



Revised Race Programme for The Barry Sheene Festival of Speed Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th April 2009, Eastern Creek

As a result of consultation with a number of riders over a variety of classes, changes have been made to the race programme for **The Barry Sheene Festival of Speed** to allow for more track time for all competitors. The Forgotten Era 350/500/Unlimited Class (Period 5, 1972-1980) will see a significant increase in track time with the class going into battle in four sets of six lap races over the



weekend, with the opportunity to qualify for Sunday's eight lap feature race **The Barry Sheene Memorial**. With the proposed changes for this class **The Barry Sheene Festival of Speed** will be able to offer track time equal to that of the World Superbike Support Class and greater than the recent MotoGP round at Phillip Island.

The Barry Sheene Memorial Feature Race will be sponsored by **The Helmet Warehouse**. With the top 40 riders on pre-1980 bikes from qualifying and race 1 on Saturday there'll be the tantalising prospect of a huge grid of Period 4 and 5 bikes carving each other up through the landscaped hills and contours of Eastern Creek. Robbie Phillis, Craig McMartin and many more names from the past will be up to their usual late braking and close passing antics. With Suzuki GSX1100 & Honda CB900/1100R race bikes dicing with Yamaha TZ two strokes, T-Rex Hondas, Irving Vincent, MacIntyre Matchless G50, the chest thumping Kawasaki Z1000s, and all of them playing along to the screaming banshee wail of a Suzuki RG500 soundtrack this race will be the premier event of the weekend.

A number of other classes also have changes to their racing formats to facilitate larger grids of bikes with very competitive fields. The **Ken Lucas Trophy Race** sponsored by **The Motorcycle Riders Club** has had the minimum age of bike and rider lowered from 98 years to 90 years. Classic bikes (Pre-1950) have also had their race format altered to create more competitive racing.

The Barry Sheene Festival of Speed annual race meeting will take place from Saturday the 11th of April to Sunday the 12th of April (with practice at the circuit on Friday the 10th) over the 2009 Easter Long Weekend at Sydney's Eastern Creek International Raceway. This meeting is run by **The Post Classic Racing Association of NSW**, a non profit organisation that donates a percentage of the money raised by this race meeting to charity and invests the rest back into club racing.

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