## **ANTHONY (TONY) DAWSON**

Chairman 2010 - 2012



Born: March 1941 in Sheffield, the youngest of five children . City in Guilds (Mech. Eng. Technician. Certificate).

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

1956	Started Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeship at Modern Hardmetals Ltd. A subsidiary of English Steel Corp. (Later to be British Steel Corp. BSC). Working on R&D. projects related to novel casting methods of Tungsten Carbides.
1964	Mech. Eng.Technician. British Iron & Steel Research Assn (BISRA). Eventually becoming 2 in C on a major BISRA research project at BSC.  Sidecar passenger to Jon Worthington in the T.T. Followed by co-building
	the 'Scitsu' Threewheeler. Started racing solo's with a borrowed 250 Guzzi, then a F3 Ducati, followed by Bultaco's and ultimately TZ Yamaha's.
1973	Development Engineer with Steel Plant Services (Rotherham) Ltd. (A family business) supplying special equipment and refractory materials to major steel makers.
1974	Two years voluntarily 'on the dole' whilst developing the Motorcycle 'Plate Frame Project' appearing on 'Tomorrows World' and leading to the meeting with eventual business partner Guy Harmsworth (of the Daily Mail Newspaper family).
1976	Established Dawson Harmsworth Ltd. To manufacture the Plate Framed road motorcycles featured on Tomorrows World ,with a planned manufacturing base in the Isle of Man ( Manx Motorcycles Ltd.) Building the business of DH.Ltd. ( Astralite wheels, Scitsu Instruments & TiTan cranks) and working with/supplying some of the top factory GP teams
2013	Semi retirement whilst trying to finish some personal projects and successfully 'licencing' off the manufacture of D.H.Ltd. established products.

Hobbies: Tony likes spending more time on his two FJ Yamaha's with Industry friends riding and appreciating the freedom of riding motorcycles on the road - at last.

Attending Classic Racing events and meeting like minded souls in order to re-live the pain of it all. Looking forward to restoring his 250 MOV Velocette and parading his TZ350C