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Club Meets: Second Wednesday of the Month at the Cleveland Bay, Eaglescliffe
Rideouts: April to October. Meet for 10am start at Yarm Town Hall every Sunday (1)

CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

Secretary's Ramblings. How nice to get a visit from the 'Beast from the East' again. When I first heard about it I thought it could be one of my sisters from Bridlington coming to spend a weekend! Anyway, at least I have managed to get out on the bikes – I even washed one the other day! The new rear shock has been fitted to the Kawasaki GPZ 500S but I haven't had the chance to check it out properly; the A66 from Stockton isn't very twisty and the roads were coated in slime and salt after the previous night's frost. The promise of Spring (again!) soon sounds hopeful.

Read Ted Harston's on a trip across the borders, it will get you in the mood for getting out on your bike.

Jack Fowler Racing. Many thanks to Bob Arnett for arranging the visit by Jack and Neil of Jack Fowler Racing to give us an insight into his racing career and hopes for the future. It takes a lot of dedication, sweat and money to get on in the sport and anything one can do to help Jack and the team get on would be most appreciated. Check him out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Jackfowlerracing.

Ride Out Programme. Details of the Club's Ride Out programme are further down this news letter. There is to be a change to the '12-hour' ride out planned for 8 July. Because the date clashes with the Festival of 1000 Bikes at Cadwell another date will be identified and published soon.

Forthcoming Events (latest additions in Bold).

Club Meeting:	Weds 11 April @ 8pm
Committee Mtg:	Weds 2 May @ 8pm
Committee Mtg:	Weds 9 May @ 8pm

(1) Meet every Sunday 10:00 at Osbournes in Yarm High Street during non-Rideout period – end October to March. (wearing Rufty-Tufty biking gear optional if you come by car, cycle or walk but want to look 'ard)

2018

7 Apr	Rufforth Autojumble
9 Apr	Squires Cafe Bar Easter Egg Run
16 Apr	Kilham Bikers Easter Egg Run from Bay Horse. Meet 0900 for 1100 depart.
21 Apr	Scorton Autojumble
21/22 Apr	Bob Smith Spring Cup Road Races, Oliver's Mount (provisional dates)
22 Apr	Ripon Spring Classic Car & Spring Show Autojumble. Ripon Racecourse
22/23 Apr	Carole Nash Classic Motorcycle Show, Staffordshire Showground, ST18 0BD
23 Apr	Mods and Rockers Charity Ride. Donate £5 to Air Ambulance. Dept Clifford Tower, York, YO1 9RY for Rose and Crown, Beadlam, YO62 7RD
28 Apr	Squires Cafe Autojumble
28-30 Apr	MAG Rally at Home Farm Barns, Sledmere, YO25 3XG.
29/30 Apr	Oliver's Mount Festival of Speed. Hill Climb
5 May	Rufforth Autojumble
12/13 May	Auto 66 Championship, Croft Circuit
19 May	Scorton Autojumble
19 May	Buck Inn, Chop Gate, Bilsdale. Party time.
19/20 May	Carole Nash Festival of Motorcycling at Peterborough Arena.
26 May	Squires Cafe Autojumble
28 May	Ripley Castle Yorkshire Classic Vehicle Show & Land Rover display
28 May	Classic Bike and Scooter Show, The Wharf, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 2AG
2 Jun	Rufforth Autojumble
6 Jun	Lincoln Bike Fest, Brayford Waterfront, Lincoln
16 Jun	Scorton Autojumble
23 Jun	Squires Cafe Autojumble
23/24 Jun	Cock O' the North Road Races. Oliver's Mount
7 Jul	Rufforth Autojumble
7/8 Jul	National Road Rally. Bmf.co.uk
14/15 July	7th Annual Roxby Heritage Weekend at Fox Inn nr Staithes, TS13 5BB. Classic Bikes, Cars, Traction Engines, Trade and Craft engines. Contact Alison Potter 07813 333423
18-25 Jul	Lincolnshire Bike Week
21 Jul	Scorton Autojumble
21-29 Jul	Scarborough Bike Week (provisional date)
28 Jul	Squires Cafe Autojumble
3-5 Aug	MAG Yorkshire Pudding Rally at Escrick Park nr York
4 Aug	Rufforth Autojumble
9-12 Aug	Bulldog Bash. Shakespeare County Racecourse
12 Aug	Raby Castle Vehicle Show
17-19 Aug	BMF Dambuster Rally at Thorpe Camp, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire. £15 for the weekend
18 Aug	Scorton Autojumble
19 Aug	Yarm Motorcycling Club BBQ at Yarm Cricket Club
25 Aug	Squires Cafe Autojumble
26/26 Aug	Croft Battle of Britain Car & Bike Races, Croft Circuit
26 Aug	Ripon Summer Classic Car & Bike Show
1 Sep	Rufforth Autojumble
2 Sep	Festival of 1000 Classic Cars & North West Classic Motorcycle Show (provisional date) at Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire
7-9 Sep	Goodwood Reviva
15 Sep	Scorton Autojumble
22/23 Sep	The 68 th Steve Henshaw International Gold Cup. Oliver's Mount

22/23 Sep	MCN Ally Pally Show and Supersprint
29 Sep	Squires Cafe Autojumble
6 Oct	Rufforth Autojumble
7 Oct	Oliver's Mount Bike Hill Climb
20 Oct	Scorton Autojumble
27 Oct	Squires Cafe Autojumble
3 Nov	Rufforth Autojumble
17 Nov	Scorton Autojumble
Nov	Motorcycle Live at the NEC
Nov	Coach Trip to NEC
24 Nov	Squires Cafe Autojumble
15 Dec	Yarm Motorcycling Club Christmas Party, Eaglescliffe Golf Club (prov date)
15 Dec	Scorton Autojumble
1 Dec	Rufforth Autojumble

DO PLEASE CHECK BEFORE TRAVELLING

The Club Website. www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk. The Club's website has been created by Allan Wren. Yours inputs would be most welcome. Send in your pictures, articles of interest, forthcoming events, and items for sale and wanted. Allan is the site moderator; he has the final responsibility for what appears on the site.

BMF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DEAL CONTINUED FOR 2018

The BMF. Why not join the BMF as an individual member and save yourself and the Club money? Strengthen the membership base of the BMF and give it more clout in working for riders' rights. Convert to Full Membership at a £5 reduction in the normal fee AND make £5 for the Club. The joining fee will be £26, and the club will receive a payback of £5 for every member recruited. The payback to the club will be in the form of a credit note to be cashed in exchange for part of their affiliation fee for the forthcoming year. Speak to the Club Secretary for details and Application forms.

Club Logo Shirts. Shirts with the Club Logo are available from Elizabeth Embroidery, Stockton. All shirts are of excellent quality and in a range of colours. The Tee Shirt is available in a micro-fibre type material. For further details and ordering see Allan Coverdale. **You can also take your own garments to have the club logo embroidered by Elizabeth's Embroidery, Stockton on Tees. Tel: 01642 674 973.**

Club Badges. Allan Coverdale has Club Badges available at £8 each. These are quality items and will improve the appearance of your jacket/t-shirt/underpants/whatever!

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Proposed Changes to Moped and Motorcycle Training. The road safety record of Great Britain is one of the best in the world but there is still more that could be done to make our roads safer for motorcyclists. The [latest statistics published](#) show that motorcyclists accounted for 21% of fatalities, that's 365 people, despite representing only 1% of vehicle traffic. Last year the DVSA held a consultation on proposals to improve the way motorcycle training is given in Great Britain. Some 2,200 responses were received and were strongly supportive of the proposals. The proposals were concerned with changing the way instructors are trained to carry out Compulsory Basic Training and training for the Direct Access Scheme. Instructors will be assessed on a regular basis. To see the proposals in full go to www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-moped-and-motorcycle-training.

Thefts of Vehicles with Keyless Entry Up! The number of vehicles stolen in England and Wales has gone up 30% in the past 3 years. Experts are blaming keyless entry systems as the main culprit. In 2013 some 65,783 vehicles were reported stolen but by 2016 this had risen to 85,688. Despite increasing use of evermore sophisticated security systems car thieves have caught up with the technology. By boosting the signal from keyfobs thieves are able to bypass the vehicle's security system. The way to minimise the risk is to use additional low-tech aides, such as a steering lock and parking in a well-lit area. Whilst the majority of vehicles stolen are cars, motorcycles are using keyless systems more and more.

Ride-Out Programme. The Ride-Out season has started, with some 17 riders turning out for the first run. There are Ride-Outs every Sunday and on public holidays; the table below gives the dates.

For June 24th and another date to be announced, the ride-outs are planned to be for 12 hours: 09:00 to 21:00, taking advantage of the light-nights and hopefully warmer weather.

Public Holidays/12-hr Ride
2 April Easter Monday
7 May May Day
28 May Spring Bank Holiday
24 June 12-Hour Ride
TBA 12-Hour Ride
27 Aug Summer Bank Holiday
28 Oct BST/Ride-Outs End

Some possible Ride-Out Destinations:

Roseberry Topping
 Transporter Bridge
 New Bridge over the Wear at Sunderland
 'Tommy' at Seaham
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Councillor Wonders Why Police Don't 'Knock' Dangerous Riders Off Their Machines. I often wonder what calibre of person becomes a town councilor, and Sue Little, Conservative councilor for Basildon and East Thurrock, has let the cat out of the bag. Maybe I'm a little harsh, but common sense seems to have gone out of the window here! Councillor Little referenced the Metropolitan Police following several nuisance incidents in her local area. Apparently the force 'bumps' dangerous riders off their bikes, and she wonders why her local police force cannot do the same! The Metropolitan Police have since confirmed that such tactics are never used; 'Stingers' are now being used and have proven to be quite effective. Having had a front tyre 'blow out' (hit an exhaust bracket in the outside lane near Leeming) while commuting up the A1 on my FJ1200, it was a scary few seconds trying to keep the thing under control while getting to the hard shoulder. The centrifugal force kept the tyre

'round' until I got to somewhere near walking pace, when it half rolled off the rim! I was pissed off as it had plenty of life left, but I should be grateful I stayed upright until the very end.

New Drivers Can't Put Their Phones Down. (MCM April Issue). Five Hundred and Thirty Three new drivers lost their driving licences for using their mobile phones while driving in 2017. The law, which changed in March 2017, saw the penalty increase to 6 Points and a £200 fine, and resulted in new drivers falling foul of the "one strike and you're out" rule. The rule states that drivers gaining 6 penalty points within 2 years of passing their test will have their licence revoked. It will be necessary to apply and pay for a new provisional licence and then take the theory and practical tests again to get a full licence.



The advertisement is a black rectangular box with a red double-line border. On the left side, there is a logo for 'Ridewell Tees Valley' featuring a stylized 'R' that resembles a road winding through a valley. Below the logo, the text reads 'From Learning to Learning Motorcycle Rider Development'. In the top right corner, the website address 'www.ridewellteesvalley.co.uk' is displayed in a light blue font. The center of the advertisement contains several lines of white text: 'Post test rider development experience', 'Former Prince Michael International Road Safety Award Winner', 'Realise your own skills and potential—increase forward planning to create a more fluid ride', 'Increase cornering and overtaking skills', and 'Take your riding to another level'. At the bottom left, contact information is provided: 'Telephone : 07794160412' and 'Email: ridewellteesvalley@yahoo.com'. At the bottom right, there is a small blue square with the word 'facebook' in white.

A Grand Day Out by Ted Harston

A ride-out I did a while ago took me into the Scottish Borders and to Hawick in order to find out about two of its past motorcycle racers and to enjoy the roads and scenery. I left home at about 9:30 in the morning and, having topped up with fuel on way to Darlington, I took the A68 to Tow Law and Corbridge. I then joined the A696 and headed towards Carter Bar for a short break and photos. Back on A696 to the A6088 for Hawick. The road passes through the village of Southdean (Steve Hislop's first home and last resting place) and then through Bonchester Bridge and on to Hawick to visit the museum in Wilton Park. The museum has a lot of memorabilia from Hislop's racing days and also from another Hawick racer, Jimie Guthrie. Guthrie, who raced and won Grand Prixes on works Norton's in the 1930s, was tragically killed racing in the German Grand Prix at Sachsenring in 1937. Both Guthrie and Hislop were TT winners and both men have statues in the park. I noted that friends of Hislop had erected a memorial to him at the crash site on the Teviot Hills near Teviothead.



With the museum visit over I decided to visit the memorial to him at the helicopter crash site, and so on to the A7 to Teviothead. Arriving at Teviothead I had to ask around as to where the monument was located. I was sent to a farm and, passing through the farm yard, I rode out on to a track on the moors. After a while I came to the memorial, which is marked by a cairn (mound of stones).

Steve Hislop's name is on a sandstone plaque and surrounded by a wooden fence (the memorial is well kept).

With the visit over it was time to head back to the road and to plan a different route home; so time for a snack and out with the map. I decided to split the route home into some quick roads and some more interesting ones. So it was back to the A7 and a sprint down to Langholm, after which I picked up the B6318 at Skippers Bridge. I then headed towards Gilsland (15 miles) then on to Greenhead and Low Brunton (this road runs alongside Hadrian's Wall).



I picked up the A6079 and then down into Hexham (I think these roads are ideal for adventure bikes). In Hexham I picked up B6306 to Blanchland and from there I joined a moor road, which in turn joins the B6278 just before the run down to Crawleyside and into Stanhope. From Stanhope it was on to the B6278 past the ice cream van at the ford (no time for an ice cream!) then up and over Bollihope Common to Eggleston and then to Barnard Castle. I rode through Barnard Castle, on to the B6277 then over the A66 and up and over the Stang to the Charles Bathurst pub. From there it was to Arkengarthdale and Reeth then the B6270 to join the A6108. Through Richmond onto Scorton and home. Mileage approximately 240. Time of arrival back was around 6:30pm – and time for a beer!

Ted Harston

Autonomous Vehicles – Oh Dear! An autonomous Uber car killed a woman in the street in Arizona, police said, in what appears to be the first reported fatal crash involving a self-driving vehicle and a pedestrian in the US. Tempe police said the self-driving car was in autonomous mode at the time of the crash and that the vehicle hit a woman, who was walking outside of the crosswalk and later died at a hospital. There was a vehicle operator inside the car at the time of the crash. The company said it was pausing its self-driving car operations in Phoenix, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Toronto. Uber's

CEO tweeted, "Some incredibly sad news out of Arizona. We're thinking of the victim's family as we work with local law enforcement to understand what happened." Uber has been testing its self-driving cars in numerous states and temporarily suspended its vehicles in Arizona last year after a crash involving one of its vehicles, a Volvo SUV. When the company first began testing its self-driving cars in California in 2016, the vehicles were caught running red lights, leading to a high-profile dispute between state regulators and the San Francisco-based corporation.

Bike Meets:

Tuesday Route 59 Café at Hambleton, Bolton Abbey, BD23 6AF.
The Pit Stop, Stockton, 1825 Bowesfield Way.

Wednesday: The Manor Café, Bellerby near Leyburn. DL8
Squire's Café, near Sherburn in Elmet. LS25 3LX

Thursday: Whistle Stop Café, Whitby.YO21 1YN
Stephen Billau & Sons Bike Night. Every Thursday 6pm to 9pm at the Destination Café in the Darlington Shop. Normal shopping facilities also open.

Saturday: Squire's Café, nr Sherburn in Elmet.

Sunday: Hartside Cafe, Alston, Cumbria. CA9 3BW

Other places:

Filling Station Café, 150 yards from A66 Roundabout at Keswick. CA12 5PR

Hot Tram Roll, Keswick central, CA12 5DF

Cocketts Hotel, Market Place, Hawes

Seaways Café, Fridaythorpe. YO25 9RX

The Rose and Crown Hotel, Bainbridge, Leyburn. DL8 3EE

The Buck Inn, Chop Gate, Bilsdale. TS9 7JL

The Penny Garth Café, Hawes. Open 7 days a week 'til 4pm – 'til 9pm weekends

Tomlinsons Café and Bunkhouse, Bridge Street, Rothbury, NE65 7SF

Wilf 's Café, Staveley, Kendal. LA5 9LR

Orton Scar Café, Orton, Penrith. CA10 3RQ. 5 mins from J38 on Tebay–Appleby Road.

Café 1618, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QG

Blenkinsop Castle on A69, Brampton, CA8 7JS

Biker Café at GMEC Garage, Merry Lees Spital Road nr Staxton, YO12 4NN

Elaine's Tea Room, Austwick, nr Settle. LA2 8DF

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THE END GAME. More jokes from some good friends at home and abroad.

A college teacher reminds her class of tomorrow's final exam.

'Now class, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow. I might consider a nuclear attack or a serious personal injury, illness, or a death in your immediate family, but that's it, no other

excuses whatsoever!' A smart-ass guy in the back of the room raises his hand and asks, 'What would you say if tomorrow I said I was suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?' The entire class is reduced to laughter and snickering. When silence is restored, the teacher smiles knowingly at the student, shakes her head and sweetly says, 'Well, I guess you'd just have to write the exam with your other hand!'

Newfoundlander's Fire Insurance: A man and his wife moved back home to Newfoundland from Vancouver. The wife had a wooden leg and to insure it in Vancouver was \$2000.00 a year! When they arrived in Newfoundland, they went to an Insurance agency to see how much it would cost to insure the wooden leg. The agent looked it up on the computer and said to the couple, '\$39.00.' The husband, with mouth agape, was shocked and asked why it was so cheap in Newfoundland to insure her wooden leg. The agent turned his computer screen to the couple and said, 'Well, here it is on the screen, it says: "Any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system over it, is \$39.00."

A man called home to his wife and said, "Honey, I have been asked to go fishing up in Canada with my boss & several of his friends. We'll be gone for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get that promotion I've been wanting, so could you please pack enough clothes for a week and set out my rod and fishing box, we're leaving from the office & I will swing by the house to pick my things up" " Oh! Please pack my new blue silk pyjamas." The wife thinks this sounds a bit fishy but being the good wife she is, did exactly what her husband asked. The following weekend he came home a little tired but otherwise looking good. The wife welcomed him home and asked if he caught many fish? He said, "Yes! Lots of Salmon, some Bluegill, and a few Swordfish. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pyjamas like I asked you to do?" The wife replied, "I did. They're in your fishing box .."

Murphy's' old lady had been pregnant for some time and the time had come. He brought her to the doctor and the doctor began to deliver the baby. She had a little boy, and the doctor looked over at Murphy and said. 'Hey, Murph! You just had you a son!' 'Ain't dat grand!' Murphy got excited by this, but just then the doctor spoke up and said, 'Hold on! We ain't finished yet!' The doctor then delivered a little girl. He said, 'Hey, Murph! You got you a daughter, !!!! She is a pretty lil ting, too....' Murphy got kind of puzzled by this and then the doctor said, 'Hold on, we aint got done yet!' The doctor then delivered another boy and said, 'Murph, you just had yourself another boy!' Murphy said to the doctor, 'Doc, what caused all of dem babies?' The doctor said, 'You never know Murph, it was probably something that happened during conception.' Murphy said, 'Ah yeah, during conception.' When Murphy and his wife went home with their three children, he sat down with his wife and said, 'Mama, you remember dat night that we ran out of Vaseline and we had to use dat dere 3-in-1 Oil.' She said, 'Yeah, I remember dat night...' Murph said, 'I'll tell you,it's a freaking' good ting we didn't use WD-40.

A hotel guest calls the front desk and the clerk answers, "May I help you?" The man says, "Yes, I'm in room 858. You need to send someone to my room immediately. I'm having an argument with my wife and she says she's going to jump out the window." The desk clerk says, "I'm sorry, sir, but that's a personal issue." The man replies, "Listen, I can't get the window open... and that's a maintenance issue."

An elderly couple had just learned how to send text messages on their new mobile phones. The wife was a romantic type and a retired English classical literature teacher. The husband was a retired Navy Chief and more of a no-nonsense guy. One afternoon the wife went out to meet a friend for coffee. She decided to send her husband a romantic text message and she wrote: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you." The husband texted back to her: "On the toilet. Please advise."

A very pretty young speech therapist was getting absolutely nowhere with her Stammerer's Action Group. She had tried every technique in the book, but still they stammered and stuttered. Finally, totally exasperated, she said; "If any of you can tell me where you were born, without stuttering, I will have wild and passionate sex with you until your muscles ache and your eyes water."

The Englishman immediately piped up; "B-b-b-b-b-b-irmingham", he said. "That's no use, Trevor" said the speech therapist, "Who's next?" The Scotsman raised his hand and blurted out; "G-g-g-g-g-g-gl-lasgow". "That's no better either, Hamish. Now, how about you, Paddy?" The Irishman took a deep breath, counted to 5 and eventually blurted out; " London." Brilliant, Paddy!" said the speech therapist and immediately set about living up to her promise. After 15 minutes of exceptionally steamy sex, the couple paused for breath and Paddy said; "d-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-erry".

A group of 12 women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husbands. The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hand. Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember. The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband "I love you, sweetheart." Next, the women were instructed to exchange phones with another woman and read aloud the text message they received in response to their message. Below are 12 actual replies from their husbands. If you have been married for quite a while, you understand that these replies are a sign of true love. Who else would reply in such a succinct and honest way?

1. Who the hell is this?
2. Hey, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong?
4. What now? Did you wreck the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean.
6. What the hell did you do now?
7. Are you sure this is for me?
8. Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need?
9. Am I dreaming?
10. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
11. I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day
12. Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

A young couple left the church and arrived at the hotel where they were spending the first night of their honeymoon. They opened the champagne and began undressing. When the bridegroom removed his socks, his new wife asked, "Ewww - what's wrong with your feet? Your toes look all mangled and weird. Why are your feet so gross?" "I had tollo as a child," he answered. "You mean polio?" she asked. "No, tollo. The disease only affected my toes." The bride was satisfied with this explanation, and they continued undressing. When the groom took off his pants, his bride once again wrinkled up her nose. "What's wrong with your knees?" She asked. "They're all lumpy and deformed!" "As a child, I also had kneasles," he explained. "You mean measles?" she asked. "No, kneasles. It was a strange illness that only affected my knees." The new bride had to be satisfied with this answer. As the undressing continued, her husband at last removed his underwear. "Don't tell me," she said. "Let me guess... Smallcox?"

And it's 'Goodnight' from him. Please call me if you would like something putting in the newsletter. There is no deadline...you either make the next issue or you don't! My contact details: brian.burke2@btopenworld.com 01325 722660. Mobile 07481 120673.

The 2018 Racing Calendar

Date	MotoGP	WSB	BSB
2 April			Donington
8 April	Argentina		
15 April		Aragon	Brands Hatch
22 April	Texas	Assen	
6 May	Jerez		
7 May			Oulton Park
13 May		Imola	
20 May	Le Mans		
27 May		Donington	
3 Jun	Mugello		
10 Jun		Brno	
17 Jun	Catalunya		Snetterton
24 June		Laguna Seca	
1 July	Assen		
8 July		Rimini	Knockhill
15 July	Sachsenring		
22 July			Brands Hatch
5 Aug	Brno		Thruxton
12 Aug	Austria		
19 Aug			Cadwell
26 Aug	Silverstone		
7 – 9 Sep			Silverstone Triple Header
9 Sep	Misano		
16 Sep		Portimao	Oulton Park
23 Sep	Aragon		
30 Sep		Magny Cours	Assen
7 Oct	Thailand		
12 – 14 Oct			Brands Triple Header
14 Oct		Argentina	
21 Oct	Motegi		
27 Oct		Qatar	
28 Oct	Phillip Island		
4 Nov	Sepang		
18 Nov	Valencia		