of the closures are understandable, but a few are not so whatsoever.

In closing, I would urge anybody to have a similar sighting lap around the course, especially visitors. I'm not trying to depress anybody, just a warning to be aware of the situation here now and keep a step ahead of things.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Alan Oates - 2008/05/24 01:57

Spot on there Bloodaxe. There are two things that are going to see the end of the TT. The first is lack of competitors, the second is lack of spectators. Judging by the grids this year and the way the fans have been treated, it looks like we are well on the way to the end now. Sad really beacuse I love the TT and so much has been done to improve the event's image. But at the end of the day I'm just an average joe who wants to see a show and when you compare the alteranatives (or the same event 10 years ago) it's hard to see the show now.

Let me give you Ducati as an example. Who really wants to see a parade of old Ducatis wobbling around? If Ducati really wanted to support the event they would have entered a team. In fact, one of the best road racers in the world rides a factory Ducati AND wanted to race. But alas he is not going to be there.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Ivan Ardon - 2008/05/24 15:37

I arrived on the IOM this morning.

Erik you are quite right, Adrian Earnshaw and Paul Phillips both stating that the prohibited areas have only a couple of additions, deary me, the actual result is a real contrast. Bullshit.

Like you, I agree there are a number of additions that are reasonable. In fact, I think they always were prohibited areas, they just never had the signs there! But many of the additions are uncomprehendable. Too many to list. Complete over reaction.

I think this, together with so many recent liability issues i've been hearing about and the event becoming over commercialised, has taken away all the buzz of the event. Nobody appears excited about the TT this year, really strange.

Alan as for the entry, I picked up my programme and I can only agree. What on earth has happened? There are going to be less than 70 practicing for the Senior and I would estimate less than 60 starting. There are less than 60 entered for the sidecars, less than 50 starting? Rubbish.

It's about time Paul Phillips looked at the roots of the TT. Prancing around the grandstand bending over to the "big boys" for 2 weeks is not doing the event any favours. It might boost his ego but it will leave him jobless in the next couple of years if he's not careful.

Fingers crossed for sunshine and safe racing, the TT needs it!

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by moffy - 2008/05/24 23:44

I think the that people are not looking at the events of the last couple of weeks.

JMF are not here as we sadly lost Martin. Lilly and william dunlop have not come. Rob frost pulled out so CD racing have

not came and Macadoo have decided not to come.

Ducati have not got the engines to come here. If your talking about one of the best road racers in the world being M Rutter, I dont think he has a ride because, There is not the competitive Bikes available to him and the teams with bikes wouldnt or could'nt afford to pay him.

Alan i would love to see you try and do the job paul has done.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by joe - 2008/05/25 02:52

i have signalled for many years at windey corner, this is a vital point as you get all 3 comentry points, i noticed chANGES for last years manx gp, i couldent signal from my usuall place but found a convient spot, further down from what i call the gun club lane, had no hasel at all from the marshalls at windy, on reading a post it states that a 250 meter probited area on the exit of windy is probited, in all my years there i had on only one occasion to help put a rider into the helicopter, i wasnt marshalling that day but seeing the lads under pressure i downed my board,put on my bib and gladly helped out. as far as im aware the area from the gun club lane, towards the 33rd, is not probited unless changed from last years manx.

i stand to be corrected on this.

if this is the case,i can only say the TT is on its last legs, as this is a popular spot for boarding.and i must add totally safe, i have seen many teams up here and all completly organised to board from this point.

a great place on a good day, a brave man stands here 3 days a year, year in year out wind rain sleet or snow, been here for 12 years now.felt the rain felt the wind, and even got sunburned one year.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Alan Oates - 2008/05/25 11:06

Dear me moffy. That is a bit like taking a shot and not even hitting the corner flag! I am out today but will show you just how far off the mark you are tomorrow. As far as paul is concerned this line of my post might help you out a bit:

and so much has been done to improve the event's image..

Not sure how someone who doesn't know me can comment on my ability to do a job that isn't mine. Nevermind.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by kev02 - 2008/05/26 22:44

well 2 sessions in and ive heard nothing but moans from joe public(be it locals or visitors). This extends from the casual fan through to diehard supporters of the event.

Being told blatent lies over "not noticing a significant increase in Prohibited areas" has not gone down well. I plead with the organisers to admit they have overreacted on this issue and review it for future events. Otherwise i see a bleak future

Add this to blatent policies to extract as much cash as possible from all concerned at the grandstand(and come racedays no doubt other areas), and the laughable situation of unfull fields (i forsee less than 50 starters in the "exceptional" sidecar field and approximately ONLY 60-65 starters in saturdays superbike).

I know its so easy to be negative. but unfortunately EVERY fan i have spoken to cannot be wrong.

DTL, ACU, Act now before it is too late. You can have the best road rcars in the world racing but if there is no-one here to support it then the event is f**ked

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Alan Oates - 2008/05/26 23:30

Key, by my estimates we are already at 63 starters for the Superbike race. That will likely be lower than 60 by Saturday. In all likelihood there will be a good deal less in the Senior. Less than 60 starting a Senior - that has to be some kind of record doesn't it? They can't even fill the grid for the 125 TT at Billown.

I believe there are only three newcomers in the solo events at this year's TT. Again, that must be some kind of record. I saw Paul Phillips defending this on another forum stating that there was no need for a flux of newcomers this year because of the success of prior rider recruitment campaigns. Sorry Paul, I agree with many of the things you have done with the TT but you are wrong on this one. When you are 30+ bikes down on a full grid, three newcomers does not cut it. It's OK having an elite field but there still needs to be a full field, particularly on a 38 mile course. There are going to be times during the racing where we are all bored stupid. Couple that with being treated like five year old children with these prohibited areas, it may be difficult to get fans back.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Stevie - 2008/05/27 11:46

I agree with the comments here of kev02 and Alan. I was booked with Euromanx to go over there this week. Now manx2 have messed me around and I can't go until next week. Now I have been ripped off with this TT Live. I was still thinking of going but having read the prohibited areas book what is the point? I have cancelled my accommodation. Reckon I'll go to the world superbikes at Brands Hatch now instead.

This is a right mess. The Manx are unbelievable. It is as if I owe them for attending the TT. Well I don't so I won't be there. Good luck with that attitude.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Stevie - 2008/05/27 11:48

Should also mention that I watched the supertock race on the mountain last year. It was a really small field and took ages for the cones to be put out. I did say at that time I wouldn't be back unless it changes. I really should have listened to myself because I was right.

Yours, a little pissed off.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Stevie - 2008/05/27 12:17

I think they must have missed this one <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3e15lskyfXU>

Not sure you would catch me where the camera man is in any case!

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by rracergrl - 2008/05/27 17:13

Any recommendations on where we can go to watch the racing??:unsure:

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by kev02 - 2008/05/27 20:03

that utube link is prime example of an area where i would say 99% of ppl would agree SHOULD be prohibited.YET it is not. Infuriating

sad story Stevie but unfortunately 1 that will become all too common if this year is anything to go by.

DTL- If people do not come to the TT/MGP the IOM loses revenue.if the amount of revenue lost is greater then the costs/efforts/inconvienciences/tradgedies of staging the event then it becomes unviable to run. Forget the history and prestige of the event "getting it through the lean years". Basic economics will prevail im afraid. As most people come for the racing (as we are told by PP and the minister for tourism), then i would suggest you address this area and keep the people coming back. Otherwise there will be alot more sad tales like stevies. Believe it or not people do Like watching at places other than the grandstand fellas.

DTL- If u lose the support of the local population that is pro TT then the event is fu**ed. Well documented i know- but the local population really do push the boat out for the TT/MGP to allow the events to proceed as they do. Once people lose the "buzz and joys" that comes with TT/MGP im afraid the well oiled machine breaks down.

Ultimately despite the joys of years past, people will not be prepared to keep pushing the boat out and making personal sacrifices whilst getting nothing back from the event.

take the grandstand situation- Usually rammed with locals on practice nights(even in crap weather). Tonight yet again only 2people on it. If people lose that TT "buzz" then only negatives will occur

unfortunately after this year, unless something is done immediately, i can see both visitors and the local pro tt poulace drifting away in equal measures.

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by joey33 - 2008/05/27 22:36

does anybody know if you can still watch from the bottom of bray hill

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by admin - 2008/05/27 22:43

You can still watch on the left before the traffic lights, get there early though!

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Phil Windrum - 2008/05/27 22:51

Bray Hill seems to be as before judging by the published prohibited list but not sure what it's like on the ground.

It seems that a number of factors were taken into consideration when deciding prohibited areas. There are probably a few wee crannies one or two people could fit into that look dangerous but aren't prohibited (ie that Milntown video) but it seems they've deliberatley targeted the popular areas ie Ballig, Black Dub, Rhencullen, Alpine, Ballacrye, Wildlife Park etc. This may have the effect of moving people to other areas which then have to be made prohibited???

Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Stevie - 2008/05/30 15:40

Stevie wrote:
This is funny

<http://www.iomtoday.co.im/news/TT-course-prohibited-area-signs.4084438.jp>

Funny because look what the signs are being nailed to. Imagine if a rider hit one of those. People nicking the signs is actually making the course safer! People are being such nancies over this there was nothing wrong with the course as it was.

This point was proved by Mick Charnock last night I believe. Two broken legs and a broken wrist. Poor guy. Will Michael Moyle now prosecute the people who put the signs there?

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Ivan Ardon - 2008/05/31 21:41

I just heard the rumour that Mick hit one of these posts and remembered this discussion.

Take note Moffy.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by Ivan Ardon - 2008/05/31 21:44

There seemed to be a bit of a heated discussion this morning at Rhen Cullen between "course officials", the police, marshals and a spectator.

Anyone know what this is about? Also heard a rumour that restrictions will be relaxed again this year, what a joke. I won't be back.

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Re:TT restricted areas

Posted by mick c - 2008/10/09 21:37

only just read this thread..wish the post had snapped! instead of me!!

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