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NORBAR MOTORCYCLE BOOST TO AIR CHARITY



The Norbar team with family and friends are enthusiastic supporters of the Kent Air Ambulance Service

The Norbar sponsored motorcycle team for the Yamaha Past Masters Championship has recently assisted the YPMRC (Yamaha Past Masters Racing Club) in raising a donation of £2,074 toward the Kent Air Ambulance, collected through a raffle and other activities. Norbar is well known for providing precision torque tools for motorcycle maintenance and has been involved in this Brands Hatch event since 2004. The collection is in thanks for the rapid and efficient airlift rescue performed for the injured rider Craig Jennings earlier this season.

Andy Ball, Design Engineer at Norbar Torque Tools, explained that Craig's injuries were very serious and assistance from the Air Ambulance Service helicopter played an essential role in dealing with the incident. "The medical team was truly exceptional and we wanted to show our gratitude by donating towards this very worthwhile cause. Craig is a very popular rider and we all wish him well in his recovery to health."

The Yamaha Past Masters Championship caters for 250cc and 350cc machines and is run over 10 laps, with two races each day on Saturdays and Sundays. It attracts a full grid of 32-36 riders and is one of the most successful classes.

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The Norbar Team was founded by Andy Ball and Pete Fishwick, who have been active members of BMCRC (British Motorcycle racing Club www.bemsee.net). Pete Fishwick has finished this year in style, coming in second place in the season overall and winning the final two races of the Championship. Winning the last race of the season also gained him the coveted Paul Hogan Trophy [see photograph].

Apart from Pete Fishwick, the other riders currently in the team are Andy Muse and Kev Higerty. Andy Ball, the only team member who works for Norbar, no longer takes part in racing but is a very active mechanic in the pits.

The Kent Air Ambulance Trust is a registered charity established in 1989 to provide a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) and air ambulance service for the benefit of communities in the South East of England and adjoining areas.

Responding swiftly to 999 calls, the Kent Air Ambulance Service claims to be able to reach any part of Kent within 15 minutes flying time. Delivering its highly skilled team of Doctors, Paramedics and Nurses to the scene of an accident or medical emergency within minutes, the service will transport patients to the nearest major hospital or specialist unit in a fraction of the time taken by a land ambulance.