



CAERPHELLY AND DISTRICT MOTORCYCLE & LIGHT CAR CLUB

The Caerphilly & District motorcycle and light car club is an old club. It's unsure *exactly* when it was formed, but it *is* known to have been before the Second World War. It is widely believed to be formed from the *Caerphilly Motor Club* which thrived in the 1930's.

The club has held sporting motor events in and around Caerphilly ever since its inception, and Caerphilly events were always popular and significant, even at a national level.

One such event was the *Caerphilly Hill Climb*, which used the Caerphilly mountain road for speed based hill climb races in the 1920's; one such event even boasted **Sir Malcolm Campbell** amongst the entry.

As a motor cycle club the tradition of running nationally recognised events and having participants highly respected at a national and international level continues to this day. A roll call of honours for the club includes;

Malcolm Uphill, Highly respected road racer in the 1960's and 1970's Isle of Man TT winner, GP racer, he is in the Guinness Book of Records for being the first man ever to lap the TT course at an average of over 100 MPH on a production motorcycle. Malcolm was unbeatable in the wet, and gave a certain Mr. Barry Sheene a helping hand in his career by giving Barry his first taste of a full works racer by loaning him his factory backed Suzuki while recovering from a broken leg.

Gareth & Gethin Thorne, British Sidecar Enduro Champions in 1985 and both life members of the club, earned with 25years unbroken membership.

Gareth Williams & Brian Green, British Sidecar Enduro Clubman Champions in 1985, giving the club a clean sweep in the Sidecar class that year.

Jimmy Witts, British Enduro Champion in the Championship class in 1985 for 80cc bikes.

Vince Davies, British Enduro Champion in the Clubman class for 250cc bikes in 1985.

Steve Griffiths, British Enduro Champion in the Championship class for unlimited cc bikes in 1995.

Nigel Smith & Richard Smith, British Sidecar Enduro Clubman Champions in 2007, and were unbeaten in all of the rounds of the championship.

Paul Martin, Welsh 4-stroke Enduro Champion 2007.

Carl Adams, winner of the international Trans-Danubria Rally held in Eastern Europe in 2004, on a shoe-string budget he beat the fully sponsored works BMW sport team and many professional racers. More recently Carl has won all three Classic Trials in the CMTCC, an Historic series of events that date back from when motorised vehicles first appeared!

Neil Adams, many times British Trail bike Trials Champion, virtually unbeatable in his discipline.

Chris Herbert, Many times Welsh Trials Champion, and highly placed competitor in the gruelling Scottish six-days Trial.

There are many more that could be added to the list from success stories both past and present, including many outstanding results in Welsh Championships, British championships, and also international honours in the discipline of Enduro's.

This impressive list represents skill, dedication and sacrifice that should be respected as being on a par with success in any other sporting arena.

The club has an enviable reputation in the business of running events as well. In the past the *Caerphilly Trial* was a firm favourite with the top riders of the day, and at one time such was its status, the event started from inside Caerphilly Castle Grounds and was flagged off for a parade lap of the town by the mayor and assorted dignitaries of the Town.

With the current climate of anti social illegal off road riding, the Caerphilly Club is on the front line in the fight to stop this illegal activity and promote the sport we all love.

Members of the club sit on rights of way committee's and work hand in hand with the Forestry commission and other landowners to help stop the illegal activities that are a hindrance to all.

We provide a valuable service by promoting properly organised events run with help from the Police and permission's from all relevant authorities, to provide a safe environment for enthusiasts to enjoy their sport without inconveniencing others.

Our *Ivor Morkott* trial held in the summer is a prestigious event and holds status as part of the British Championship. How many other sports in the area hold national Championship status I wonder?

