

SUPERCROSS NEWSLETTER No.1 – July 2009.

Hi from the Motorcycling New Zealand (MNZ) Supercross coordinators. This is a new dedicated role to raise the standard and profile of Supercross as a specialist motorcycle sport.

One of the main drivers for this has been the news that Kiwi riders are unlikely to get overseas contracts (particularly in Australian) as we have limited quality Supercross events and riders.

At the MNZ Supercross workshop held at the AGM it was agreed that we needed a supercross season away from the MNZ Motocross Nationals. Another driver was the weather. We need supercross in the summer to attract the spectators as they are the key to our growth for promoters and clubs and sponsor exposure.

These newsletters are a new approach to broadcast to all interested parties what we are doing to raise the standard and profile of supercross in New Zealand. So pass this onto your friends, family, sponsors and riders to encourage maximum exposure for this explosive sport.

We are delighted to have 2004 World Motocross Champion and 2007 USA East Lites Supercross champion Ben Townley as our "ambassador". Ben is 200% behind this concept and has offered to assist with promotion and training for supercross.

The first mind-blowing news is that the Australian Supercross champs (Round 6) is coming to our shores. It will be in Hamilton on Saturday November 21st. We have an opportunity to be presented with a world class supercross event and for Kiwi riders to race in the "Lites" class at this event.

We hope to announce other supercross events as the summer draws near but now have some shows confirmed.

2010 MNZ NZ Supercross Champs Rd 1 – Timaru – Wednesday January 6th.

2010 MNZ South Island Supercross Champs - Motueka – Saturday January 9th

2010 MNZ NZ Supercross Champs Rd 2 – Motueka – Sunday January 10th.

2010 MNZ NZ Supercross Champs Rd 3 – Tokoroa – Saturday January 16th.

2010 MNZ NZ Supercross Champs Rd 4 (Final) – Manukau City – Saturday Jan 23rd

One of the key factors missing in our previous picture was supercross training. We hope to get on board with the Aussie promoters and have some pre-event training in Hamilton. The week following Hamilton we have the first supercross training school at Tokoroa. This is Saturday November 28th. Each championship venue will have some practice and or training days prior to these main events.

This will be the first of many supercross newsletters to come. Stay tuned to www.mnz.co.nz for the ongoing updates of the new direction for supercross in this country. We hope to launch a dedicated website to our supercross in the next newsletter.

I hope you are excited and onboard as we launch supercross to a new level.

Our new catch phrase is "Sky's the Limit"!

Yours in motorcycling.

Bryan Davidson and Neil Ritchie.
MNZ Supercross Coordinators