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Report for Annual General Meeting – 2011

During 2011, I believe we reached a point of saturation for the road and track events run in the Region.

This situation is evident in three ways:

Difficulty in finding Commissaires for new events
Drop off of rider numbers in existing events at crucial points in the year
The lower rate of increase of riders in existing events compared to the last three years.

There are ways of turning this situation around and I am working with Jenny Gretton, Regional Events Officer, to address it. There is a fine balance between what the organisers and what the riders require from the same event.

Electronic registrations, payments and entries have arrived; perhaps not yet in the final version. I have had a promise that Circuit Race Series will be able to be registered without having to enter the race 20 times, very soon. Although the system has been piloted during the year, I am not convinced that all the criteria for a successful launch have been considered.

I am totally convinced that this is the way to go. However, having spent the last few years bringing some organisers out of the 'Dark Ages', I perceive some difficulty accelerating them to 'Warp Factor 1' for the coming season of event registrations, especially if it seems more complicated than filling in one piece of paper and writing a cheque.

This is the future, like garlic and bread and 'road kill' flavoured crisps; it may not be so popular at first but it needs to save time and money and taste good.

I will be happy to serve the Region for another year if it is the electorate's wish.

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