

Bolton Hot Wheels CC

What Did Summer Bring?

Sunday 16th August 2009 – Southport Ride

During 2009, a group of ladies (and gentlemen) have taken up the challenge laid by Janet, Rod and Ian to pick up their bikes, maybe for the very first time or just the first time for a long while and start to enjoy riding their bikes again. Back in May a small group (which grew considerably) took part in fun Go-Ride Skills activities just like the children to learn the skills needed to gain confidence on their bikes. Over time this progressed to rides on the road, which grew longer and longer thanks to Rod's trick of never admitting the full distance travelled.

One Sunday in August provided the biggest test, the riders set off early from Bolton Arena to complete the course to Southport. This was a great challenge for those involved which was made harder by the weather. All the participants made it to the café at the end of Southport Promenade with its unique musical entertainment and received a certificate created by Publicity Officer Sarah Brennan to mark their achievement. You can see photos of this ride and the presentation in the website gallery. After the rest and refreshments they only had to ride back home again! Well done to all those who took part.

This scheme has proven so popular that there are plans to repeat the course in 2010 and the project is being developed to progress towards a Coast to Coast challenge in 2012 to commemorate the Olympic Games.

SIS Criterium Success



Andrew Hathaway became Bolton Hot Wheels CC's first series winner when he took joint 1st position in the Under 10s category at the SIS Criterium Races at Preston Arena. This is a season long competition with races taking place every Thursday evening from April through to August. Well done to Andrew, who not only took the prize in this competition, but took 3rd in the CDNW Youth League for his age. He now has a shiny trophy to show for his efforts. I'm sure there will be many more collected over the next few years.

Tuesday 1st September 2009 – Ride the Lights

This was a unique chance to experience the famous Blackpool Illuminations on a bike with no cars allowed. Many club members took part in this ride and we would love to see your photographs and hear your take on the event. Don't forget to send any details of any event which you and your family take part in, whether it is on your bike or not.

What's Coming Up?

Sunday 20th September 2009 – Preston Grand Prix

It could be your last chance to Race this Season! This Sunday the Preston Grand Prix Circuit Races will take place in the heart of Preston. For many youngsters this will be the last race in their current age category before the Cyclo-Cross season commences and they move up a grade. Racing is provided from the Under 8s category upwards so why not give it a shot. Several members have already signed up to ride, so you will be in good company. Visit the organisers (Cycling Development North West) website for more details:
http://www.cdnw.org/Preston/Preston_GP.htm

Saturday 26th September 2009 – Haigh Hall Family Walk and Ride



There will be no coaching session at Bolton Arena on Saturday 26th September, however we invite you to meet us at Haigh Hall in the Courtyard for a Family Walk and Ride. This is a chance for all the family and your friends to come together and have fun on your bikes. Show mum and dad just what you can do! We will be meeting at the normal time of 10am and will finish with a little rest at the café where you are free to depart at your leisure. The Postcode is WN21PE.

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A link to google maps!

Sunday 4th October 2009 – Horwich CC Cyclo-Cross – Leverhulme Park

Our Friends at Horwich CC are holding the first of their two Cyclo-Cross races at Leverhulme Park in Bolton. Entries are available on the line and open to riders of all ages. Under 14 and 16s race at 12noon with an entry fee of £5. Under 12s race at 1pm and they enter for free and Adults get their chance at 2pm and their entry is £10. It is also free to watch so why not go and see a bike race in action on your home turf.

The second event will take place on Sunday 29th November.

Saturday 31st October – Halloween Trick or Treat

Also Janet's Birthday!!!



This year with Halloween landing on a Saturday we thought we would hold a festive ride to celebrate. The plan is to hold a trick or treat treasure hunt at Rivington in the Morning, with the older riders trail taking them to the top of the pike. This will only be possible if we successfully recruit enough volunteers to act as guides, chaperones and treat hidiers.

What do we need volunteers for? The course for the older riders will be fairly wide and therefore to ensure everyone is kept safe we would like to ensure that there are some adults who can ride with the young riders to ensure they don't cheat and are kept safe. We have held treasure hunts before in Rivington, where notices disappear midway through. This is why we would like to have guardians of the treat chests, to ensure there are enough treats left to go around.

If you think you would be able to help (Fancy dress is encouraged, but optional) then please email me back and let me know what you would be able to help with. We may require you to arrive a little earlier than the group so you can be hidden really well.

More details of the events will be released nearer the time!

Volunteers

The club is always looking for people to come forward with ideas and even better if they are in a position to help put those ideas into practice. A lot of work goes in to keeping the Hot Wheels Activities happening, most of which is not seen. If you are in a position to lend a hand please speak to any of the current volunteers who will be more than happy to talk to you about what is involved and what your interests are that could help the club. Please don't be shy!

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