

FRANK FINCH

Chairman 2012 – 2014



*The real "Wild One"
Brando eat your heart out!*

Back safe at his last TT

*2010 Nairn Club Run
Motorcycling heaven*

Frank was born in 1960 in Redbourn, Hertfordshire and his first interest in motorcycles stemmed from riding pillion on his cousin's Norton Commando Fastback - aged 14. His first motorcycle was a Yamaha DT125 and since then he has owned and ridden a range of Japanese and European motorcycles. His love of two-strokes, mainly from the 70s and 80s eras, has remained throughout. He is married to wife Stephanie and has two children.

A regular club and national level motorcycle road race competitor in the mid-eighties. In 1985 he turned to pure road racing competing in the Manx Grand Prix and then the TT where he competed almost every year until 1996. His swansong TT was in 2002 aboard the Honda SP1 he still owns. Other bikes currently in his stable include a Suzuki 500 Gamma and a Yamaha 350 YPVS.

RACING HIGHLIGHTS

1984	Won 500cc Production and Open class BRC club championships - Yamaha YPVS 350
1985	7 th in the Manx GP Newcomers event - Suzuki 500 Gamma
1993	Clocked as fastest rider (150mph) through Quarry Bends at TT ahead of racing luminaries such as Joey Dunlop and Steve Hislop – Honda CBR 600 (thanks Bob!)
1994	9 th in the Isle of Man TT Supersport class – Yamaha FZR400RRSP (thanks Andrew!)

Frank's business career started with an apprenticeship in electronic and mechanical engineering after which he moved to Hewlett Packard. From then, motorcycling started to feature prominently in his career when he joined the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCI). Following a period at security manufacturer Datatool he then became Director of the Motorcycle Retailers Association and built membership to a record level. In 2006, Frank established an outsourced management business and built up a broad client base mainly in the telecoms, compliance, property, motorcycle and wider automotive sectors with clients including Nokia, MRA, Bauer Media (formerly EMAP), British Dealer News and Motorcycle Trade Expo. Frank currently works for the National Caravan Council.

CAREER HISTORY

1990	Marketing Manager - Motorcycle Industry Association (MCI)
1998	Sales and Marketing Manager - Datatool
2001	Director – Motorcycle Retailers Association (MRA)
2006	Principal – Finch Business Solutions
2011 to date	Group Commercial Director – National Caravan Council (NCC)

Since joining The Club in 1992, Frank has been a very regular participant and has jointly organised several Club runs including Woodhall Spa (1998), Buxton (2000), Carrutherstown (2005) and Buckingham (2009). He considers it a complete privilege to be appointed as Club Chairman and therefore in a position to put something back into the Club which has given him so much enjoyment over the years.