

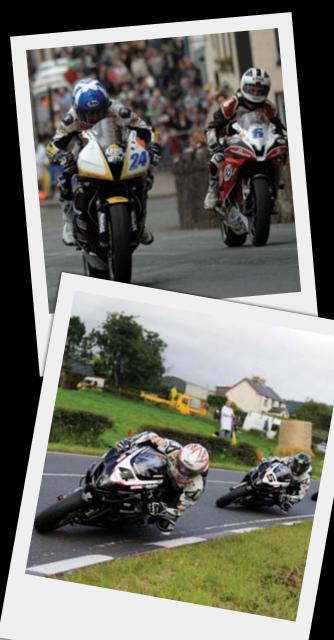
# Northern Ireland road racing

Experience the region's motorcycle heritage. This is one of the very few places in the world where you can enjoy motorcycle road racing at its adrenalin-charged best.

The region is home to two world-famous international road races, the North West 200 and the Ulster Grand Prix. These are more than sporting sensations, they are a festival for the entire family. The region's road racing heritage was cemented with the Armoy Armada which was established in 1977 by Frank Kennedy, Jim Dunlop, Mervyn Robinson and the local road racing legend Joey Dunlop. His achievements include three hat-tricks at the Isle of Man TT where he won

26 races in total; he won the Ulster Grand Prix 24 times and, in 1986, he won a fifth consecutive Formula One world title.

The Dunlop Memorial Gardens and the nearby museum in Ballymoney have become points of pilgrimage for people from around the world who marvel at the skill, commitment and courage which are synonymous with success in this tough sport.



## Calendar of Events 2011

#### April 29/30th 2011 Cookstown Road Race

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#### May 6/7th 2011 Tandragee Road Race

For more information contact Florence Burns T: +44 (0)28 3884 1985

#### May 17/21st 2011 North West 200

For more information contact Mervyn Whyte T: +44 (0)28 7035 5800

#### July 29/30th 2011 Armoy Road Race

For more information contact Sheena Munnis www.amrrc.com

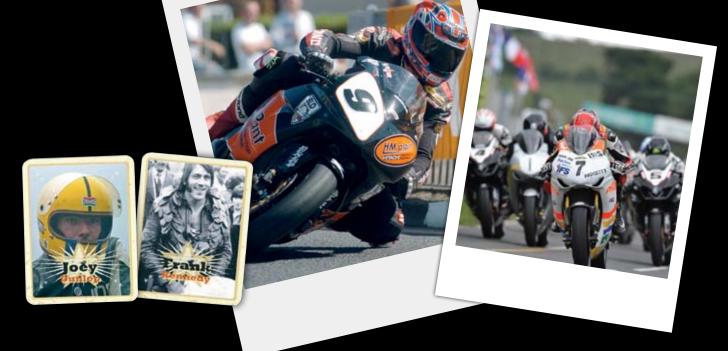
#### August 5/6th 2011 Mid Antrim Road Race

For more information contact Derek McWhirter T: +44 (0)28 9062 9016

#### August 10/13th 2011 Ulster Grand Prix

For more information contact Noel Johnston M: +44 (0)7850 518533





## ARMOY ROAD RACE

The Armoy Road Race made its National Race debut in 2009 and quickly became a firm favourite with the riders and spectators. Affectionately known as 'The Race of Legends' the race is set in the village of Armoy on the edge of the majestic Glens of Antrim and commemorates the skills and talents of four legendary riders who hailed from the Armoy area - Jim Dunlop, Frank Kennedy, Joey Dunlop and Mervyn Robinson all famously referred to as the 'Armoy Armada". The 2009 'Race of Legends' attracted top riders Guy Martin, Ryan Farquhar, Michael and William Dunlop, and Adrian Archibald amongst others. 2010, and again all the top riders came to Armoy including Scotsman Keith Amor and his pit crew which included World Superbike rider #65 Jonathon Rae. 2011 and the Armoy Motorcycle Road Racing Club (AMRRC) is aiming to secure more top stars to the 'Race of Legends' on Friday 29th (practise) with race day on Saturday 30th July.

Contact Sheena Munnis on 07731311891 for the latest updates.

For more information www.amrrc.com

### MID ANTRIM ROAD RACE

The Mid Antrim 150 celebrates its 65th year in 2011 and we would invite you to be part of our Road Race this year.

For many years visitors from all over Ireland North and South and many cross channel visitors from Scotland, England and Wales have been supporting our race in large numbers. The same can be said of competitors who return year after year to take on the curves, twists and jumps of the 3.5 mile circuit located just a few miles from the bustling town of Ballymena in County Antrim (less than 45 minutes from Belfast and Larne ferry ports or either of the main airports, Belfast City and Belfast International).

The Mid Antrim Motor Club Motorcycle Road Racing Section look forward to seeing you at the Mid Antrim 150 on the 5th and 6th of August 2011 (5th August practice and qualifying, 6th August Race Day).

Contact Brian Smith on 07834364900 or email: bsmith-midantrim150@hotmail.co.uk for the latest information.

For more information www.midantrim150.co.uk

# NORTHWEST 200

Top motorsport event, the International North West 200 is set to take place on Saturday 21st May 2011 and boasts an action packed five race programme featuring two Superbike and two 600cc events plus a Superstock race. During the build up to Race Day fans can watch their biking heroes during practice sessions on Tuesday 17th May (early evening) with a further daytime session on Thursday 19th May. Thousands of visitors from all over the world are expected to gather along the 8.9 mile course located on Northern Ireland's world famous North Coast region and enjoy professional international sporting stars compete in one of the toughest road races worldwide. Organisers, Coleraine & District Motor Club Ltd in tandem with Coleraine Borough Council are also creating a thrilling Race Week Festival which kicks off on Sunday 15th May and features a full range of family friendly events including charity walks, vintage bike displays and a fabulous fireworks display to mark Race Day eve. For up to date information on 'Who, What, Where and When?'

For more information www.northwest200.org

## ULSTER GRAND PRIX

The Dundrod Circuit is situated high in the hills overlooking Belfast and Lisburn, just a 10 minute journey from both historic cities. The circuit layout hasn't changed since it was a World Championship event when the likes of Hailwood, Agostini and in later years Joey Dunlop entertained the thousands around the 7.4 mile circuit. For 51 weeks of the year the circuit is a normal highway but for that one week in August it is a full blown race circuit, over the past ten years a lot of the hedges on corners etc have been removed giving good safe run off areas, thus making it a real scratchers circuit.

The heroes nowadays are Ian Hutchinson, Guy Martin, John McGuinness and new lap record holder Bruce Anstey with an average speed of 133.977 which makes Dundrod the Fastest Road Race in the World. The circuit is a fast flowing circuit that has everything, and in fact a lot of the pure road racers have voted it to be their favourite road race circuit. There are many excellent vantage points around the circuit, with grandstand seating, big screens with live coverage from a helicopter, good food and toilet/shower facilities. So if you make that first trip to Dundrod, we can quarantee you will not be disappointed.

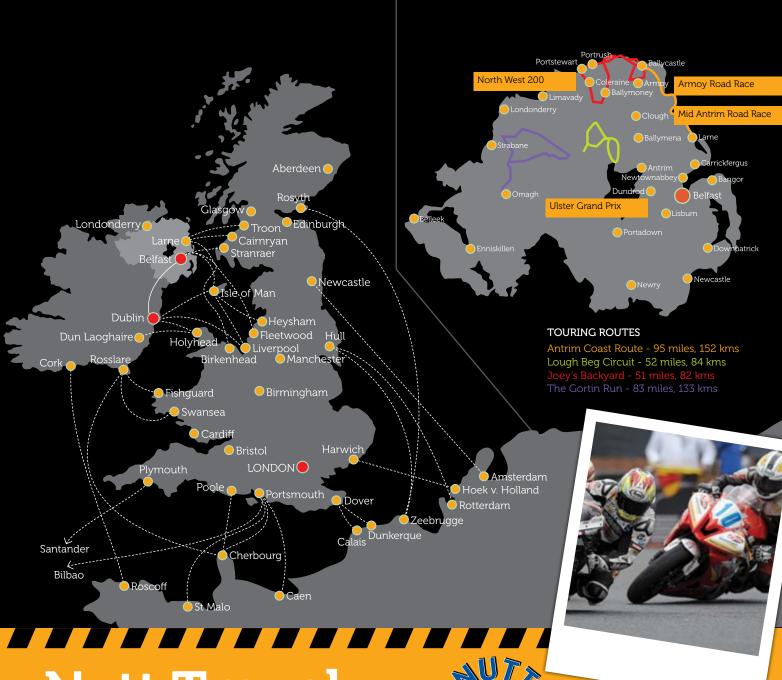
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