

# Scottish Classic Scramble Club

## Round 2 Cumstone Farm Lockerbie

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After a superb opening round at Finavon Forfar in early April a trip to the Scottish border town of Lockerbie was the next venue to hold Round 2 for the Scottish Classic Scramble Club's 2017 championship.

This naturally undulating racetrack set in the beautiful Lockerbie countryside was in prime condition for these classic and vintage dirt bike machines to strut their mechanical stuff.

Unfortunately I assume that the weather was the main reason that the entry numbers were down on the day as there did not appear to be the same amount of competitors that attended this venue back in 2016. This is hugely disappointing really when you think of the effort put in by a few loyal club members to take the time to lay out the track and get things ready for Sunday race day.

Anyhow early Sunday morning the weather was certainly colder and wetter than it was back in January and woolly hats and thermal underwear was naturally the preferred choice for many spectators as the first formula of bikes slipped and slithered their way to the start-line.

In the Pre 75 Up to 300cc class it was a worthy win for young Daryl Wylie on the fourstroke Honda, (although if you had seen his bike start-up during my paddock walkabout you could have sworn it was an old two-stroker with the billowing reek that was coming from the exhaust). Wylie had a ding dong battle with Husqvarna mounted Tommy Anderson over the course of the three moto's and fully deserved his overall victory at this Round 2 meeting. Kenny Harper on his immaculately turned out Bultaco Pursang also put in a good shift to take the third position spot from Ian Robertson on the ancient Can-Am in fourth.

It was another great show put on by the riders in the Pre 68 Over 350cc class, and it was good quality entertainment for the very wet and freezing spectators that come to witness the event. The Bell brothers of Lewis and Liston were at it again as they had previously done at Round 1 at Forfar with another bar bashing contest to see who would emerge victorious at Lockerbie. Although eventually Lewis on the big Jawa would take the top spot on the day from Liston in a very worthy second. There was never anything to choose between these two riders over the course of the event and it was hard going for them both to reach top speed in the very slippery and sometimes treacherous conditions. Fergus Moodie was the best of the rest in third with a very brave effort over the three legs, although both the Bell boys were a class above when it came to skill and prowess on the track.

It was also great to see Ex Works CCM rider Jimmy Aird show his face at our event as Jimmy was at Lockerbie trying out his brand new BSA machine. Things looked good initially as Jimmy shot from the start-line in race two, to only then pull up as his latest creation blew a head gasket and ended his racing day at Lockerbie. Although we hope to see Jimmy back racing with our club as soon as possible, or as soon as repairs are effected to the offending engine.

In the Pre 68 Upto 350cc it was Ian Ridley who stole the show on his immaculately turned out BSA. Ridley never put a foot out of place throughout the day even although the worsening conditions were now catching many riders out and sending them crashing to the deck at almost every turn. Clifford Hardistay chased Ridley relentlessly over the three legs but still could not make up the ground to make the pass and increase his points for the day and had to settle for the consolation prize of a runner up spot.

Some of the best racing of the day was supplied by the very quick competitors in the Pre 1975 Over 350cc class. Derek Faulds was the wet weather master on the day and rode his 360 Bultaco to a very

fitting victory in class. Fauld and his beautiful little Bultaco machine seemed to enjoy the horrendously wet conditions as his bike appeared to be glued permanently to the now soggy racetrack. John Fleming on the L&B sponsored CZ dogged Faulds in all three races right to the chequered flag and almost certainly had the speed for taking on that pole position spot. Naturally this was just a warm-up event for John's up-and coming trek to the USA to compete in the Don Matthews CZ World Championship in California the following week, so of course we all wish John and his support team the very best of luck in his stateside endeavour.

Anyhow credit to Derek Faulds on the day as he was certainly the quickest rider in this class and fully deserved to take home the winner's trophy for his enormous efforts. John Fleming would eventually take the second place finish from the mighty CCM mounted Stewart Roden in third.

The Pre 1984 class is certainly a force to be reckoned with at Scottish Classic events and is becoming more and more popular as each round passes with many Twinshock riders signing up to race in this new fashionable class. Although at this Round 2 meeting the numbers were certainly down from our opening round at Forfar in early April. Jim Grieve dominated this formula in fine style and led each and every moto from start-line to chequered flag by the proverbial country mile riding what can only be described as a very quick and planted 490 Maico. Andy Malloch on the big fourstroke Armstrong took the runner up spot on his big bang single cylinder machine. Although Malloch rode superbly over the three legs he was still never close enough to catch the pole sitter Grieve who had a commanding lead and who was in front by almost half a lap in each and every race. Anyhow the class would finish with Grieve first, Malloch second, and newcomer to Scottish Classic racing Bryn Largue in third.

Unfortunately due to the continually worsening rain throughout the day and the freezing cold temperatures a committee and riders meeting was called it was decided by the organisers to abandon the second part of the race programme.

By the time you read this newsletter the video's from the Round 2 event at Lockerbie should now be posted on the Scottish Classic Scramble Club website. So please take the time to view them and hit the "Like" button on your You Tube Player if you think you enjoyed the coverage.

All the results from this Round 2 event can also be found at the club's website at [www.classicscramble.com](http://www.classicscramble.com)

See you all at Round 3 Drumclog on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

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