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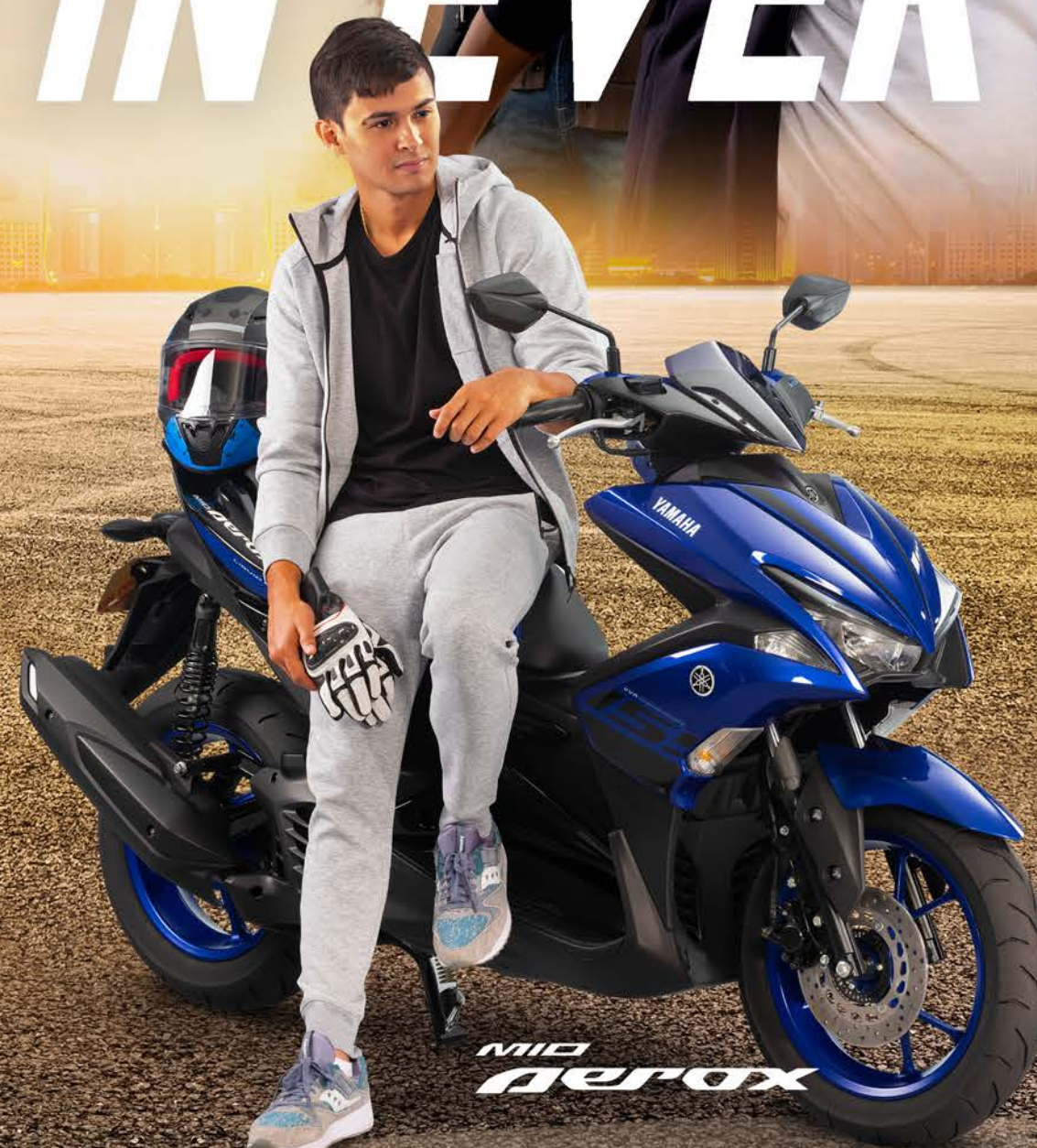
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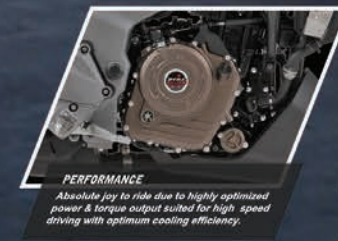


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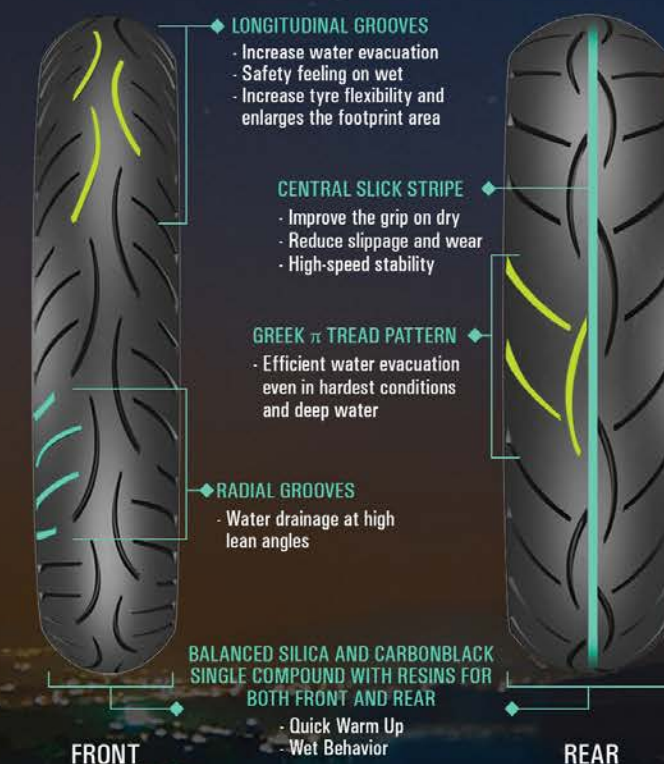
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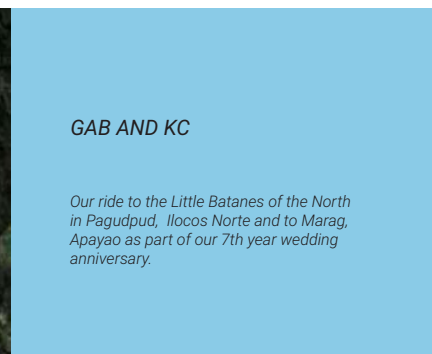
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LEARN TO RIDE Candon

by Jan Carlo de Leon

Candon City is located approximately 342 kilometers north of Manila. It is dubbed as the Tobacco Capital of the Philippines and is known as the largest producer of the Virginia variant of Tobacco.

Aside from being the largest producer of Tobacco, Candon City is also known for its scrumptious delicacies and rich history and culture, making Candon City a first stop for tourists who are going up north in the Ilocos Region.

As Wheeltek continues its advocacy in helping out riders and soon to be riders, the motorcycle dealer held its 8th Learn To Ride in Candon City, Ilocos Sur last June 23, 2019 at the Candon South Central School. The event was attended by over 80 participants from various riding groups from Candon and Ilocos Sur Area, namely, Yamaha YS MEN, Rouser Club of the Philippines, Mio Owners Republic, Road Peace Marshals and Yamaha M3 Club which are all under the Candon City

Motorcycle Riders Federation headed by James Manzano.

Riders who are experienced and new to riding joined in and listened as Coach Joey Storm Rivero, head trainer of Zero2Podium Racing School, told them about how to safely operate a motorcycle and avoid any problems on the road. After that, some basic and advance drills were given by Coach Joey to participants to further develop their skills. "There's science to it" as Coach Joey mentioned in his class, pointing to every move we make while riding has corresponding science to it like cornering, braking and more. Each participant tried their best to understand the science to it and remember by heart every teaching Coach Joey provided them. Honing right judgement on the road, predicting where



an accident point might happen or riding defensively - these were some of the points given to the participants.

As for some, riding can be dangerous or scary. But with proper training and with the right guidance from peers and professionals, riding can be fun and exciting for commuting, as a sport or as a lifestyle. The Learn To Ride program under the #LETSRIDENA campaign of Wheeltek, aims to uplift the riding community and make riding more fun and safe for all! The Learn To Ride is a free training offered by Wheeltek Motor Sales Corp. to everyone. The program has been moving from key cities and provinces nationwide and was previously held in Marikina, Antipolo, Batangas, Bataan and Nueva Ecija to name a few. In the program, participants first learn the basic

fundamentals of motorcycle riding before moving up to other fundamentals and other motorcycles. The program has its own set of motorcycles available for the participants to use from Honda, Kawasaki and TVS or the participant may choose to use their own motorcycle.

A crowd's favorite bike during the Candon Learn To Ride was the TVS Dazz. It's small, agile and very easy to maneuver during the course. Riders really lined up to try the bike.

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A grand prize winner of Php 100,000 and a brand new Rouser NS160, Makie is a long-time Rouser rider from Taguig and is considered one of the more influential riders in the Rouser community.

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Also present during the awarding were the 8 other finalists who were eliminated over the course of the 9-episode journey. All 10 episodes of the Rouser Dare Venture Philippines are available for viewing on the Rouser Philippines official facebook page and official Youtube Channel. [IR](#)

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DES MARKETING-SUZUKI 3S SHOP Opened in Bohol

by Arnel Santos-Yñigo

InsideRACING was invited to one of the major milestones for DES Marketing and Suzuki Philippines.

The event was held last March 30, 2019. The 3S Shop is located at J.A. Clarin St., Tagbilaran City, Bohol. Tagbilaran City is the capital of the province of Bohol and it is the principal gateway to the province. DES Marketing together with Suzuki Philippines reinforced their commitment to bring the best of what Suzuki has to offer in the province of Bohol.

The grand opening started off with a motorcade around Tagbilaran City with the local Suzuki motorcycle clubs based in Bohol. The grand opening also featured a stunt rider show, dance competition, Suzuki Biker Babe contest, Suzuki Singing idol, Suzuki Slow race contest and Best modification Suzuki bike contest. But the surprises did not end there, the event also



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Suzuki has always been a trusted brand and we are always confident with this brand. So, we invite the riding public and the motorcycle enthusiasts to check out the Suzuki motorcycles now available at our newly opened 3S shop. Thank you and God bless us all," President and CEO of DES Marketing, Engr. Carl Ryan Lim, said in his special message during the event.

The newly opened 3S Shop is a 2-story infrastructure with a combined store

space of 581 square meters all dedicated to motorcycles. It is the reflection of Suzuki's commitment to provide optimum customer satisfaction. The shop provides sales, spare parts and service. It also features all the latest lineup of the fashionable and stylish motorcycles Suzuki has to offer such as the Raider R150 FI, Raider R150 Carb, Raider J 115 FI, Smash 115, Shooter 115 FI, Gixxer FI, GSX-R150, GSX-S150 and the latest trend-

setting scooter, the Skydrive Sport. In his special message, then Suzuki Philippines President Mr. Hiroshi Suzuki cited the beautiful coincidence as DES is celebrating its anniversary and Suzuki is also turning 100 years old next year. They solidified their shared commitment to serving the Filipinos better by expanding their network to bring all the best Suzuki rides to the beautiful province of Bohol.



featured live performances by the talented trio JBK and the stunning Roxanne Barcelo. Numerous prizes and freebies were up for grabs much to the delight of the attending riders and J.A. Clarin residents. They also got to enjoy the live performances of the featured artists.

"Today we mark another milestone for DES Marketing and Suzuki with the opening of our first exclusive Suzuki Shop for Bohol. Being a local homegrown company, there is an urgency for DES to set out and open an exclusive Suzuki shop to cater to the Suzuki motorcycle market for Bohol. We take pride in this wonderful showroom with complete display of the lineup of Suzuki motorcycles, complete spare parts and knowledgeable service team. Through this, we give every Tagbilaranon another option in their choice of motorcycle brand.

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YAMAHA'S PREMIUM EXPERIENCE is Now Within Reach of Caviteños

Every ride comes passion and Yamaha fuels this up in creating a world-class facility called RevZone. Partnered with Motor Ace Philippines, Yamaha extend the premium experience they give to Caviteños.

The Yamaha RevZone Daang Hari is inspired by the Yamaha Flagship Shop – YZone. The facility offers top-of-the-line amenities with an amazing façade that lets you enjoy the whole collection of Yamaha motorcycles from its Mio series up to the luxurious big bikes. On the second floor are the lounges and meeting rooms for the guests. Getting your motorcycle fixed isn't



a worry anymore as the service area has an open view that will let you see how the mechanics work. The inauguration was led by YMPH and Motor Ace Philippines representatives along with Yamaha Mio Aerox Ambassador, Matteo Guidicelli. Joining the celebration were a hundred of Yamaha Club riders who participated in the motorcade activity showcasing their Yamaha motorcycles all throughout



Daang Hari, Cavite. The celebration was continued with the Yamaha Big Bikes' night, a gathering of the riders who share comparable interest in motorcycles and riding passion. Hosted by Rizza Diaz, the event was jam-packed with laughter as she introduced the performers from Comedy Manila, Alex Calleja, Anthony Andres and James Caraan. Yamaha is now on its 10th RevZone in the Philippines and is still expanding to offer premium riding experience to every rider across the country. [IR](#)

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MAXXIS Philippines Launches New Set of Motorcycle Tires

MAXXIS Philippines further expands its lineup of motorcycle tires with five new tread patterns: the M6161-W, MA-G1, MA-ST and Extramaxx M6233 and M6234.

Staying true to its promise of providing premier products that cater to every kind of customer, MAXXIS comes out with a fresh set of tires specially designed for braving both wet and dry weather. The M6161-W, MA-G1 and MA-ST all feature enhanced grip on wet roads while the Extramaxx M6233 and M6234 are equipped with an aggressive tread pattern designed for easy water dispersion.

"MAXXIS Tires is more than happy to bring its top-of-the-line products, which highlight safety and performance to the Philippines, a country that has diverse terrains. Knowing that we can address the specific usage conditions of Filipinos makes us more eager to broaden our local product portfolio. We are confident that our new motorcycle tires are just what Filipino riders need for them to go further," shared MAXXIS Tires Sales Director, Jay-bee Atanacio.



The M6161-W, which was launched in the country last March, leads the pack with its directional tread pattern for greater maneuverability on both wet and dry roads. The underbone fit also features good water dispersion and cornering traction.

The all-new MA-G1 and MA-ST, the latter an improvement of the MA-F1 tire, are ideal for scooter enthusiasts and meet the needs of both urban and sport riders.

Designed with superior cornering grip and traction for better control and stability, these tread patterns ensure safety even during high-speed rides. They are built with a special rubber compound that provides strong pull and grip when cornering in all angles.

The Extramaxx M6233 and M6234 are the tires motorcycle sports challengers need to own the racetrack and highways. Their exceptional grip, control and stability

guarantee safe and smooth rides, thanks to the modified solution-styrene butadiene rubber (S-SBR) reinforcing agent used in the tire material. Their tread pattern is designed specifically for instant water dispersion, enabling the wheels to overcome bad weather. These tires are recommended for scooters and underbone bikes.

The M6161-W, MA-G1, MA-ST and Extramaxx M6233 and M6234 are the latest in the MAXXIS Motorcycle Tires' product line in the Philippines, joining the current top choices for underbone motorcycles, MA-FD and MA-ST2.

MAXXIS products are available in all leading motorcycle tire stores nationwide. For more information, visit www.maxxis.com/tires/motorcycle.

MAXXIS Tires is a global tire brand known in more than 170 countries for its high performance. With more than 50 years of manufacturing experience, MAXXIS develops and produces tires of unequalled quality for cars, light trucks, SUVs and motorcycles using the most advanced engineering facilities in the industry.

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A team of four, including three top German riding instructors and a specialized Austrian Trauma Surgeon, flew to the Philippines to train select BMW Philippines dealer sales consultants, external partners, as well as other representatives from across the Asian region to become certified riding instructors.

The IIA course certification, controlled by BMW Motorrad, teaches aspiring instructors how to conduct motorcycle rider training according to the BMW Motorrad syllabus—brand behavior, technical tasks and first aid. This is a common standard of motorcycle training and implemented worldwide which enable

instructors to perform safe and customer-satisfying motorcycle training.

This Instructor Certification project for BMW Motorrad started to develop after Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte mentioned in his speech during the 24th National Motorcycle Convention held in Legazpi City, Albay on how we should be highlighting rider safety at all times. BMW Motorrad Philippines took it to heart to become its advocacy.

During the visit of BMW Motorrad Global President, Dr. Marcus Schramm, and Global Sales and Marketing Head, Mr. Timo Resch, BMW Motorrad Philippines requested for an Instructor Certification to be conducted in the Philippines or in a neighbor country. IIA Certification has only been conducted

in Europe and this is the first time that the IIA was conducted in Asia. The 11-day training program was conducted by the highest level of IIA BMW Motorrad certified instructors: Tom Weinmayr, Michael Eberwein and Gerdy Seitz. This comprehensive program is focused on demo training, on-road and off-road riding skills, as well as first aid, BMW brand behaviour, brand values, and technical riding physics. Aside from the riding skills, instructor aspirants were also taught first aid execution by Dr. Benedikt Moser so that they will be able to perform emergency treatment in case of accidents.

After the 11-day event, seven Filipinos became certified instructors, namely, Jacob Orbe, Alvin Dee, Alex Roleda, Albert Matias, Toto Villanueva, Samuel

Gonzaga and Jethro Castro. A number of international participants from Indonesia, Vietnam, Taiwan and Singapore also passed the IIA Program.

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GUANZON-SUZUKI Roosevelt 3S Shop Reopens

by Reyce Tiamzon

The Guanzon-Suzuki 3S Shop located at 253 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio, Quezon City was first established in 2005.



down payment options and a free grocery package for select Suzuki bikes. There was also the Skydrive Sport Dance Contest as well as bingo and fun games.

Guanzon and Suzuki's partnership started in 1975, making Suzuki as one of the former's earliest and longest motorcycle brand partners in the country. There are 3 Suzuki 3S Shops under the banner of Guanzon Group of Companies which all operate through its subsidiary United Excelsior Marketing, Inc. (UEMI). Guanzon was founded in 1945 – they will be celebrating their 75th year in 2020 alongside Suzuki's 100th year anniversary. Part of Guanzon and Suzuki's development plan is to establish more Suzuki 3S Shops to serve their clientele better with concentration in various locations all over Luzon. The Guanzon Group of Companies takes pride in its excellent After Sales Service making them a primary choice of customers looking for their next motorcycles. 

Photos by Suzuki Philippines

Mo featuring the country's hottest young icons – Liza Soberano and Enrique Gil.

Guanzon and Suzuki had promos and activities during the reopening of the shop. On top of the existing deals and freebies, Guanzon and Suzuki gave opening treats to their first customers by offering enticing

Fernandez, Marketing Head Mr. Monch Bontogon and Dealer Development Group Head Mr. Jose Salavarria.

The shop hosts the latest line-up of Suzuki's fashionable and stylish motorcycles – from Scooters – the new fashion scooter Skydrive Sport, the beauty of speed Skydrive Fi and the global Suzuki scooter – Address, to backbone – the revolutionary GSX-R150, GSX-S150 and Gixxer Fi and the business model GD110 to the well-loved underbones, the Underbone King – the Raider R150 Fi and Carburetor, Shooter 115 Fi and the no.1 selling underbone leisure motorcycle – Smash Stylish Colors. The shop is adorned with the brand's latest campaign – Suzuki, Para sa Lahat ng Trip





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the Existing Story of the Yamaha Sight Safe Run

Manila's record of 129km/L and Cagayan De Oro's 133km/L were wiped out by the Bicolanos. Following the first leg of the Yamaha Sight Safe Run in Rizal is another record-breaking story which took place in Legazpi, Albay.



This competition let the riders feel the fuel-efficiency at its finest, showcasing the motorcycle that is specially designed for high performance with low fuel cost. Aside from this, the Yamaha Sight Safe Run also promotes safety in motorcycle riding and handling which is important to make the rider more responsible on the road. They will experience the right amount of efficiency and the proper way of riding with the Yamaha Sight.

Through the partnership of Yamaha Motor Philippines and Motortrade, the 2nd leg had 32 participants with their

own Yamaha Sight. And to make the competition more transparent and bonafide, Adventure Team Philippines was the one who organized and computed the fuel consumption as they pioneered this kind of contest in the motorcycle industry.

The 174km route started at the

Yamaha 3S Shop Legazpi going to Petron Tobacco with a 26.3km ride, then 60.7km to Yamaha 3S Shop Iriga. After this point, they looped back to the takeoff area. The Yamaha Sight Safe Run resulted in a groundbreaking result with 18-year-old rider, Miguel Ocinar, breaking the record



with his 147.46km/L consumption. He was followed by Christian Samar with 116km/L and Arnold Lingas with 114.47km/L.

In the media category, Brando Rosales from MotoPinas.com snatched the 1st place with his record of 112.26km/L. Joining him in the podium were the representatives of C! Magazine, Maynard Marcelo (110.83km/L) and Randy Silva-Netto (103.57km/L).

A new record in the Yamaha Sight Safe Run has been set in Legazpi. The 3rd leg was held in Naga on May 19, 2019. [IR](#)

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TEAMRR150 LAGUNA

Explores and Gains More Friends Through Safe Riding

by Reyce Tiamzon

An association exclusively for Suzuki Raider 150 Owners, TEAMRR150 Laguna started as a group page in Facebook with the name RAIDER R150 LAGUNA and became an official motorcycle club in 2013.



Through riding safe, TEAMRR150 Laguna explores the beautiful places in the country using their trusted Suzuki Raider 150 motorcycles. They also aim to have more friends through these rides while enjoying each other's company and bonding more. The group hopes to go to and explore more destinations. TEAMRR150 Laguna also conducts outreach programs and safety seminars.



TEAMRR150 Laguna members have their own official shirts, stickers and vests. Facebook page members of the club can avail the tambay shirt and logo stickers while the vest and official polo shirt are only for the official members of the team. TeamRR150 Laguna members whether official or non official has to abide to the rules and regulation of the group. Attitude is important for the team and there are no exemptions.

To be an official TeamRR150 Laguna member, one must join tambay activities ten times, two quickie rides, two short rides and one long ride or participate in five executive official rides. Official tambay of TeamRR150 Laguna is every Saturday night from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the 7-Eleven store in front of SSS in Parian, Calamba, Laguna.

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SAPSC RIDES TO LAGUNA to Help Bahay Tuluyan

by Reyce Tiamzon

April 28 was another meaningful day for SAPSC (Suzuki Address Pinoy Scooters Community) as the club conducted a charity activity and their beneficiary was Bahay Tuluyan community center in Victoria Laguna.



Riding their trusty Suzuki Address scooters, SAPSC members donated school supplies, bags, uniforms, clothes and toiletries for the children. SAPSC also donated an aquaponics system to their beneficiary. This is always done by SAPSC at the start of the school year. SAPSC supports Bahay Tuluyan and they also went to the Bahay



Tuluyan community center in Quezon in June 2 for another charity activity.

SAPSC started in December 2015 and by January 2016, the group was officially founded. The Kaybiang Tunnel was the destination of the group's first ride and SAPSC is holding yearly anniversary rides to the famous rider destination. SAPSC is headed by Rogelio "Ka Roger" Pigaro and the club has teams in Laguna, Cavite, Quezon, Batangas, Marikina, Rizal, NCR and Cagayan de Oro. SAPSC has 500 members so far and 200 were active in participating in the group's different activities. Aside from charitable activities, SAPSC is also an advocate of safe riding and is aware of the current issues in the motorcycle community and the group participated in the national Unity Ride against the Doble Plaka law. SAPSC is a member of SNAP (Suzuki Na Automatic



Pilipinas), an umbrella organization of Suzuki Scooter clubs.

Owners of Suzuki Address scooters are welcome to join SAPSC. For non-owners, they must have an invitation from SAPSC members and admins. For more details on how to join SAPSC, check out facebook.com/sapscphil. [IR](#)



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EXTREME Weather Changes

by Al Camba

Riding these past few weeks was a bit challenging for many. Climate change is upon us and riding in different weather and road conditions will be more often for many of us.

Abnormal for this period of the year, the hot temperatures in the morning force you to ride wearing your ventilated jacket and open-face helmet only to be soaked in the pouring rain during your late afternoon trip back home. It is best to be prepared for both extreme conditions.

For the early morning hot rides, standard summer riding rituals apply. Aside from wearing cool ventilated jackets, make sure you are well hydrated in the morning. The summer may be over but the temperatures in the morning until noon time could still be high and will lead you to lose more body fluids than expected. Also, school is back so expect to be on the road longer in the morning traffic. Daily commuters should seriously consider picking a longer route through smaller roads where traffic is lighter. Getting stuck in slow or non-moving traffic while inhaling other vehicles' hot exhaust fumes is not good and makes it even hotter than the weather.

For the other side of the weather, proper gear and cautious riding are important. Always stash your rain gear with you even when it's perspiring hot when you leave. Water repellent does not mean 100% water proof so a good two-piece raincoat that you can wear over your riding gear will keep you dry and warm. One item I find really useful is the GIVI rain shoe cover that can easily be carried on your bike and worn over whatever footwear you are using. Riding with dry feet can be the most comfortable

experience you will get riding in the wet. Full-face helmets with breath deflectors will make sure your shield will not fog up. During the late afternoon heavy rain showers, it will be slightly dark so better practice the headlight on habit which increases your visibility to other motorists and will also increase your chance of avoiding any nasty accidents.

Keep in mind that the road is most dangerous or slippery during the first 10 minutes of light rain. The rain mixes with oil left by vehicles on the road and results

in a slippery surface. If it rains hard and long enough, the rain washes off the oil and the slippery conditions are reduced. However, if it rains heavily, there can be moving water on the road and may create a situation where hydroplaning is possible. You may not be able to steer or stop properly in heavy rains so you should reduce your speed. Wet roads can double your stopping distance so reduce your speed by half. Avoid aggressive braking or steering. Pay particular attention right after heavy rains since your instinct is

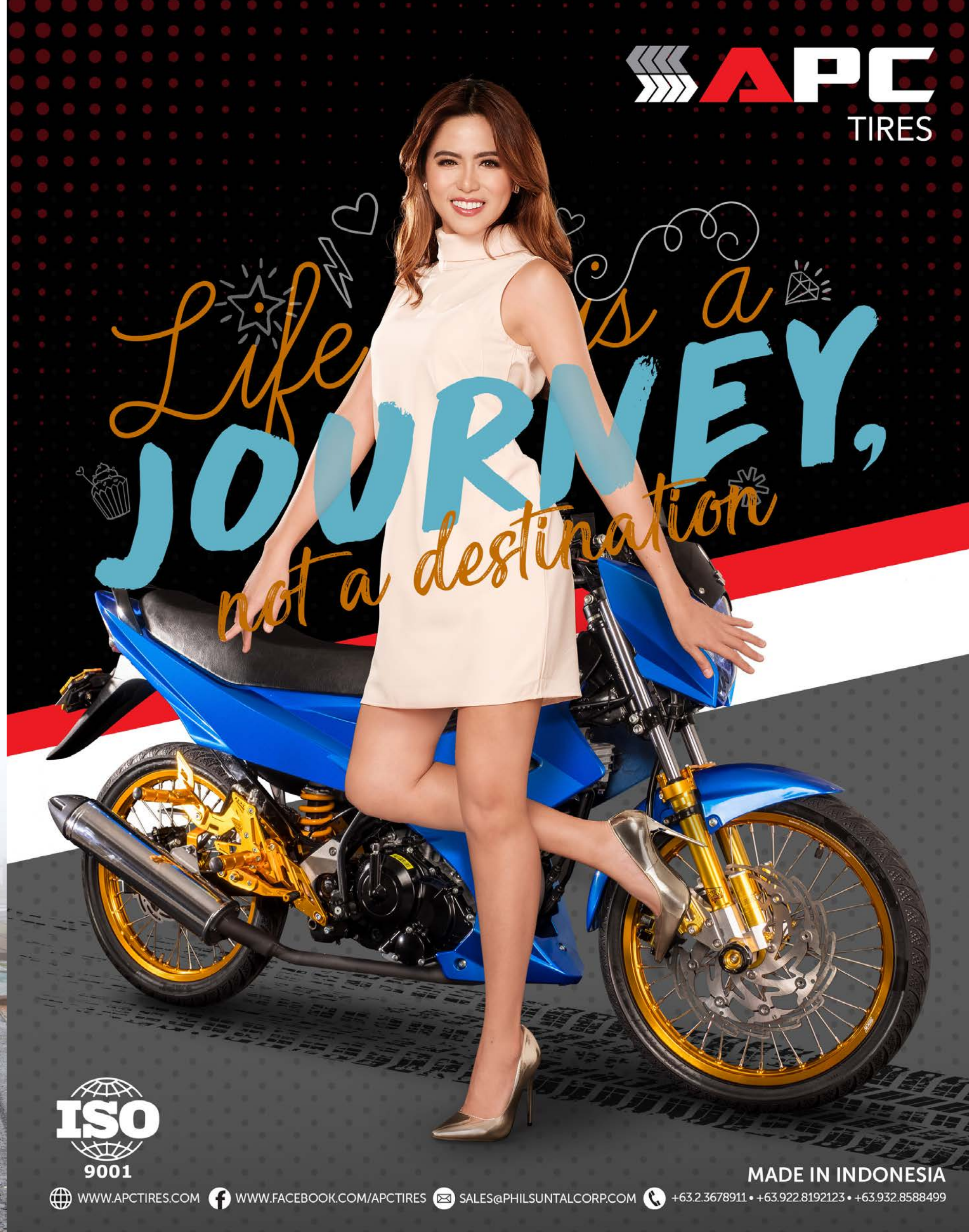
to speed up again. However, there could still be water on the road and you could hydroplane.

Yes, sometimes you wish you didn't have to ride in this weather, but at least you should feel lucky that you are out there by yourself and the probability of catching a deadly virus will be low (at least in my opinion) as compared to the risk if you are closely cocooned with twenty other strangers inside a jeepney or FX.

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LOOK OUT! Cornering Tips

By Jake Swann

Did you know that forty (40%) percent of single vehicle accidents involving motorcycles happen in corners?

The primary culprit is improper cornering technique. This can be caused by the improper application of the standard cornering technique, which

is: SLOW – LOOK – PRESS - ROLL. Each segment of this collective technique is important to completing a smooth turn. But for the purposes of this article, we will focus on the importance of LOOK.

Looking down at your controls, at the instruments, or everywhere else, except where you're going, can have serious consequences. They are called crashes. And whether with stationary or moving objects, crashes do hurt.

A consequence of not looking through the turn will have alarm bells ringing in your head. These are your survival instincts kicking in. If you start hearing these alarm bells clanging loudly in your head, it's time to take corrective action. This corrective action is to slow the motorcycle down. This is done by either rolling off the throttle or applying the brakes, while the bike is leaned over for the turn.

This will have a negative effect on your traction reserve as the combination of side force and braking force easily consumes your tire's entire traction reserve. As you should know, you have a limited amount of traction.

A turn consists of three parts: the Entry, the Apex, and the Exit. Keep in mind: "Slow in, fast out." Experience, and knowing your limits, help determine the proper entry speed into the turn.

If you don't believe me, then find a safe area and try this exercise:

Run your bike at any speed and hold your handlebars perfectly straight. Now, lean to one side. Without the front wheel

turning, the bike may lean under your body weight, but it will not turn. If you're like most people though, as you lean your body to one side, you actually press the bars on that same side, which makes the bike turn.

turn. Look as far through the turn as you can. Do NOT fixate on a landmark. If it's a blind turn, look as far as you can, and continue scanning further into the turn as your path of sight allows. As you look through it, you're mentally planning your

closer to it. I was unable to move away from it until I looked, and, you guessed it, I looked - where I wanted to go. Look where you want to go - all the way through the turn.

When cornering while riding your bike, give a conscious effort to turn your head and LOOK through the turn. It is called "visual directional control". You actually go where you look. How important is this? Very! Single vehicle crashes are often caused by the rider entering a curve over speed, then looking at the side of the road or some other fixed object. If they had just pressed on the handgrip more and kept looking through the turn to the exit and beyond, they would have cornered safely and avoided the mishap.

Another consequence of not looking happens on roads with higher corner speeds, especially on a long sweeping turn. Here is where it's possible to experience vertigo. "Vertigo" refers to the sensation of spinning or whirling as a result of a disturbance in your balance or equilibrium. It also describes feelings of dizziness, lightheadedness, faintness, and unsteadiness. Credit goes to <http://www.neurologychannel.com> for the definition on vertigo.

Don't just use your eyes to look through the turn. Turn your head! This settles the vertigo issue of higher speed turns, which allows you to better see what is happening through the turn. Plan and make the appropriate control inputs to the bike.

Reading this article is good, but you still have to go out and apply what you have learned. Do it in a safe place without any other vehicles where they may distract you.

The more you know, the better it gets. **IR**



Ok, now press right. Go right and now turn. Yes, you can, but you need more than that to do it safely.

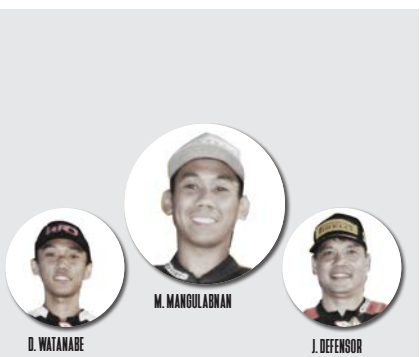
Remember looking where you want to go? Yes, it still applies. Look through the

ride path of that particular turn.

Your bike will follow your mental line. I have experienced the phenomenon of looking down at the outside line of a wide sweeping turn and continuing to move

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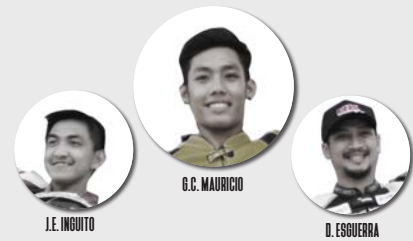


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THROTTLE Control

By Jake Swann

Did you know that when a motorcycle turns, it slows down?

When leaning over, the rolling radius of the tires is reduced, as the contact patch moves from the center of the tire towards its edge. This causes the bike to slow down, shifting some of its weight forward. Leaning the bike in and then backing off the throttle causes the bike's front end to dive, increasing force on the front tire's contact patch. If the tire is already fully loaded, trying to turn the bike while going in "hot" might exceed its traction limit. The tire may slide-out, particularly if there is a bump mid-curve or when riding down a steep hill. Some riders will tell you to whack the gas to get yourself out of trouble. Unfortunately, that advice will just get you out of the pan and right into the fire.

This belief is a by-product of riding low-powered machines, since they are more forgiving of rider errors. But should you attempt to apply the same technique with a more powerful machine, the results can be very uncomfortable. You need to compensate for this by smoothly rolling on the throttle, by taking extra weight off the front end. By properly practicing this technique, you will expand your comfort zone and develop a fine feel for grip and the suspension.

Balance the front and rear end tire loads through smooth throttle control, correct road position and an appropriate speed for the vision distance available. On exit, light up the throttle as much as the grip of the rear wheel will allow. This

is under the assumption that you already had sorted out your motorcycle's handling.


Tires have a limited amount of grip, which can be used for cornering, or for braking. But when you turn a motorcycle, three (3) forces affect how much traction your tires will have. These forces are:

1. Driving Force – comes from the rear wheel pushing the bike forward
2. Side Force – otherwise known as centrifugal force, which pushes your bikes tires sideways or perpendicular to the forward motion
3. Braking Force – (while cornering), the front wheel experiences some braking force as result of resistance to the turn

All these forces use up a sizeable amount of traction, available in a limited quantity from your bike's tires. Most riders don't realize this and end up blaming the bike, the road or the tires. This all applies equally to wet weather riding as it's still the same skill set. The difference being the total grip of the tires is less than in the dry.

If grip gives up in this situation - YOU made it happen.

Good riders, by using the throttle well, can balance the loads on their tires' contact patches and can ride across ugly road surfaces without a problem, as they are allowing both tires and suspension to "work the road".

THE MORE YOU KNOW THE BETTER IT GETS. 



2019 MONSTER DAY Rare Ducati Mike Hailwood & Paul Smart Replicas Spotted at MOA

by Al Camba

The 2019 Monster Day was organized by Ducati Philippines last May 25 at the SM Mall of Asia grounds.

The annual event traditionally held in February, previously visited other local lifestyle hubs like the Rockwell Powerplant Mall, Promenade Greenhills, Alabang Town Center and last year, The Fort in BGC Taguig.

Riders from the North converged at Ducati Manila in Katipunan while those from the South met up at Ducati Alabang before both groups then rode and met up at the MOA's iconic globe rotonda for the traditional group photos.

There, they were joined by Ducati ARRC Asian Superbike racer TJ Alberto who led the groups of Monster owners with an



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inspiring wheelie. Also present was ARRC racer Troy Alberto. After a few minutes, everybody proceeded to the nearby MOA open grounds for the Monster Day festivities.

Aside from Monster owners, the event also welcomed other Ducatisti with their Panigales, Scramblers, Diavels, Multistradas, Hypermotards, SuperSports, GTs and many more classic and contemporary Ducati motorcycles.

Although there were not that many celebrities like in previous editions (probably tired from the recent election sorties) their absence was more than made up by the rare and interesting bikes that came to the event which delighted the hard core bike enthusiasts.

There were more than one rare GT1000s produced by Ducati from the mid-2000's before retro bikes were in vogue. Among them was a very pristine Paul Smart replica wearing Paul's glorious Imola 200 colors.

But for us, the most interesting bike was a rare 1980's bevel-drive Ducati 900 MHR (Mike Hailwood Replica) wearing the colors of the bike he used to win his comeback race, the 1978 Isle of Man TT. Produced from 1979 to 1986, the 900cc air-cooled L- Twin MHR was an important model for the Ducati brand as it saved the company from a time it suffered from weak sales and rejuvenated Ducati as a racing-oriented brand. It convinced its owners to continue producing



motorcycles at the now historic Borgo Panigale plant.

The particular model belongs to Bikers Unlimited rider Jeff Chan and is actually for sale. A great find for the genuine Ducati collector indeed!

Of course, there were the coveted Loudest Monster and Best in Show Awards, Monster stunt demonstration and burnouts, Highest Mileage, live band as well as the entertaining Bike Wash by the alluring Ducati babes.

"This is our annual Monster Day! It's a celebration of the Ducati Monster and all that it stands for – basically enjoyment of riding, good family, fun, brotherhood and camaraderie. Hope you guys can join us every year. Thank you!" said Ducati Philippines' GM Paulo Ortanez.

The original Monster was first produced by Ducati in 1993 and became its bestselling model that not only saved the company, but allowed Ducati to grow into the premium lifestyle brand that it is now. Designed by Miguel Angel Galluzzi, the Monster is a muscle bike characterized by its aggressive stance, naked styling, steel trellis frame and V-twin engine.

Originally available only as 900cc model, the current Monster line-up include the beginner-friendly Monster 797 with traditional air-cooled engine and ABS, the technically modern Monster 821 and the flagship models Monster 1200 and 1200R equipped with all of Ducati's electronic riding aids. To get a taste of the Ducati Monster lifestyle experience, you can drop by any Ducati showroom to book a test ride. Who knows, you might end up joining next year's event not as a spectator but a participant!

Congratulations Ducati Philippines and see you again at the 2020 Monster Day! 🇵🇭



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REAL MEN, Real, Quezon Ride

by Reysel Tiamzon

Riding is somewhat a stress-relieving activity enjoyed with friends. It is a way to bond more, to relax, to catch up and take pleasure riding motorcycles to different destinations.



Last April 2019, a group of Suzuki Philippines employees from different departments decided to ride again, an activity that has not been done for years. On their different Suzuki motorcycles, the group comprised of road captain Rey Abat, Noel Villapando, Jef Fabre, Bong Rediga, Sherwin Florendo, Jeffrey Garcia, Sonny Lorico, Mark Sanchez, Ricky Clarin, Robert Ulang, Vic Nanasca and Mark Dexter Vibar journeyed to Real, Quezon. Meeting up early morning at Shell Pugon in Antipolo, the Suzuki riders went up to Bugarin, Pililla and met other friends



Rides like this are truly gratifying for the hard working men of Suzuki Philippines.

joining the ride in Famy. From then, it was a smooth sailing ride going to Real. Their Suzuki motorcycles – Hayate, Step, Skdrive, Raider R150, GSX-R150 and GSX-S150 tackled the straights and twisties easily. Staying at a resort in Real, fun conversation, sumptuous seafood and the relaxing ambience were enjoyed by the Suzuki men. Rides like this are truly gratifying for the hard working men of Suzuki Philippines. It also proved the high quality of Suzuki motorcycles and the group is looking forward to do more rides. **IR**



THE 9-WHEELED YAMAHA MIO SPORTY Hyper Show Scoot from Bataan

by Arnel Santos-Yñigo

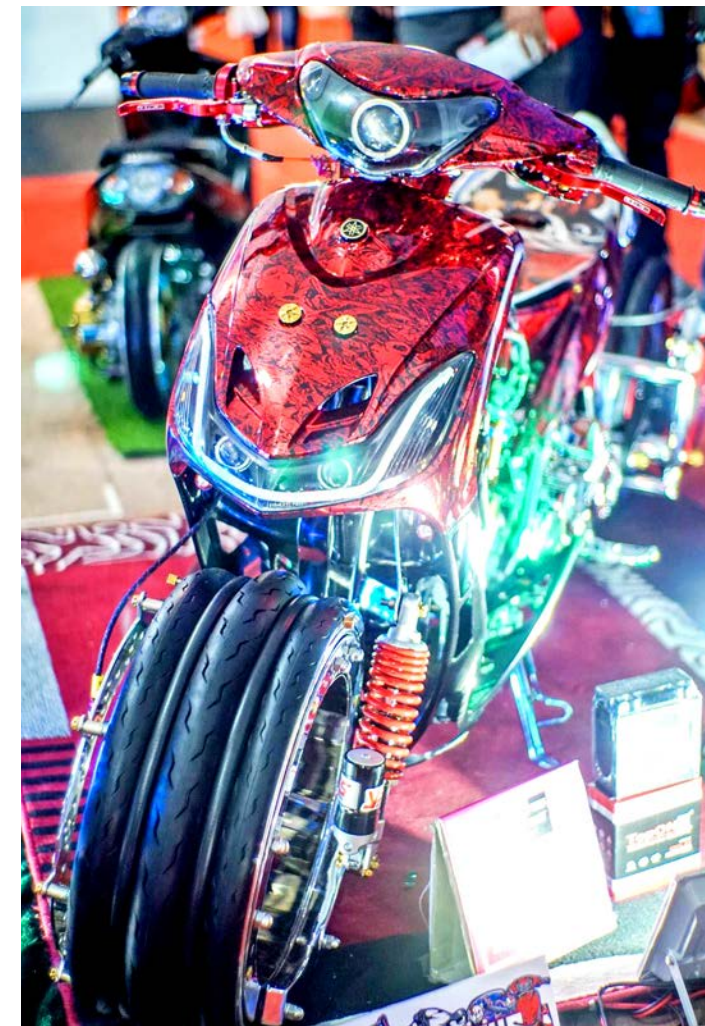
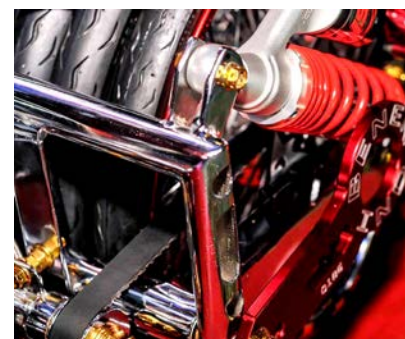
The base bike is a Yamaha Mio Sporty (Smiley). The show scoot is owned by Aldrean P. Nicdao, a businessman based in Bataan.

Their family runs a construction supplies business, a gym and commercial buildings. Aldrean started out his love for bikes by going out on long rides with friends and visiting different places using his scoot. But after he started his own family, he had to give up his hobby as a rider due to the risk/danger that comes with it. Ever since he saw a motor show in the mall several years ago, it sparked his interest and fascination for building show bikes. So he decided to give it a shot, and the rest is history.

"Actually I have no specific concept planned out - at times I get inspiration from other enthusiasts and with their permission I base my modifications with



theirs but I also put in whatever comes in my mind, my own style. I also think about how to improve my scooter and give a twist for a better look. As a bike modifier, the most satisfying aspect of my hobby is when other people appreciate your work. There are things you may think impossible but through my work, I can prove that there really is nothing impossible if you




"There are things you may think impossible but through my work, I can prove that there really is nothing impossible if you put your heart and hard work into your passion."
- Aldrean Nicdao

put your heart and hard work into your passion. There are so many challenges I encountered. This passion needs funding and if you really want the best quality, you need to invest. I had to save and look for sponsors so I can do what I want for my bike," Aldrean shared during our interview.

The scoot was one of the standout bikes during the 2019 IR Custom Bike Show Competition at the Thirteenth IR Bike Fest. It bagged the 5th place in Best in Scooter, 9th in Overall Best in Show, and

3rd in Best Bike in North Luzon.

The modifications done to the scoot certainly pushed the limits. It is certainly a testament to the level of creativity and craftsmanship of our local builders and machinists on how this scoot was built. The scoot features difficult modifications such as the 3 wheels up front mounted on a custom-made hubless wheel assembly with single sided swing arm. The scoot also features 6 wheels at the back. The wheel set at the rear were mounted on a custom-made stretched out swing arm. Each 3-wheel set was joined by a single axle but they featured a custom-made independent suspension system. The scoot also has a muscle car-inspired custom-made exhaust system. The engine features a 4-valve Duterte MRTT Engine race setup. To keep the engine cool, the team installed a high-performance KOSO cooling fan and DK oil cooler. The scoot also uses YSS shock at the front and rear.

"First and foremost, I thank God for always guiding me during motor shows and my wife who has been very supportive with my hobby turned into passion. I am also grateful to Team Haliparot Works who served as my second family and was with me through this journey. Thanks to my friends and sponsors: Team RRST, H2O Graphics, JRS Hydrographics, Mio Nation Philippines, Team Triple Sulo, Papa Racing, ILJ Motor Shop, Motor Spa/ Quick Wax and Team Graphter. Thank you very much to InsideRACING Magazine for featuring my bike." Aldrean added. 



LUZ
GP

RD.1 MARCH 31, 2019
Robinsons Novaliches



ANT
GP

RD.2 MAY 12, 2019
Robinsons Place Antipolo



MIN
GP

RD.3 JUNE 15-16, 2019
SM City Davao



VIS
GP

RD.4 JULY 13-14, 2019
Bacolod Baywalk



CEB
GP

RD.5 AUG. 17-18, 2019
Cebu Kartzone



CAV
GP

RD.6 OCT. 19-20, 2019
Carmona Race Track



MotoIR CHAMPIONSHIP

RD. 1	MAY 4-5, 2019	ROSARIO, BATANGAS
RD. 2	JUNE 1-2, 2019	ROSARIO, BATANGAS
RD. 3	JULY 6-7, 2019	CLARK, PAMPANGA
RD. 4	AUG. 3-4, 2019	CLARK, PAMPANGA
RD. 5	SEPT. 7-8, 2019	ROSARIO, BATANGAS
RD. 6	OCT. 5-6, 2019	CLARK, PAMPANGA



HIS AIRNESS, MICHAEL JORDAN-INSPIRED SHOW SCOOT

from Longos, Malabon City

by Arnel Santos-Yñigo

The show scoot is owned by Jonathan S. Moya, a businessman who is into buying and selling motorcycle parts and accessories.



The bike was built by Password Modifikasi headed by master builder Jeffrey Chua. The intricate custom airbrush art was done by Oliver Gino of Ink Kanto's Pride. The scoot bagged several awards during the recently concluded 2019 IR Custom Bike Nationwide Competition held at the Thirteenth IR Bike Fest last March such as 3rd place in Best in Scooter, 3rd in People's Choice Award, 5th in Overall Best in Show, 1st in Best Bike in Manila and 2nd in Best in Paint.

The scoot is a reflection of Jonathan's passion for all things Michael Jordan who is the greatest basketball player of all time. Jonathan is an avid collector of Jordan shoes and caps. The Jordan theme is carried out by the intricate custom airbrush art by Oliver Gino of Ink Kanto's Pride based in Navotas.

"The challenging aspect of joining motor shows or building a show bike is hearing negative feedback on my setup. Some will say it does not look good or not suitable for Philippine riding conditions due to our weather and road conditions. But despite that, it only drives me to improve more. I was able to meet new friends during motor shows and my scoot has inspired other builders and motorcycle enthusiasts as well," said Jonathan.

The scoot was built by Password Modifikasi. The scoot sports their signature fatty rim set which features 3.5 and 4.5 - 72 spoke chrome rim set. It also sports a custom swing arm extension, custom low drag handlebars, custom billet

spike axle nut covers, billet side mirrors, billet hand grips, custom-made outer tube, custom step board matting, billet foot pegs and custom triple barrel slash cut exhaust system. The scoot also sports a custom airbrushed seat, custom

airbrushed gas tank, Racing Boy brake system and genuine Yayamanin bolts. The scoot also has an air suspension system which can be controlled or configured using an android app. It looks like low rider but through its fully

adjustable air suspension, the scoot is more than capable of long rides. "I would like to thank first, our Father God, my wife Czarina Mapagay who always supports me in my passion since the start, my kids, my siblings, our driver Jerry and all my friends for their continued support. Thank you to our sponsors MM23, Jeffrey Chua of Password Modifikasi, Oliver Gino of Ink Kanto's Pride, Arletz, Project F.I., Yayamanin Bolts and Zita Flores of Lights Concept. Thank you very much to InsideRACING Magazine for featuring my scoot," Jonathan expressed.



MODIFICATIONS YAMAHA MIO MXI 125

- Password Modifikasi fatty rim set 3.5 - 72 spoke front
- Password Modifikasi fatty rim set 4.5 - 72 spoke rear
- Password Modifikasi swing arm extension
- Password Modifikasi low drag handlebars
- Password Modifikasi spike axle nut covers
- Password Modifikasi slash cut triple barrel exhaust system
- Password Modifikasi billet side mirrors
- Password Modifikasi billet hand grips
- Password Modifikasi billet footpegs
- Password Modifikasi air suspension system
- Racing Boy brake system
- Yayamanin bolts
- Custom airbrush body covers
- Custom airbrush seat
- Custom-cut step board matting

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THIS NEW HIGHLY DESIRABLE KYMCO Will Win Your Heart!

by Al Camba

The fourth generation of KYMCO's Xciting maxiscooter is the best so far with its premium look and feel, abundant functional features, refined engine and light and sporty handling.



KYMCO or Kwang Yang Motor Company based in Kaohsiung in Taiwan is a big brand globally when it comes to scooters. It was founded in 1964 with technical collaboration from Honda. It became one of Honda's high quality overseas manufacturing facility. The company began to market KYMCO-developed products in 1992 and by 2003, KYMCO

became fully independent from Honda. Today, it has manufacturing/sales companies in 106 countries including the Philippines. Its sales in Europe is impressive and the brand has a big level of acceptance. In the scooter segment, it is a market leader in Spain and Italy and a top 3 brand both in Germany and France. Elsewhere in the world, it is also the scooter market leader in Australia. It also has technical partnerships with BMW



■ Mr. Leon Wu, Vice President for Overseas Development and KYMCO Global Product Director (left) and Mr. Victor Hsu, Vice President for Research and Development (right)



■ InsideRACING Magazine's Mr. Al Camba

Motorrad and Kawasaki.

KYMCO's Xciting was first launched in 2005 as their flagship model. Displacing 250cc-500cc, the Xciting was its biggest model and was focused more on touring and commuting. We tried it and it behaved like any typical maxiscooter in that era, which was heavy and handled almost like a boat. Through the years, three other generations of Xciting were produced by KYMCO ranging 250cc and 500cc. The second generation in 2010 came with a revamped twin headlight styling and improved chassis. The third generation in 2013 was the start of KYMCO's shift in direction to focus on the sporty side and better fuel economy with a new 400cc engine. The Xciting became known worldwide for its light agile handling as well as for its smooth and quiet power delivery.

The fourth generation Xciting S 400i was globally introduced in Europe in 2018 and was officially launched by KYMCO Philippines at the Thirteenth IR Bike Fest last March in front of the local media and public. The much improved scooter is better in almost all aspects with more dynamic styling, stronger power with perfect control, more comfort, better high-speed stability, better safety features and is equipped with new convenient



features. KYMCO claims it is a maxiscooter with motorcycle-like characteristics.

Last May 7-8, we were lucky to be invited to attend the Asia Press Ride event of this latest Xciting in its home country Taiwan together with other media from Asia and Australia. Dubbed "Formosa

Riding", it is designed to fully display the Xciting's improved sports touring credentials on a professional racing track as well as a scenic mountain road tour.

From Taoyuan Airport, we were shuttled to the Taichung Lihpao Racing Track, approximately 1 hour away.

It was there that we saw the new

Xciting in the flesh for the first time since March. Maybe more than two dozen Xciting units in all four matte colors were lined up at pitlane waiting for us.

But before that, we have to attend the mandatory Press Briefing upstairs. Once settled, the formal Product Presentation commenced.



No less than Mr. Leon Wu, the Vice President for Overseas Development and KYMCO Global Product Director, and Mr. Victor Hsu, the Vice President for Research and Development, handled the presentations.

After a quick snack, we all went down and geared up for the track riding sessions.

Back in the pitlane, we were once again admiring the rows of Xciting bikes for us to ride. All four matte colors (Black, Silver Crystal, White and Deep Blue) were present. There is no bad color choice as all four accentuates the dynamic and premium origami-inspired styling of the new Xciting. Buyers will have a hard time



to decide which one to get.

The new design of the LED headlight, Daytime Running Lights (DRL) and rear Fiber Optic LED taillight that follows a Light Sculpture Concept will not look out of place on a European premium brand.

We got to test the "sports" part of the claim in this almost brand new racetrack. We were given laps around the circuit just enough for us to feel the sporty handling and strong acceleration of the new Xciting. It was made more interesting when light rain started falling on the track when we arrived, creating many damp patches on the track. Despite the sketchy condition, the Xciting was light and easy enough to handle.



The low seat height of 810mm was enough to place both my feet almost flat on the tarmac while at a standstill. This is due to the narrow front shape of the seat. The V-shaped handlebar are now bent just on the sporty side and it provided a controlled and a little bit aggressive steering inputs. This became apparent during the laps as we tried to avoid damp and slippery patches!

The braking performance is typical KYMCO. Strong and progressive with its double front disc brakes with radial mount calipers and a single disc at the rear. Both brake levers were also adjustable for reach to make sure the rider has better grip and control as well as comfort when operating the brakes.

The adjustable windshield set at its lowest position gave me enough visibility and protection from the wind while not creating as much wind drag had the windshield been set up to its highest position.

The Xciting's sporty MAXXIS tires measuring 120/70 R15 for the front and 150/70 R14 at the rear and body shape allowed it to lean aggressively like a normal sportbike and nothing dragged or felt awkwardly close to the tarmac while cornering. We felt the tires were a bit over inflated on the test bikes and caused the bike to bounce around over some bumps and undulations, but despite this, it still felt safe and secure, though not as comfy as I would like.

The new 400.1 cc engine develops best-in-class 35.8 PS/7500rpm of power and 38.4 Nm/6000 rpm of torque. KYMCO managed to improve the engine by better volumetric efficiency in the intake and combustion, optimized injection system, reduced internal friction as well as better cooling system.

This is well matched to the new improved high efficiency and responsive CVT transmission with Low Bending Loss Belt Technology to give the 189 kgs Xciting the best power-to-weight in its class, resulting to a strong and smooth acceleration out of the corners. On the track's longest straight section, it was still accelerating by the time I decided to brake for the next corner.

Meanwhile, the redesigned hangar axle for better engine and frame integration and the double bridge front suspension has elevated the Xciting's dynamic maneuverability and high speed stability.

All these gave me confidence to lap at more than moderate speeds. It was not very fast admittedly, but more importantly, it was fast enough to make me have fun and feel excited!

In fact, some of my fellow journalists probably got excited too much that they started to race for fun with one having too much fun for the conditions. Me? I was content to lap at my spirited pace, enjoying the experience. All in all, it was more of a track day experience rather than

The new Xciting S 400i is one highly desirable motorcycle and a top maxiscooter. Its premium build quality, functional features, elegant and sophisticated and modern styling, light and sporty handling, high speed ability, refined engine and strong performance are all hard to find in one scooter even with more expensive competition.



a button on the left handlebar) is big and deep enough for a scooter this size and swallowed all of my rain gears and camera for the trip plus a few more. For me, it is already big enough for my needs and a strap-on roll bag on the rear seat for a long weekend trip will work well. There are two electric auto lock glove boxes that easily contained my phone in one and spare camera batteries and wallet in the other. One even contained a convenient

12V power outlet for on board charging. Because of the the thick fog in some areas, we need to turn on our hazard lights so that the riders directly behind can see us. The hazard switch on the right bar opposite the starter button is easy to operate once you discover that it is there. The headlights provide enough coverage even with the fog, although we did not get to ride it during dark. During riding breaks, the parking

brake is easier to engage and disengage because the lever is neatly mounted high on the left handlebars instead of low down beside the glove box. A simple feature that increases its ease of usability. It was also during this road ride that I was able to appreciate and sense the higher level of quality of this new Xciting in terms of riding and build. The engine's smoothness and feel of the controls are at par with the Europeans and maybe higher

than some Japanese. The fit and finish and the choice of materials are near the premium side and reflects their years of experience producing scooters for other premium brands. In fact, this could have easily worn a premium brand's logo. The instrument panel is a big improvement from the previous model. It consists of an analog speedometer on the left, a digital tachometer that also displays speed, odometer, tripmeter,



an all-out race, which is what this Xciting is purposed for – the ability to enjoy some fast riding on the track with some of your friends!

The next day, the "touring" part of the press test was scheduled. The weather was still cold and drizzling but I felt it was the perfect condition to evaluate the Xciting's capability to protect you from the elements. This is the part where the event got its name – Formosa Riding – with more than 120 kilometers of riding and 3,400 feet of climbing up Hehuan Mountain to Taiwan's highest parks. The Hehuan Mountain Wuling road is the highest highway in Taiwan with an elevation of 10,746 feet. We rode on the highways and twisty fast roads as well as extremely tight and narrow mountain roads near the summit.

The Xciting's manually adjustable windshield set at its highest position definitely added protection and comfort

from the wet and cold. It was particularly convenient that you can do it tools-free!

The multi-stage seat's enlarged backrest and the maxiscooter's ability to position both your feet forward cruiser style was really a treat! I could have continued on riding for one more day and still feel relaxed!

The tires also gave good traction on slippery uneven roads while the brakes with Bosch 9.1 ABS gave safe stopping power especially during low visibility conditions like heavy fog.

The engine is a gem on the road. It is refined, smooth and relatively quiet. It was a very calming ride even at high speeds. Too calm in fact that on long stretches, the engine's hum combined with the protection and light handling will almost put your body to sleep!

Storage-wise, the underseat compartment (that can conveniently be opened electronically by just a press of



SUPER SERIES Comes Back to Antipolo

by Reyce Tiamzon

Last May 12, 2019, the nationwide championship organized by InsideRACING and The Racing Line and sanctioned by USRA came back to Robinsons Antipolo for the second round of this year's Super Series.

The 2018 Super Series Antipolo GP held in September that year was successful both in the number of participants and the race fans who came to watch.

The turnout this 2019 was great again as a good number of racers coming from Antipolo and other areas supported the event.

The second round of the IR Cup was held together with the Super Series' Round



A good crowd also flocked at the venue and enjoyed watching the underbone, scooter and one-make classes of the Super Series and IR Cup.

Presented by Shell Advance, the 2019 Super Series Nationwide Championship is supported by Suzuki Philippines, Pirelli Tires, FDR Tires, ZENEOS Tires, KOBY and Racing Boy. Series organizers InsideRACING and The Racing Line were two established organizers of race events in the country. **IR**



battery voltage and even service reminder and lastly a higher resolution color display on the center that can display all of the information plus navigation thanks to KYMCO's own Noodoe Technology.

One thing I failed to play around due to lack of time was the Noodoe navigation which is a standard feature on the Xciting S 400i and is also available on the new Like 150i. It is the world's first rider-centric navigation. This lets you pair the scooter to your phone via an app and you can run navigation or change the center display of the center panel. You can even put your face on center screen if you wish. Oh well, we'll tackle that one in the future.

Our reward for the long day of riding in the cold and wet was a room in the exclusive The Lalu Lake Resort along Sun Moon Lake. We had great cocktails and dinner afterwards to end the night.

Overall, the new Xciting S 400i is one highly desirable motorcycle and a top maxiscooter. Its premium build quality, functional features, elegant and



sophisticated and modern styling, light and sporty handling, high speed ability, refined engine and strong performance are all hard to find in one scooter even with more expensive competition. And with its SRP of just P359,000, truly it is one of the greatest value for money.

When we first visited the KYMCO plant in Taiwan way back in 2010 together with local dealers, they were toe-to-toe with its local rival taking almost the same market share of the total Taiwan market. It was also the time that they have just started a partnership with a BMW to produce their maxiscooters as well as with Kawasaki.

Now, less than decade later in 2019, Mr. Victor Hsu said, "KYMCO now is the undisputed No. 1 in Taiwan with over 35% market share." I asked him how they did it and his quick answer was R&D (Research and Development). And that is a highly believable answer and explanation of why the new Xciting S 400i got to be this good – surely it will win the hearts of many! **IR**



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MASCARDO Shines Again in Antipolo

by Reyce Tiamzon

April King Mascardo from Davao had an emotional victory in 2018 during the penultimate round of the Super Series that year. Last May 12, the Suzuki-VMan rider was impressive in Antipolo once again as he dominated the Super Underbone Sealed Engine class amidst tough competition.



RESULTS

Super Series Super Underbone Sealed Engine

1. April King Mascardo
2. John Emerson Inguito
3. Robert Ryan Espiritu
4. Eane Jaye Sobretodo
5. Jaypee Obedencio
6. Jakob Sablaya
7. Roel Rubin
8. Michael Cabaysa
9. Mark Djereck Ondillo

Mascardo on his Suzuki Raider R150 Fi led the race all throughout, redeeming himself after not landing a podium finish in the first round held in Novaliches in March. He also got the best lap time of the 12-lap race. The race was exciting for Mascardo and actually he did not expect to win. He was just determined and focused to bounce back after his result in the first round wherein he failed to land a podium finish. Mascardo thanked God, his team, Suzuki Philippines, VMan Racing, Hart Gate Trading, Project M Fi Modification, Rico's Lab, LS2 Helmet, Motoworld, BRT, Pirelli Tires and KMS. The pride of Davao also expressed his gratitude to the people who are supporting him.

First round winner John Emerson Inguito of Yamaha-4S1M finished in second place this time. His teammate Robert Ryan Espiritu ended up at third place, the same result he had in the season opener. The two raced on board Yamaha Sniper race bikes.

Eane Jaye Sobretodo of Suzuki-VMan finished fourth followed by teammate Jaypee Obedencio. Jakob Sablaya placed



sixth. Suzuki-VMan's Roel Rubin crossed the finish line seventh. Michael Cabaysa of KOSO Philippines placed eighth while another Suzuki-VMan rider Djereck Ondillo ended up at ninth place. Suzuki-VMan riders used the Suzuki Raider R150 Fi in the race. Sablaya was on a Honda RS150 and Cabaysa was on board a Yamaha Sniper.

The second round of the Super Series Nationwide Championships presented by Shell Advance and sanctioned by USRA was held at Robinsons Antipolo.

Mascardo leads the Super Underbone Sealed Engine rankings going to the third round with 51.25 points while Inguito is second so far with 47. The third round of the Super Series is on June 16 at SM City Davao. [IR](#)

April King Mascardo redeemed himself after not landing a podium finish in the first round. The pride of Davao led the Antipolo GP Super Underbone Sealed Engine race all throughout.

■ Suzuki-VMan's April King Mascardo followed by John Emerson Inguito of Yamaha-4S1M



AN ALL PROJECT FI PODIUM

for the IR Cup Super Underbone Sealed Engine Class

by Reysel Tiamzon

■ IR Cup Super Underbone Sealed Engine Antipolo GP winners with Ms. Lorrie Ramirez (middle) of Shell Advance, Mr. Jong Uy (rightmost) of The Racing Line and Mr. Al Camba (leftmost) of InsideRACING



One of the race teams making waves this year is Project Fi. Comprised of riders who have been reaping numerous wins and podium finishes through the years, the team continues to conquer the local racing scene.



■ Christian Anderson


Winner Anderson is thankful to his team Project Fi for the support and to his mechanics and tuner who work hard for their race bikes. He also thanks DK Racing, Yayamanin, KTech, Combiz and Chinaworx.

Just like in the first round last March in Novaliches, Project Fi had a brilliant showing again in Round 2 of the IR Cup Series which is held together with the Super Series Nationwide Championships. The venue of the second round was the Robinsons Antipolo on May 12.

Project Fi riders dominated the Super Underbone Sealed Engine class of the IR Cup in the Antipolo GP. Christian Anderson, a skilled circuit and road racer, took the first place of the said category. Anderson is thankful to his team Project Fi for the support and to his mechanics and tuner who work hard for their race bikes. He also thanks DK Racing, Yayamanin, KTech, Combiz and Chinaworx.

Second placer was Leeandro Paredes who started racing at a young age. Paredes started by joining one make race classes and now he joins full size motorcycle races. With the help of Project Fi, "Hyper Leean" continues to achieve feats and fulfill his dreams in his motorcycle racing career.

Maiko Adapon finished third. Adapon is a seasoned circuit, road and drag racer. He and Anderson used a Suzuki Raider in the race while Paredes' race bike is a Yamaha Sniper.

KOSO Philippines rider Michael Cabaysa on a Yamaha Sniper placed fourth. 



■ Maiko Adapon (4) and Leeandro Paredes (5)

RESULTS

IR Cup Super Underbone Sealed Engine

1. Christian Anderson
2. Leeandro Paredes
3. Maiko Adapon
4. Michael Cabaysa

ANOTHER SUPER UNDERBONE OPEN Win for “The Hitman”

by Reyce Tiamzon

John Emerson Inguito started strong in his Super Series campaign this year with two victories in the season opener back in March as he dominated the Super Underbone Open and Super Underbone Sealed classes.



“The Hitman” Inguito was impeccable and led the 10-lap Super Underbone Open Antipolo GP race from start to finish.



The Yamaha-4S1M rider continued supremacy in the Super Underbone class in Round 2 of the Super Series, the Antipolo GP held on May 12.

On his Yamaha Sniper MXi race bike, “The Hitman” Inguito was impeccable and led the 10-lap Super Underbone Open race from start to finish. Inguito had an unfortunate performance in the 2018 Antipolo GP as he was not able to achieve a podium finish in the Super Underbone class back

then. This 2019, Inguito is determined to come up with a Super Series title and he has showed strong results so far. The rider from Cainta is thankful to his sponsors Yamaha, 4S1M, BRT, Marton Battery, MP, Racing Force, Racing Boy, RK Racing Chain and Sprocket, JM Mirasol Advertising, LS2 Helmet, Motoworld, Replica Pro, ZENEOS Tires, JDS, ROB1, KOBY and JGears. He also acknowledges his team, mechanics and team crew for his wins.

Finishing second was the 2018 Super

Underbone Antipolo GP winner April King Mascardo who had an emotional victory that year as he raced days after his father and grandmother’s demise. Mascardo using a Suzuki Raider R150 Fi placed second in the Super Underbone Open Antipolo GP this year but the Suzuki-VMan rider has registered the best lap time in the race.

Third placer was Robert Ryan Espiritu of Yamaha-4S1M followed by a new teammate, Kerwin Chang. Suzuki-VMan riders Djereck Ondillo Jaypee Obedencio and Djereck Ondillo finished fifth and sixth.

Jakob Sablaya who hails from Antipolo placed seventh. KOSO Philippines’ Dustin Esguerra crossed the finish line eighth while Roel Rubin of Suzuki-VMan placed ninth. FiTech-Speedzilla’s Clifford Bacus had a “Did Not Finish” result and was out of the race in Lap 4.

With two wins under his belt, Inguito leads the Super Underbone Open point standings heading to the third round of the Super Series on June 17 at SM City Davao.

RESULTS

Super Series Super Underbone Open

1. John Emerson Inguito
2. April King Mascardo
3. Robert Ryan Espiritu
4. Kerwin Chang
5. Jaypee Obedencio
6. Marc Djereck Ondillo
7. Jakob Sablaya
8. Dustin Esguerra
9. Roel Rubin
- DNF Clifford Bacus



A DIFFERENT WINNER

for the IR Cup Super Underbone Open as Chino Hung Dominates

by Reyce Tiamzon



Novice and Beginner riders dice it out in the Super Underbone Open class of the IR Cup Series presented by Shell Advance.

Round 2 happened last May 12 in at Robinsons Antipolo together with the second round of the Super Series Nationwide Championships. Dominating the Super Underbone Open class was Chino Hung who raced using a lent Honda RS150. Hung was in the lead all throughout the 8-lap race. Chino Hung is a participant in the Honda Pilipinas Dream Cup this year, a race program organized by Honda Philippines to hone young riders into future racing stars.

Dale Malihan of Motorcorsa, the first round winner, was a runner-up this time as he was second to finish the race. Malihan on a Yamaha Sniper, however, was the one who got the best lap time of the race.

RESULTS

- IR Cup Super Underbone Open**
1. Chino Hung
 2. Dale Malihan
 3. Troy Patcho
 4. Dean Martin Dadivas
 5. Jasper Castro
 6. Ton Farin
 7. Yhel Labicame
 8. Jharmine Adia



■ Dale Malihan



■ Ton Farin



Third placer was Troy Patcho followed by Dean Martin Dadivas and Jasper Castro. Ton Farin crossed the finish line sixth while Yhel Labicame finished seventh. Jharmine Adia placed eighth.

The IR Cup Series is organized by InsideRACING for years now with the aim to let riders improve their skills and achieve their racing dreams. The series is sanctioned by USRA (Unified Sports and Racing Association for Motorcycles, Inc.).



OLAYVAR CLAIMS Super Scooter Antipolo GP Victory

by Reyce! Tiamzon

Held on May 12 at Robinsons Antipolo, the second round of the Super Series was participated by prominent racers.



RESULTS

- Super Series Super Scooter**
1. Elijah Olayvar
 2. Tracy Gaddi
 3. Kenneth Coronel
 4. Eane Jaye Sobretodo
- DNF Mark Santos
DQ Kerwin Chang



■ Elijah Olayvar followed by Tracy Gaddi



Kerwin Chang, a new rider for the powerhouse Yamaha-4S1M racing team, topped the qualifying and race proper of the 10-lap Super Scooter race but due to a rule infringement in his Yamaha Mio race bike, he was disqualified and earned no points in the race.

As Chang was disqualified, the Super Scooter win was awarded to Elijah Olayvar who was consistent at the second position in the race. It was a hometown victory for Olayvar who is supported by SGKRT, Pitsbike, ECU Shop, Zoom Cycle, KIXX Oil, Grease Monk, Team Pwede Na Yan and Toni Works. Olayvar also expressed his gratitude to his family,



■ Kenneth Coronel



■ Mark Santos



■ Eane Jaye Sobretodo



■ Kerwin Chang

fellow riders and the people who helped and supported him in his race. After his win in Antipolo, Olayvar also participated in the third round and traveled to Davao.

Tracy Gaddi, another well-known rider, placed second. Kenneth Coronel took the last podium spot. Gaddi and Coronel also used Yamaha Mio race bikes just like Olayvar and Chang. Suzuki-VMan's Eane Jaye Sobretodo on the Suzuki Skydrive Sport was the fourth placer. His teammate Mark Santos was not able to finish the race.

Super Scooter riders in this year's Super Series race using scooter race bikes with sealed engines. **IR**



ESTORNINOS Triumphs in Antipolo GP

by Reyce Tiamzon

Round 2 of the IR Cup Series was held at Robinsons Antipolo.



RESULTS

IR Cup Super Scooter

1. Mac-mac Estorninos
2. Ace Fajardo
3. Kenneth Coronel
4. Ralph Anthony Orca
- DNF Mark Santos

The series presented by Shell Advance and sanctioned by USRA had a Super Scooter Sealed Engine class this year and Mac-mac Estorninos emerged victorious in the said category last May 12.

Estorninos had a good performance and ended up with a 4-second margin of



■ Ace Fajardo



■ Ralph Anthony Orca

victory. The winner thanked all who still believe in him, his tuner and the people who helped him in his race.

Ace Fajardo placed second. Third to finish the race was Kenneth Coronel who won the first round back in March in Novaliches. Ralph Anthony Orca placed fourth while Mark Santos of Suzuki-VMan on a Suzuki Skydrive was not able to finish the race. Estorninos, Fajardo, Coronel and Orca used Yamaha Mio race bikes.

The Super Scooter Sealed Engine class of the IR Cup features 115cc scooters. The category is battled by Novice and Beginner riders. **IR**



PONDOC

Victorious in First Race Event after Injury

by Reyce Tiamzon

One of the main riders of Davao team FiTech-Speedzilla is Deo Pondoc. He unfortunately suffered an injury in March and had an operation two months before the Super Series' second round, the Antipolo GP. Pondoc also missed the opening race held in Novaliches.



Coming back stronger, Pondoc clinched the win in the Suzuki Raider Breed Wars R150 Fi One-Make race at the Robinsons Antipolo last May 12. The FiTech-Speedzilla rider was in third position as the race started. In front of him was Rmand Salandanan of Suzuki-VMan and polesitter Christian Anderson of Project Fi. Salandanan crashed and Pondoc advanced into the second position. He trailed Anderson for some laps and managed to overtake the Project Fi rider,



"Thank you to God for the safe race and guidance, to my family and my girlfriend for allowing me to race again and to all those who are supporting and believing in me."
 - Deo Pondoc of FiTech-Speedzilla

RESULTS

Super Series Suzuki Raider Breed Wars R150 Fi One-Make

1. Deo Pondoc
2. Christian Anderson
3. Vermon Espiritu
4. Nikko Nambatac
5. Polo Arellano
6. Rmand Salandanan
7. Jasper Castro
8. Rafael Angelo Canlas
9. Zoren Traje
10. Edcel Corpuz
11. Michael Cabaysa
12. Ira Yeto
13. Mark Santos

eventually winning the race. It was also the first time for Pondoc to race in Luzon as he hails from Davao. It was an unexpected victory for Pondoc and his steady riding paid off. He shared, "Thank you to God for the safe race and guidance, to my family and my girlfriend for allowing me to race again and to all those who are supporting and believing in me." Pondoc who also had the best lap time of the race is grateful to FiTech Davao, Speedzilla, API Tech, Beltspeed, ENEOS Oil, DHCI Cyclehaus, Racing Monkey, Racing Boy, Sierra Speed and Oh Di Ba Racing.

Christian Anderson finished second. Longtime rider Vermon Espiritu placed third. Suzuki-VMan rider Nikko Nambatac finished fourth followed by FiTech-

Speedzilla's Polo Arellano. Rmand Salandanan was able to remount and continue the race and he ended up at sixth place. Seventh to cross the finish line was Jasper Castro, followed by Rafael Angelo Canlas, Zoren Traje of FiTech Speedzilla, and Edcel Corpuz. KOSO rider Michael Cabaysa placed eleventh. Another FiTech-Speedzilla racer, Ira Yeto, finished twelfth followed by Mark Santos of Suzuki-VMan.

Dubbed "The Pinnacle of Hyper Underbones", the Suzuki Raider R150 Fi offers great performance and speed. Suzuki Philippines provides the race bikes used in the Suzuki Raider Breed Wars R150 Fi One-Make race class of the Super Series. [IR](#)





Rmand Salandanan



second, an impressive result as he just return to racing after an injury and operation two months before the Super Series Antipolo GP. His teammate Polo Arellano, the Skydrive Sport Cup first round winner, finished third this time.

Other riders who participated in the Suzuki Skydrive Sport Cup Antipolo GP were Edcel Corpuz, Nikko Nambatac of Suzuki-VMan, Hermie Francisco, Ira Yeto, Zoren Traje and Yna Marie Enriquez of FiTech-Speedzilla, Laurence Flores, Archie Alibong, Ian Samson, Ian Elmer Racasa and Joseph Allen Magalit.

The Skydrive Sport scooters used in the Super Series are provided by Suzuki Philippines. [IR](#)

RESULTS

Super Series Skydrive Sport Cup

1. Rmand Salandanan
2. Deo Pondoc
3. Polo Arellano
4. Edcel Corpuz
5. Nikko Nambatac
6. Hermie Francisco
7. Ira Yeto
8. Laurence Flores
9. Yna Marie Enriquez
10. Archie Alibong
11. Ian Samson
12. Ian Elmer Racasa
13. Joseph Allen Magalit
14. Zoren Traje

In March, at the opening round of the Super Series, Rmand Salandanan got the pole position and led the race for some laps but had an unfortunate crash which led to him not getting a podium finish. The Suzuki-VMan rider made sure to take the win in the second round held at Robinsons Antipolo last May 12. Salandanan was impeccable right in the qualifying as he secured the pole position again. This time he held on to the front position from start to finish, submitting the best lap time in the 8-lap race in the process. He is sponsored by Suzuki Philippines, VMan Racing, Pirelli Tires, 4S1M, LS2 Helmet, Motoworld, BRT, VMAX, RK Chains and Sprockets, Racing Boy, Red Speed, JCS, Faito, KOSO, Uma Racing, AM Arts, 2 Fast Sliders, Cong. Teves, Big D, Marton and Garage 1.3. Salandanan thanked the Lord, his team, mechanics and those who are supporting him for his victory.

FiTech-Speedzilla rider Deo Pondoc who came all the way from Davao placed



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SALANDANAN Redeems Himself after First Round Woes

by Reyce Tiamzon

The Suzuki Skydrive Sport Cup lets beginner and novice riders experience the latest trendsetting scooter from Suzuki Philippines. The Skydrive Sport is indeed a combination of style, quality and performance.





■ Racing Antipoleños Scooter Club Race winners



■ Racing Antipoleños Underbone Club Race winners



RACING ANTIPOLEÑOS

Participates again in the IR Cup

by Reyce Tiamzon

A group of motorcycle and four-wheel enthusiasts, Racing Antipoleños has supported InsideRACING events since 2018.



■ Racing Antipoleños President Mr. Odeck Daiz (middle), USRA President Mr. Duds Lumague (3rd from left) and Mr. Al Camba of InsideRACING (3rd from right)

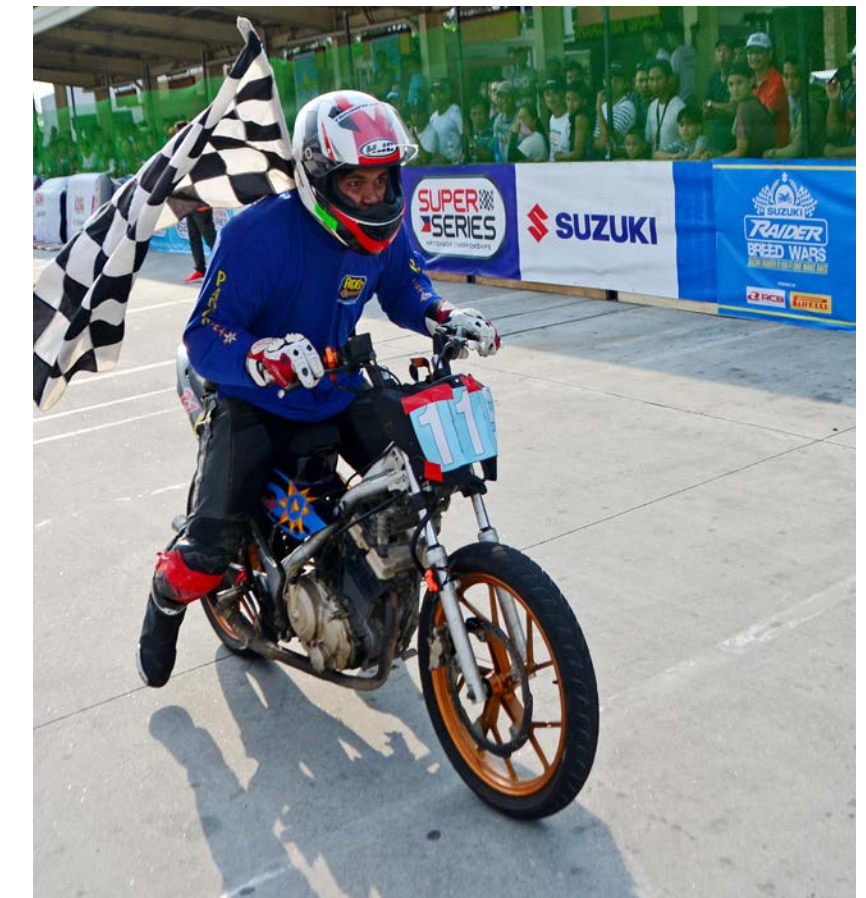
RESULTS

Racing Antipoleños Underbone Club Race

1. John Michael Estillero
2. Joseph Toledo
3. RS Villa
4. Jourelle Mendiola
5. Cied Daiz
6. Nikko Guevarra
7. Cyril Malong
8. Ericson Estrope
9. Jake Leonardo Tongga
- DNF Shawn Cervantes
- DNF Dharren Vince de Guzman
- DNF Kyle Pangilinan

Racing Antipoleños Scooter Club Race

1. Nayib Mitu
2. John Michael Estillero
3. Michael Jhun Dusaran
4. Dennis Ballesteros
5. Deo delos Reyes
6. Jerome Sumcio
7. Jobert Campos
8. Noel de Guzman
9. Stoner Blanco
10. Mark Daniel Chua
11. Ryan Jay Caritos
12. Christopher Leyva
13. Kerth Felixmeña
14. William Mendoza



■ John Michael Estillero



The first grand convention of Racing Antipoleños was held together with the IR Club Wars and Bike Bazaar event in September last year followed by the group's participation in the 2018 Super Series Antipolo GP wherein they had an exclusive underbone and scooter club race.

Last May 12, Racing Antipoleños led by its President Mr. Odeck Daiz joined the second round of the IR Cup Series held



at Robinsons Antipolo. Underbone and scooter club races were held again for its members.

John Michael Estillero won the Underbone Club Race winner. Joseph Toledo and RS Villa were the runners-up. Best lap time of the race was submitted by RS Villa. Jourelle Mendiola finished fourth followed by Clid Daiz, Nikko Guevarra and Cyril Malong. Ericson Estrope placed ninth while Jake Leonardo Tongga ended up at ninth place. Not able to finish the race were Shawn Cervantes, Dharren Vince de Guzman and Kyle Pangilinan.



In the Scooter Club Race, Nayib Mitu was the victor. John Michael Estillero was the second placer and the last podium spot was awarded to Michael Jun Dusaran. Other Racing Antipoleños members who joined their scooter club race were Dennis Ballesteros, Deo delos Reyes, Jerome Sumcio, Jobert Campos, Noel de Guzman, Stoner Blanco, Mark Daniel Chua, Ryan Jay Caritos, Christopher Leyva, Kerth Felixmeña and William Mendoza. Hermie Francisco had a special participation in the race.

Racing Antipoleños members are motorcycle and car racing and modification enthusiasts. Members are from the different barangays of Antipolo and the group has celebrated its first anniversary in May 26, 2019 during the IR Club Wars held at Ynares Center. [IR](https://www.insideracing.com.ph)

ANDERSON

Rules in Scooter Club Race

by Reysel Tiamzon



The second round of the IR Cup series had a special all scooter open club race category joined by novice and beginner riders.



Project Fi riders Leandro Paredes and Christian Anderson were first and second at the starting grid. Paredes, however, crashed and retired early in the race. Teammate Anderson took the lead and crossed the finish line first, achieving his second win for the day last May 12 at Robinsons Antipolo.

Best lap time of the race was also by Anderson. Versatility was shown by the Project Fi rider as he won both a scooter and underbone class at the Antipolo GP. Hermie Francisco finished second. Maiko Adapon, another Project Fi rider, placed

third. Troy Patcho finished fourth followed by Anthony Cañete and Mackee Dublois. Kelvin Seradoy placed seventh. Edcel Corpuz finished eighth. Kim Suzuki crossed the finish line ninth while Michael Rey Monter and Cariv Shane Suarez placed tenth and eleventh, respectively. Allan Paolo Isla was not able to finish the race. Participants mostly used Yamaha Mio race bikes in the All Scooter Open Club Race.

Scooter racing in the country is continuously growing and gaining popularity as manifested by healthy scooter grids in different race events in the local racing scene. [IR](#)

RESULTS

IR Cup All Scooter Open Club Race

1. Christian Anderson
2. Hermie Francisco
3. Maiko Adapon
4. Troy Patcho
5. Anthony Cañete
6. Mackee Dublois
7. Kelvin Seradoy
8. Edcel Corpuz
9. Kim Suzuki
10. Michael Rey Monter
11. Cariv Shane Suarez
- DNF Leandro Paredes
- DNF Allan Paolo Isla





Defending Philippine Superbike Expert/Open Champion, Marvin Mangulabnan

Excellence was what Mangulabnan shown as he finished the opening round's two races with huge margin of victories. The best lap times in the qualifying, Prefinal and Final race were all courtesy of Mangulabnan.



Benjie Gualberto and John Defensor

much to all who supports me to continue racing this year especially all of my sponsors and my team. Thank you for making this possible," said Mangulabnan who knows that racing as a privateer especially in the superbike class is more challenging. Excellence was what Mangulabnan shown as he finished the



PSBK Rookie class



MANGULABNAN CONTINUES DOMINANCE while Panlilio Delivers for Ducati; Rookie Class Battle also Anticipated

by Reyce Tiamzon

Two of the top Filipino superbike riders resume rivalry this 2019 season.

Three-time (2016, 2017 and 2018) champion Marvin Mangulabnan and two-time (2013 and 2014) Superbike Rider of the Year title holder Dashi Watanabe are competing for the Expert and Open Philippine Superbike (PSBK) titles much to the delight of race fans and the local superbike scene.

The Batangas Racing Circuit was the venue of the opening round of the PSBK this year held on May 4-5. The national superbike class is sponsored by Pirelli and



Pocholo Panlilio of Ducati Philippines

sanctioned by SBRA.

Mangulabnan who is now racing as a privateer was still on top of his game as he took P1 in the qualifying, Prefinal and Final superbike races of the season opener. The BMW S 1000 RR is still the weapon of choice of the rider from Baliuag, Bulacan who is sponsored this year by Alpinestars Philippines, KYT, MySip Juice Drink, Java Tech, Easy Grains, APB Loans, Wayback 90's Café, Oakley, One Obsession, SSS Sprocket, Motorad Performance, SIC Supply Co, Pirelli, ME Exhaust System and HGM. "Thank you so

opening round's two races with huge margin of victories. The best lap times in qualifying (1:34.021s), Prefinal (1:34.800s) and Final race (1:34.351s) were all courtesy of Mangulabnan.

Dashi Watanabe finished second in the Expert and Open classes in both races. He is happy to be back on the podium after not racing for a year. "Our goal this first round is to finish the race and we didn't expect good lap times on this all stock Aprilia RSV4 RF bike," shared Dashi who also has a riding school, the Watanabe Riding Development, and some of his students are also participating in the Petron National Motorcycle Championships in which the PSBK is part of. Dashi is sponsored by Bikerbox, Inc., Aprilia Philippines, Watanabe Riding Development, Smart Fuels 2 Race, Shark Helmets, Poweroad Lithium Battery and Oakley.

As the Alberto brothers are focusing in their international racing career, Ducati Philippines is fronted by Pocholo Panlilio this year. Panlilio had a great performance in 2018 and this year, he competes for Ducati Philippines in the Intermediate and Novice classes of the PSBK. Panlilio was stellar in his first outing this year, as he was in control of both race categories in the first round even though he struggled with the new Ducati Panigale V4 during the race weekend. "Feels good to be back on top with a brand new bike. Thanks to Access Plus for giving me the best bike," stated Panlilio who is also supported by MotoMarket, Motoworld, Exile Inc., The Zen Institute Medical Spa, BXTRA, Patrice Lighting, Alberto Race Training, Ohlins, Micah Cars, Cool Flow, FBT and IMSP. Panlilio was third in the Open class, finishing the races after Mangulabnan and Watanabe.

From the Pirelli Cup, Ian Ordoñez and Darwin Macaraeg are now conquering the PSBK this 2019. The two Kawasaki riders split wins in the Rookie class in Round 1. Ordoñez of Watanabe Riding Development was the winner in the Prefinal race while in the Final race, it was Macaraeg who took the victory. The two were still adjusting as the rules were different and the competition is more challenging in the superbike class.

RESULTS

Prefinal

SBK Expert

1. Marvin Mangulabnan
2. Dashi Watanabe
3. John Defensor
4. Jason Park

SBK Master

1. John Defensor

SBK Intermediate

1. Pocholo Panlilio
2. BJ Ang
3. Rod Valdez
4. Jason Park

SBK Novice

1. Pocholo Panlilio
2. Josh Tan
3. Rod Valdez
4. BJ Ang

SBK Rookie

1. Darwin Macaraeg
2. Ian Ordoñez
3. Benjie Gualberto
4. RG Romero
5. Gab Valenciano

Final

SBK Expert

1. Marvin Mangulabnan
2. Dashi Watanabe
3. John Defensor
4. Jason Park

SBK Master

1. John Defensor

SBK Intermediate

1. Pocholo Panlilio
2. Rod Valdez
3. BJ Ang
4. Jason Park

SBK Novice

1. Pocholo Panlilio
2. Rod Valdez
3. Josh Tan
4. BJ Ang

SBK Rookie

1. Darwin Macaraeg
2. Benjie Gualberto
3. RG Romero
4. Gab Valenciano

Other superbike riders who competed in the first round were veteran John Defensor of Ducati Philippines who won the Masters class, Korean rider Jason Park, Josh Tan, BJ Ang, Rod Valdez, Benjie Gualberto, RG Romero and Gab Valenciano who races for the Suzuki-Wheeltek racing team.

The PSBK is part of the Petron National Motorcycle Championship organized by BRCI.

BJ ANG Celebrates Birthday with Triple Ducati Cup Wins

by Reyce Tiamzon

The Ducati Cup organized by Access Plus lets enthusiasts of the Italian brand experience the excitement of racing and the high performance of their machines.



BJ Ang got the first position in qualifying and emerged victorious in three classes – Open, Expert and Intermediate. “Thank you God for giving me a safe race,” expressed the Ducati rider.

RESULTS

- Open**
 1. BJ Ang
 2. John Defensor
 3. Tony Cruz

- Expert**
 1. BJ Ang
 2. John Defensor
 3. RG Romero

- Intermediate**
 1. BJ Ang
 2. Tony Cruz
 3. Alvin Aguilar

- Novice**
 1. Richard Pagsinuhin

- Beginner**
 1. Jino Ledesma

- Sub 1000**
 1. Jino Ledesma

- Naked**
 1. Jan Timbol



■ BJ Ang



■ Jino Ledesma, winner of Beginner and Sub 1000 classes



■ Naked class winner, Jan Timbol



■ Novice class winner, Richard Pagsinuhin

Access Plus is the official distributor of the Ducati brand here in the country. The Ducati Cup is part of the 2019 Petron National Motorcycle Championship.

Round 1 of the Ducati Cup was held on May 4-5 at the Batangas Racing Circuit. BJ Ang who is celebrating his birthday

that Sunday race day had a blast as he dominated the season opener. BJ Ang got the first position in qualifying and emerged victorious in three classes – Open, Expert and Intermediate. “Thank you God for giving me a safe race. Thank you to my Ducati Philippines family and fellow superbike racers who greeted me, my friends, my sponsors KYT Helmet

Pilipinas, Mr. Charlie Ong, Mr. Peter Yung, Alpinestars Philippines, Mr. Lester Tiu, Mr. Benson So, SSS Sprockets and Marvin Mangulabnan,” expressed BJ Ang.

John Defensor finished second in the Open and Expert categories. Tony Cruz was the third placer in the Open class and he bagged the second place in the Intermediate group. Finishing third in

the Expert class was RG Romero. In the Intermediate category, Alvin Aguilar ended up at third place.

Jino Ledesma won two trophies as he was victorious in the Beginner and Sub 1000 classes. Novice category winner was Richard Pagsinuhin. Jan Timbol took the victory in the Naked class. **IR**



PRODIGY MYTCHELL JOSHUA NGO

Breaks Through the Racing Scene

by Reycel Tiamzon

Many motorcycle racers have started out their careers at a young age, usually riding pocketbikes to hone their skills and gain experience.



The country has seen numerous riders who started in pocketbikes and are now hailed as champion racers and some even reached international competition.

It is always great to see a new generation of young guns passionate about two-wheel racing and is having fun in this exciting sport. One of them is Mytchell Joshua Ngo. The kid started racing in 2017 and since then has been making waves with numerous first place finishes and podium results in the different race events he has participated in.



Mytchell Joshua Ngo, born on February 8, 2010, is one of the consistent participants in different pocketbike races. He is always accompanied and supported by his parents during these events. You can always see the delight in the kid's face when he goes up the podium after a great performance on his pocketbike.

The 9-year-old started and is a competitor in the Repsol Road Race Championships which features pocketbike classes in their legs. Mytchell Joshua Ngo is a constant podium finisher and winner in the Repsol road races. He also joined the Shell Advance Super Series Antipolo GP in September 2018 where he champed in the pocketbike class and the IR Club Wars Time Attack Challenge and Moto F8

GP organized by InsideRAING in October 2018.

This 2019, Mytchell is racing in the Repsol Road Race again and he participated in the IR Club Wars held last May.

The kid's talent and skills are evident and with the support of his family, Mytchell Joshua Ngo will indeed have a successful racing career. We look forward to what this youngster from Quezon City will achieve in the coming years. Good luck Mytchell! IR



YAMAHA

Breeds New Pinoy Riders for the ARRC

by Reycel Tiamzon

After McKinley Kyle Paz and Masato Fernando had stellar performances in the Underbone 150 class of the Asia Road Racing Championship (ARRC) back in March in Sepang, Malaysia, the Filipinos' skills and talent for racing are again recognized in the region.

The two on board the Yamaha Sniper inspired many as they carry the Philippine flag in the tough underbone competition.

As the two local heroes continue their campaign in the ARRC, Yamaha Motor Philippines organizes the Yamaha Sniper 150 National Championship, with the aim to hone new riders who will be the next representatives of the country in the Asian series. Supported by UMA Racing, Racing Boy, SEC Motosupply, SPRS, PROLINER, RK Racing Chains and Sprockets, ARacer Spedtech, JM Mirasol Advertising and ZENOES which is its official tire, the Yamaha Sniper 150 National Championship kicked off last May 5 at the

Batangas Racing Circuit, held together with the season opener of the Petron National Motorcycle Championship. Comprised of Novice and Intermediate classes, the Yamaha Sniper 150 National Championship features up and coming young racers.

Round 1 had 8 laps and on pole position were Amber Torres for the Intermediate class and Leeandro Paredes in the Novice group.

Paredes sponsored by Project Fi, DK Racing, Yayamanin and Mikaello Fi Development had a good race weekend as

he continued his fine form in the qualifying into the race proper. The youngster was the first to cross the finish line and won the Novice group with a 2.409s margin of victory over second placer Travis Baroja who submitted the race's 2:07.857s best lap time. Jasper Cruz placed third. Other

Novice riders in the race were Kervie Bergania, Alicia Ortega, Wyner Blente, Andrei Samuel Reyes and Erika Ondillo.

In the Intermediate category, winner was Kerwin Chang while polesitter Amber Torres ended up at second place. Justinne Bethany Tolentino finished third followed by Sean Barcial.

The Yamaha Sniper has a solid following in the country and is known for high performance both on the street and on the racetrack. IR



Intermediate class winners with Mr. Emerson Mendoza of Yamaha Motor Philippines

RESULTS Intermediate

1. Kerwin Chang
2. Amber Torres
3. Justinne Bethany Tolentino

Novice

1. Leeandro Paredes
2. Travis Baroja
3. Jasper Cruz



Novice class winners

PIRELLI CUP Welcomes New Riders and Classes

by Reyce Tiamzon

Enjoying success and great participation through the years, the Pirelli Cup continues to provide an avenue for riders of different motorcycles to experience the thrill of racing.

For 2019, the Pirelli Cup introduced the Middleweight and Naked categories in addition to the existing Group 1 (Heavyweight and Rookie Cup) and Group 2 (SSLWP, Lightweight and Jr. Rookie Cup) classes.

The Pirelli Cup is part of the Petron National Motorcycle Championship which had its first round this year at the Batangas Racing Circuit. Qualifying and Race 1 took place on May 4 while Race 2 was held on May 5.



Jr. Rookie Cup winners



Dannie Daquigan with Tracy Soyangco

Tracy Soyangco who is riding Dannie Daquigan's Honda race bike this year topped the SSLWP category in the first round of the Pirelli Cup.



Jake Gomez



Benjie Gualberto

Club MR's Benjie Gualberto was the winner in the Heavyweight A category. On board his Yamaha R1, Gualberto finished first in his class in Race 1 and placed second in Race 2.

Al Tolentino who had a second place finish in both races on a Honda was the

winner in the Heavyweight B class. For the Naked class, it was Sam Johan Noirel on a Yamaha who won over Jan Timbol on a Ducati. Jon Russel Barnacha ruled in the Middleweight class and he used a Kawasaki.

Coming all the way from Mindanao,

Zero2Podium riding school student Jake Gomez dominated the Rookie Cup on his Kawasaki ZX-10R. Ian Ordoñez (1:42.403s) and Darwin Macaraeg (1:44.068s) who raced in the Heavyweight A class were the riders who registered the best lap times in the first round of the Pirelli Cup's Group 1.

- RESULTS**
- Group 1**
- Heavyweight A**
1. Bengie Gualberto
 2. Darwin Macaraeg
 3. RG Romero
- Heavyweight B**
1. Al Tolentino
 2. Alexander Barnuevo
 3. Antonio Cruz Jr.
- Rookie Cup**
1. Jake Gomez
 2. Ben Mondragon
 3. Jay Jay Yambao
- Middleweight**
1. Jon Russel Barnacha
 2. Jhun Alcantara Jr.
 3. Allan Casas
- Naked Cup**
1. Sam Johan Noirel
 2. Jan Timbol
- Group 2**
- SSLWP**
1. Tracy Soyangco
 2. Robert Matthew Ramos
 3. Paul Mark Doblada
- Lightweight A**
1. Joel Narte
 2. Karl Joseph Santos
 3. Johndee Tagoon
- Lightweight B**
1. Kristofer Jay Go
 2. Nonie Trocio
 3. Domingo Averilla
- Jr. Rookie Cup**
1. Justine Dugeña
 2. June June Cañedo
 3. John Pilar



Kristofer Jay Go



■ Al Tolentino



■ Robert Matthew Ramos

Pirelli Cup Group 2 winners were all remarkable in the first round as all of them got the first position in the qualifying, Race 1 and Race 2 of their respective classes.

Tracy Soyangco who is riding Dannie Daquigan's Honda race bike this year topped the SSLWP category. On a Kawasaki race bike, Joel Narte dominated the Lightweight A class. In the Lightweight B group, it was Kristofer Jay Go on a KTM who took the win. Lady rider Justine Dugeña was dominant in the Jr. Rookie category. The female racer who raced on a Kawasaki thanked all her family and friends who was there to support and believe in her from day 1 to her first ever podium champion finish. Dugeña, a student of the Zero2Podium riding school is also thankful to StickerAsia Co., Labelplus International, Hairshaft Salon, Orion Muffler Shop Powered by Jhous, Galfer Philippines, AeonX Beauty Clinic, Norminring Motorbikes, Motorad Performance, Motoworld, Dainese Manila, Mastermind Auto Lab and Gorio's Restaurant. Best lap times in the first round of the Pirelli Cup Group 2 were 1:46.291s and 1:46.813s courtesy of Robert Matthew Ramos of Watanabe Riding Development and Tracy Soyangco.

Pirelli Tires are distributed in the country by Caloocan Sales Center headed by Mr. Philip Ang who is present at the races together with Mr. Louie Ruben and Pirelli Asia's Mr. Joseph Lee. [IR](#)



■ Joel Narte



■ Jon Russel Barnacha





Joseph Dominique "Mojacko" Purino crossed the finish line first among all of the MotoIR riders that day and the Bhebelab Racing rider won the MotoIR3 class, an impressive feat indeed for the son of Joseph Purino who is also a racer.



NEW RULES AND NEW HEROES at the 2019 MotoIR Championship

by Reyce Tiamzon

The MotoIR Championship continues to improve to provide a better series for riders who step up from underbone and scooter racing. Established in 2012, the MotoIR is known for its exciting clashes and the riders who have participated in the series have gone on to be champions in different classes and some now conquers the international racing scene.

For 2019, the MotoIR have three classes. The MotoIR1 and MotoIR2 is for 200cc motorcycles while the MotoIR3 features 150cc motorcycles.

Expert, Intermediate and Novice riders are allowed in the MotoIR1 while Beginner and Novice racers can join the MotoIR2 and MotoIR3.

The first round took place at the Batangas Racing Circuit on May 5. In pole position were Fritz Claveria, John Rey Escala and Juver Mirasol.

MotoIR3 rider Mojacko Purino who hails from Batangas and he is the youngest rider in the grid at 14 years old. He was the fastest in his class in the qualifying, but due to a rule infringement, he started at the back of the grid. This proved to be not a problem at all for the youngster as he climbed his way up until first position. Mojacko Purino crossed the finish line first among all of the MotoIR riders that day and the Bhebelab Racing rider won the MotoIR3 class, an impressive feat indeed for the son of Joseph Purino who is also a racer. The



■ Joseph Dominique "Mojacko" Purino

young Purino raced on board a Yamaha YZF-R15. Fastest lap time in the MotoIR3 and in all of the MotoIR classes in Race 1 which had 9 laps was 2:08.572s by Mojacko Purino who just started racing this year. Mojacko is supported by Paul Paint, Motomarc Racing, Bhebelab, Racing Salon, Takusawa, Olympus Auto Supply, Team Jayneys, Keso Cam and he also has good mechanics. The young rider's mentor is Masato Fernando and of course his father Joseph Purino.

Runners-up in the MotoIR3 class were Juver Mirasol of Top 1 Oil-Yamaha-JM Mirasol racing and Suzuki VMan rider Mark Santos. Juver Mirasol is now back in racing after years of hiatus. He has raced in the MotoIR before and this year he is riding a Yamaha YZF-R15. Mark Santos, on the other hand, races on board the Suzuki GSX-R150. Rmand Salandanan, another Suzuki VMan rider rode his Suzuki GSX-R150 to a fourth place finish. Brendel Belamide on his Yamaha YZF-R15 placed fifth while Top 1 Oil-Yamaha-JM Mirasol Racing's John Michael Mirasol, the



Fritsy Claveria





■ Gerson "Baby Rasta" Lorenzo



younger brother of Juver, finished in sixth place.

Gerson "Baby Rasta" Lorenzo won the 2018 Supersport 200 class title and he now continues his passion for the sport by joining the MotoIR2. Lorenzo who races for Liqui Moly-iZone Racing had a good start as he was victorious in the MotoIR2. Lorenzo is thankful to his sponsors Liqui Moly Philippines, iZone Racing, BISDAK CRDI Calibration, Elig Brakes Philippines,



■ Juver Mirasol



RESULTS

Race (9 Laps)	Laps	Total Time
MotoIR1		
1. Fritsy Claveria	9	19:52.085
2. Tomas Bauzon Jr.	9	20:26.679
3. Jerome Jed Umali	9	21:02.868
MotoIR2		
1. Gerson Lorenzo	9	20:26.875
2. John Rey Escala	9	20:44.733
3. Karl Patrick Flores	9	21:10.756
4. Arvee Villanueva	9	21:11.305
5. Allan Escuzar	8	19:50.313
DQ Marvin Vince Cuarte	9	20:36.840
MotoIR3		
1. Joseph Dominique Purino	9	19:33.695
2. Juver Mirasol	9	19:52.515
3. Mark Santos	9	20:17.404
4. Rmand Salandanan	9	20:18.058
5. Brendel Belamide	9	20:37.159
6. John Michael Mirasol	9	21:20.257

Best Lap Time: 2:08.572
Top Speed: 106.4 km/h
By: Joseph Dominique Purino

RESULTS

Qualifying	Best Time
MotoIR1	
1. Fritsy Claveria	2:10.991
2. Tomas Bauzon Jr.	2:13.886
3. Jerome Jed Umali	2:21.851
MotoIR2	
1. John Rey Escala	2:11.752
2. Marvin Vince Cuarte	2:17.949
3. Gerson Lorenzo	2:18.427
4. Karl Patrick Flores	2:18.644
5. Arvee Villanueva	2:25.199
6. Allan Escuzar	2:29.620
MotoIR3	
1. Juver Mirasol	2:12.747
2. Rmand Salandanan	2:13.383
3. Mark Santos	2:13.934
4. John Michael Mirasol	2:20.8545
5. Brendel Belamide	2:20.932
DQ Joseph Dominique Purino	2:08.186



■ Fritsy Claveria



SEC Motosupply, SPRS, Axxis Helmet, RDSS Sticker, Mitas Tires, KRYT Accessories, NFMUFF Racing Sport, KM20 Taytay Petron, ALV, VegieMax+ and Inca Closet and credits his win and to his and his team's hard work and to their crew. Second to finish in the MotoIR2 was Dion Ray Escala of Team Motorcycle City. Escala has also raced in the Supersport 200 class in 2018 and was leading the MotoIR2 class until he suffered race bike problems with 4 laps to go. Third placer was Karl Patrick Flores of Liqui Moly-iZone Racing. The three riders were on board KTM RC200 motorcycles.

Fourth placer was another Liqui Moly-iZone Racing rider, Arvee Villanueva, also on a KTM RC200. Allan Escuzar, the lone Motorstar Z200S rider in the MotoIR so far, finished fifth. Team Motorcycle City's Marvin Vince Cuarte on a KTM RC200 was unfortunately disqualified for technical



infringement.

Fritsy Claveria of Team 137, an experienced rider, claimed the victory in the MotoIR1 class. Claveria have not done circuit racing for almost four years and had some adjustments and practiced for the race. He is thankful to Team 137, Swallow Tire, BIZOL Oil, AM Arts and SEC. Finishing second was Liqui Moly-iZone Racing's Iraq Bauzon, another prominent rider. Jerome Jed Umali who races for Liqui Moly-iZone Racing and also a Supersport 200 racer last year, placed third. Claveria, Bauzon and Umali are using KTM RC200 race bikes in the MotoIR this year.

Organized by InsideRACING, the MotoIR Championship is sanctioned by the Unified Sports and Racing Association for Motorcycles, Inc. (USRA). The series runs together with the Petron National Motorcycle Championship. [IR](#)



■ Karl Patrick Flores (34) and Arvee Villanueva (624)



■ Mark Santos



■ John Emerson Inguito

YAMAHA-4S1M RIDERS Off to a Strong Start

by Reyce Tiamzon

Led by "The Hitman" John Emerson Inguito, the Yamaha-4S1M racing team had a dominating performance at the opening round of the Philippine Underbone King Championships.



RESULTS

UBK Expert

1. John Emerson Inguito
2. RR Espiritu
3. Herbert Lopez
4. John Lery Enriquez
5. Dustin Esguerra
6. Gian Carlo Mauricio
7. Vrei-ar Suba
8. Paul Mark Doblada

UBK Intermediate

1. Kerwin Chang
2. John Paul Suba
3. John Paulo Capili

UBK Novice

1. Rmand Salandanan
2. Michael Cabaysa
3. Mark Santos

DQ Joseph Toledo

It was podium supremacy for the team in the Expert class of the UBK last May 5 at the Batangas Racing Circuit. Inguito topped both qualifying and race of the said category. "The Hitman" also registered the 1:56.330s best lap time of the 8-lap race. Fellow Yamaha-4S1M riders Robert Ryan Espiritu and Herbert Lopez finished second and third. Other expert UBK riders in the first round were JVT's John Lery Enriquez and Gian Carlo Mauricio, Phoenix-Yamaha-SEC Racing Team riders Vrei-ar Suba and Niel Jan Centeno, Paul Mark Doblada of Faito and Dustin

Esguerra of KOSO.

"The number of hours spent practicing is unimaginable. But because of this, I am dedicated, dedicated to myself and to my team. Thank you so much to the Lord for the safe race! To my team 4S1M, congratulations, all the efforts and hard work are worth it. Thank you to Mr. Mark Tan for the unending support, our team manager Mr. Ronald Uy, our chief mechanic A-specs Faustino, our assistant mechanics and team crew for the effort, my teammates, Yamaha Motor Philippines, Mr. Jordan Cornista, Mr. Emerson Mendoza, InsideRACING Magazine, my suspension tuner Jerico Ben Cebanico and my sponsors 4S1M, Yamaha, BRT, Marton Battery, MP, Racing Force, Racing Boy Philippines, RK Racing Chain and Sprocket, JM Mirasol Advertising, LS2 Helmet, Motoworld, Replica Pro, ZENEOS, JDS, ROB1, KOBY and JGears," shared Inguito who is defending his UBK title this year. Inguito is a three-time Philippine Underbone King.

Kerwin Chang, a new rider for Yamaha-4S1M, ruled in the Intermediate class wherein he was in pole position. Chang has raced for another popular and strong team in the past years, and this 2019 the rider from Cainta makes the Yamaha-4S1M racing team more formidable. Phoenix-Yamaha-SEC rider John Paul Suba and Bhebelab racing team's John Paulo Capili placed second and third. Fourth to finish in the UBK Intermediate category was Rodel Lemu.

"Thank you to God for guiding us, to my team for welcoming me and for the



■ Rmand Salandanan

all out support, our mechanics, team manager, crew, teammates which are also my mentors and to our sponsors," Chang expressed.

Suzuki-VMan's Rmand Salandanan was the winner in the Novice group. Michael Cabaysa of KOSO and Salandanan's teammate and polesitter Mark Santos finished second and third. Motoactive-Suzuki-Motortrade rider Joseph Toledo was disqualified for violation of sporting regulation.

Salandanan is supported by Suzuki Philippines, VMan Racing, Pirelli, 4S1M, LS2, Motoworld, BRT, VMAX, RK Chain and Sprocket, Racing Boy, Red Speed, JCS, Faito, KOSO, UMA Racing, AM Arts, 2 Fast Sliders, Cong. Teves, Big D and Marton batteries. The Suzuki-VMan racer is thankful to God for the strength and

victories of his team, Mr. Gerald Sobretodo for tuning their race bikes, Mr. Rey Abat of Suzuki, Mr. Manuel Chien of VMan, their mechanics and his partner Alcess Pinga Lopena.

The Unified Sports and Racing Association for Motorcycles sanctions the Philippine Underbone King Championships sponsored by FDR Tires. The UBK is part of the Petron National Motorcycle Championship organized by BRCL.



■ Kerwin Chang

"Thank you to God for guiding us, to my team for welcoming me and for the all out support, to our mechanics, team manager, crew, teammates which are also my mentors and to our sponsors," Kerwin Chang expressed.



JVT'S MAURICIO Executes a 0.004s Win as His Title Defense Begins

by Reyce Tiamzon

The FDR Philippine Scooter Racing Championships had a stirring first round as Gian Carlo Mauricio of JVT and John Emerson Inguito of Yamaha-4S1M resumed their rivalry after a close fight in 2018.

Mauricio was in pole position of the main PSR 180 class while Inguito started second at the grid. All throughout the entire 8-lap race, the two riders had an exciting clash and in the end it was Mauricio who crossed the finish line first, pulling off a 0.004s margin of victory over Inguito. The Yamaha-4S1M rider, however, was the one who submitted the 1:55.443s best lap time of the race.

After the thrilling race, Mauricio expressed his gratitude for his good result



■ Gian Carlo Mauricio



■ Dustin Esguerra

at the start of the racing season. "Thank you Lord for keeping me safe and for another blessing. Thanks to my family, supporters, my mechanics, my JVT family, my teammates, Mr. Abid Chou for the unstoppable support and for giving me the best bike and to my sponsors LS2 helmets and Motoworld," shared the JVT star rider. KOSO rider Dustin Esguerra finished third in the PSR 180 class while fourth placer was Robert Ryan Espiritu of Yamaha-4S1M.

Bhebelab Racing Team's John Paul Capili consistently led the PSR 160 class. Capili is supported by Bhebelab, Paul Paint Racing, JayRWorks Cambaog, Keso Cam,



■ Joseph Dominique "Mojacko" Purino



After the thrilling race, Mauricio expressed his gratitude for his good result at the start of the racing season. "Thank you Lord for keeping me safe and for another blessing. Thanks to my family, supporters, my mechanics, my JVT family, my teammates, Mr. Abid Chou for the unstoppable support and for giving me the best bike and to my sponsors LS2 helmets and Motoworld," shared the JVT star rider.

Keso Pulley, Ravenol, FB Battery, Jayneys and Team RacingSalon. Jaed Joseph Issifu supported by Amber16 Racing Team, Tune Boss Philippines and Yolac Racing finished second while Phoenix-Yamaha-KOSO-Faito rider Jolo Suba who champed in the PSR 130 class last year and has moved up placed third.

Joseph Dominique "Mojacko" Purino, son of Joseph Purino who has raced in the PSR 130 class in 2018, is now following the footsteps of his father. The Batangas Racing Circuit is the home track of the young Purino who races for Bhebelab and he started the racing season with a win last May 5.

Sponsored by FDR Tires and sanctioned by USRA, the Philippine Scooter Racing Championships is part of the Petron National Motorcycle Championship organized by BRCL. **IR**

RESULTS

PSR 180

1. Gian Carlo Mauricio
2. John Emerson Inguito
3. Dustin Esguerra
4. RR Espiritu

PSR 160

1. John Paulo Capili
2. Jaed Issifu
3. Jolo Suba

PSR 130

1. Joseph Dominique Purino



■ John Paulo Capili

CAN CORBE WIN the MotoIR Championship with Bikerbox?

by Al Camba

Romer Corbe or RC49 has previously joined the MotoIR Championship in 2014 and 2015 under team Spec V and was one of the fast Intermediate riders.

In 2017, he became the Super Intermediate Rider of the year in the Super Series Nationwide Championships. Now an expert level rider, he will again compete at the top class MotoIR1.

Corbe is riding a KTM RC200 sponsored by BikerBox, Inc., Mitas Tyres and Poweroad Lithium Battery. The partnership was sealed by a contract signing last May 20, 2019 at the BikerBox, Inc. office in Sucat, Parañaque.

"We believe that the MotoIR Championship is a perfect platform to increase the awareness of our products to our target market. Our products will appeal to the riders who want high performance and exceptional value and quality which our Mitas tires, Poweroad Lithium batteries and KTM motorcycles provide," said Bikerbox Marketing Manager Jonathan Zialcita.

Mitas tires from Europe is a new addition to the local market, offering high



Mangulabnan, Rizaldy Canare, Anthony Roman, Masato Fernando, McKinley Kyle Paz, Paul Mark Doblada, TJ Alberto, Troy Alberto, Gian Carlo Mauricio, Ralph Kenneth Torres, Benjo Mendoza, Bryan Ortile, Jeff

performance tires at reasonable prices. They have both off-road and on road performance tires.

Meanwhile, Poweroad Lithium Batteries is a completely high performance product that offers light weight and long life. Both products are distributed by Bikerbox.

The KTM RC200 Corbe is riding is one of the most affordable sportbikes in the local market with MotoGP DNA and has racing heritage all over the world in the last 4 years. Bikerbox is also a dealer of KTM motorcycles.

The MotoIR Championships is now on its 8th season having started in 2012. Through the years, the top riders that has participated in MotoIR include Marvin

Chan, Vrei-Ar Suba, April King Mascardo, EJ Sobretudo, Koko Tadachi, Robert Mathew Ramos, Tracy Soyangco, Niño Fabian and many more. Most of them are UBK, PSR, IRGP and PSBK champions and even ARRC winners. This is the legacy of MotoIR that will continue.

Entering the championship in the second round will be a big challenge for Corbe and Bikerbox as they will need to catch up to race 1 winner Fritsy Claveria who has a full 25 points ahead of them.

However, knowing how competitive MotoIR is, anything can happen. But Corbe's presence will surely fire up the competitiveness of Claveria and round 1 runner-up Iraq Bauzon. Can he do it? **IR**

HONDA PHILIPPINES Continues Dream Cup Racing Program

by Reyce Tiamzon

With the aim to hone and produce the next Filipino champion riders, Honda Philippines is one again conducting its Dream Cup series this year.

The Honda Pilipinas Dream Cup is held together with the Petron National Motorcycle Championship. First round was held at the Batangas

Racing Circuit last May 4-5.

Jakob Sablaya, the 2018 champion, once again showed dominance as he topped the qualifying and Race 1 on May 4. Race 2 saw Sablaya crossing the finish line first again. Sablaya also registered



RESULT

Honda Pilipinas Dream Cup

1. Jakob Sablaya
2. Chino Hung
3. Marco Ventenilla

the best lap time in the qualifying and the two races.

Results of the two races were combined and joining Sablaya in the podium were Chino Hung and Marco Ventenilla.

Also participating were Kurt Villanueva, Kokoy Mangibin, Nicol Lee, Travis Paralejas and Andrei Ondillo.

Honda CBR150R motorcycles are used in the Honda Pilipinas Dream Cup. **IR**



Castrol IR Club Wars

May 26, 2019

Antipolo City

CASTROL ONCE AGAIN PRESENTS IR Club Wars Organized by InsideRACING

by Reyce Tiamzon

The IR Club Wars came back to Antipolo last May 26. In September 2018, the motorcycle time attack challenge was successfully held at the Ynares Center in Antipolo and drew many participants.

This 2019, the event was held at the same venue and just like last year, it was presented by Castrol and now, its product POWER1.

Riders had a good time tackling the course and it is exciting to watch as they try to come up with the best time possible. The Castrol IR Club Wars organized by InsideRACING had classes for scooters, underbone and pocketbikes.

Racing Antipoleños, a group of two and four-wheel enthusiasts from different areas in Antipolo, supported the Castrol IR Club Wars just like in 2018. The group has also celebrated their first anniversary. The





RESULTS

Racing Antipoleños Intra Club Wars Scooter

1. Nayib Mitu
2. Daeryl Reigner Gonzales
3. Ian Elmer Racasa
4. Stephen Matthew Garcia
5. Jhunnie Roven Calora
6. John Lloyd Lopez
7. Roniel Riego
8. Alfie Abella
9. Marlon Bonus
10. Thomas Edison Robles
11. Ronel Daiz
12. John Apostol
13. Paquito Go Jr.
14. Clid Daiz

Racing Antipoleños Intra Club Wars Underbone

1. Clid Daiz
2. Marlon Galang
3. Alexander Lawis
4. Raphael Icarangal

Racing Antipoleños Intra Club Wars All Ladies

1. Tricia Kyla Alcarde
2. Aileen Abanilla
3. Eunice Mae Sta. Ana
4. Alora Hannah Orinday
5. Jamila Ramirez
6. Jennifer Go
7. Jhem Quelenderino

Open Individual Scooter

1. Jeron Provide
2. Noriel Mogol
3. Mytchell Joshua Ngo
4. Marlo Clado

Open Class

1. Desmond Quilingan
2. Clid Daiz
3. Marlon Galang

Inter Club Wars Scooter

1. Ronald Galzote
2. Mytchell Joshua Ngo
3. John Nathan Galang
4. Homer Feliciano

Inter Club Wars Pocketbike

1. Mytchell Joshua Ngo
2. John Nathan Galang
3. Eunice Mae Sta. Ana
4. Ronald Galzote
5. Renzzy Gabrielle Vigo
6. Jan Derek Mendoza
7. Jamila Ramirez
8. Ian Lorenz Samudio
9. Jann Derek Mendoza

Castrol POWER1 Challenge

1. Jhunnie Roven Calora
2. Ian Elmer Racasa
3. Jeron Provide
4. Noriel Mogol
5. Dharren de Guzman



Castrol IR Club Wars had Intra classes for Racing Antipoleños members. Nayib Mitu from Brgy. Dalig, Antipolo who is also a road racer, was the victor in the Intra Club Wars Scooter class. Joining him in the podium were Daeryl Reigner Gonzales who is also from Dalig and Ian Elmer Racasa from Brgy. San Roque. Clid Daiz, son of Racing Antipoleños President Odeck Daiz, won the Intra Club Wars Underbone category. Marlon Galang from

Brgy. San Luis and Alexander Lawis were the runners-up. There was also an Intra Club Wars All Ladies class and winner was Tricia Kyle Alcarde from Brgy. San Luis. Aileen Abanilla also from San Luis was the second placer while Eunice Mae Sta. Ana from Brgy. Mambugan took the third place.

Winners in the Open categories were Jeron Provido in the Open Individual Scooter and Desmond Quilingan in the Open class. Joining Provido in the podium were Noriel Mogol and Mytchell Joshua Ngo. Runners-up to Quilingan were Clid Daiz and Marlon Galang.



The Inter Club Wars classes were for riders from different areas. Ronald Galzote ruled in the scooter class followed by Mytchell Joshua Ngo and Nathan Galang. The three were young riders. Mytchell also dominated the pocketbike class while Nathan placed second and Eunice Mae Sta. Ana bagged the third place.

Event presenter Castrol also had a class of their own – the Castrol POWER1 Challenge wherein participants bought Castrol POWER1 oil to compete in the said class. Junnie Roven Calora emerged as the winner in this category. Ian Elmer Racasa and Jeron Provido were the second and third placer.

The Castrol IR Club Wars is a fun activity to hone the riding and maneuvering skills of riders. [IR](#)

Inside RACING NATION RACE REPORT

KTM DUKEHANA Holds Second Round in Antipolo

KTM Dukehana

Round 2

May 26, 2019

Antipolo City

by Reycel Tiamzon

The Ynares Center in Antipolo was the venue of the Dukehana nationwide series' Round 2 on May 26. The series is organized by InsideRACING in Luzon in partnership with KTM Philippines. The first round was held in March in Novaliches.



KTM 200 and 390 Duke motorcycles are featured in this motorcycle time attack challenge. Participants must ride through the course in the fastest time possible without incurring time addition penalties which will be given to them if they hit the pylons, stepped down their foot or missed the right direction of the course. The second round in Antipolo had a good number of participant riders.

Desmond Quilingan was the winner of the KTM 200 Duke category. Bagging the second spot with a close time result was Randy Miranda. Herbert Tay placed third. Other participants were Jovanni Sumbeling, Jerbie Santos of Team Byahero, Karl Patrick Flores of Liqui Moly-iZone Racing and Jan Rebb Adatu.

In the KTM 390 Duke class, the one who took home the first place was Gerald Basingan. Patrick Gotera was awarded the

second place. It was a tight result from the two as their times had very, very slim difference. Herbert Tay was the third placer. Randy Miranda, Julius Tejado, Alexander Lawis of Racing Antipoleños and Jerome Dublan also participated in the 390 Duke category.

The Dukehana also has an Open class featuring both 200 and 390 Duke motorcycles. Longtime rider Iraq Bauzon of Liqui Moly-iZone Racing was the first

RESULTS

- Duke 200**
1. Desmond Quilingan
 2. Randy Miranda
 3. Herbert Tay
 4. Jovanni Sumbeling
 5. Jerbie Santos
 6. Karl Patrick Flores
- Duke 390**
1. Gerald Basingan
 2. Patrick Gotera
 3. Herbert Tay
 4. Randy Miranda
 5. Julius Tejado
 6. Alexander Lawis
 7. Jerome Dublan
- Open Class**
1. Iraq Bauzon
 2. Patrick Orbe
 3. Randy Miranda
 4. Duke Montano
 5. Karl Patrick Flores



The KTM Dukehana is an enjoyable and laid-back activity that tests the motorcycle riding and maneuvering skills of riders.



placer in this category. Patrick Orbe, son of Bobby Orbe who is a well-known figure in the motorcycle riding community and the local motocross scene with his sons being motocross racers as well, placed second. Third place was taken by Randy Miranda. Duke Montano and Karl Patrick Flores who are both Liqui-moly-iZone riders also joined the Open class.

Winners in the Dukehana's three classes were awarded with certificates and items from KTM Philippines.

The Dukehana is an enjoyable and laid



back activity that tests the motorcycle riding and maneuvering skills of riders. Participants may use their own Duke motorcycles and KTM Philippines also lends Duke units in a Dukehana event. Third series then headed to Davao in June for its third round organized by The Racing Line. KTM motorcycles are distributed in the country by Ayala group's Adventure Cycle Philippines/KTM Philippines. They have a plant in Laguna where they assemble some motorcycles including the 200 and 390 Duke. [IR](#)



TOP TEN TWICE for TJ Alberto in Thailand

TJ Alberto added a brace of tenth place finishes in the third round of the Asia Road Racing Championship's ASB1000 class, held at the Chang International Circuit, Buriram, Thailand.

The circuit, which was first used internationally for World Superbike, now hosts MotoGP as well as TJ's series and saw TJ and the Access Plus Racing-Ducati Philippines-Essenza squad slash the gap to the front in fine style.

Progressing competently throughout Free Practice, Alberto looked at home in Buriram from the opening session. Mixing it at the sharp end throughout the weekend, he eventually qualified tenth. A ninth position in Race 1 and a tenth in Race 2 ensured TJ added a decent points haul to his season's tally and he looks forward to the next race in Japan with a renewed confidence.

The results move TJ back into the top ten in the overall standings!

TJ Alberto: "I was quite happy with qualifying. I was just over two seconds from Pole and secured tenth on the grid. In Race 1, I was able to stay with some of the other riders. I got a slight chattering problem around half race distance, but I was able to overcome it and finish ninth. It was good to see that we continue to make small improvements and are closing the gap to the front. In Race 2, I finished tenth but for me it was one of the best weekends overall. We are new to the championship and the circuits and I am learning all of the time. The overall gap to the winner in comparison to other races was more than half which is a big step for us, and we are now within twenty seconds at the end of the race to the podium! We will continue to fight and work hard to be ready for another new track for me and an iconic one, Suzuka in Japan. I can't wait to take on one of the most legendary tracks on our calendar." [IR](#)

Credit: Access Plus/Ducati Philippines



TOUGH THAI ROUND

Motivates UMA Racing-Yamaha Philippines More

UMA Racing-Yamaha Philippines team had an incredible start in the 2019 ARRC season by topping both races in the Malaysian leg. After being named Round 1 Champions, #123 McKinley Kyle Paz and #17 Masato Fernando were marked men since they set foot in the country of Thailand.



and bodies for the uphill task that was to come.

Race 1 (June 1, 2019) – Difficult track, punishing heat and unforgiving opposition sharpened McKinley Kyle Paz and Masato Fernando. The older veteran of the two, Masato Fernando, had it rough in qualifying and started the race at the 20th spot. That wouldn't be enough to slow down "The Chairman" as he pushed himself all the way to the 4th spot. But when he was preparing to crack into that top three spot, an unfortunate clip with a fellow rider knock him out of the lead, the lead pack and he bowed out back at 20th position. ARRC race leader Paz started behind an all-Malaysian troupe that made his run grueling from start to finish. After falling as far behind into double digit place, he showed everyone why he ruled the Malaysian leg and finished Race 1 with a respectable 6th place finish. Although not the finish they were hoping for, the UMA Racing-Yamaha Philippines Team



remained undaunted and made the necessary adjustments to take Race 2.

Race 2 (June 2, 2019) – Filipino duo remained unfazed after their gauntlet and set focus on Japan. UMA Racing-Yamaha Philippines entered a Thailand marked men and experienced a flurry of trials in Race 1. Entering Race 2, they prepared for the relentless fury of their rivals. Before the start of the race, Masato Fernando felt he had a technical issue with his motorcycle. They tried to address the issue on the grid but there was not enough time. The competition was heated from the start which caused an unfortunate crash that resulted in a red flag. As the fallen riders gathered their bearings, it was an opportunity for team Philippines to adjust their motorcycles. Due to the crash, the laps were now reduced to 6, a virtual sprint to the finish line. McKinley Kyle started at the race at the 5th spot and Masato at the back of the pack anew. But

with a nation behind them they were able to reach the front by the last two laps. For a moment, championship leader Paz led the way with Fernando closing in on the rest of the leaders. But in the final corner Fernando was part of a multi-rider crash that took away any chance at the podium. Paz, on the other hand, couldn't maintain the lead as he was smothered by his foreign counterparts.

It was a tough round for them but both have vowed to claim the victory when they return in the final leg. They shifted their focus in Japan as Paz continues to defend his championship spot and Fernando seeks to improve from 5th place in the standings.

The team is supported by Yamaha Motor Philippines, Inc., UMA Racing, Racing Boy, ARacer, PROLINER, Youall, Galfer, Nasty Port Flow, KOSO, NGK, RK and Kushitani.

Credit: Yamaha Motor Philippines

Round 2 was set at the Chang International Circuit, a formidable course that challenges professional riders of any skill level. They battled not just this track but also the heat which tested their overall endurance. Not to mention an entire grid raging to deny them of another victory. Against the odds, these two riders focused both their minds



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MotoGP

Rd.	Date	Venue
1	March 10	Qatar
2	March 31	Argentina
3	April 14	USA
4	May 5	Spain
5	May 19	France
6	June 2	Italy
7	June 16	Spain
8	June 30	Netherlands
9	July 7	Germany
10	Aug. 4	Czech Republic
11	Aug. 11	Austria
12	Aug. 25	Great Britain
13	Sept. 15	Italy
14	Sept. 22	Spain
15	Oct. 6	Thailand
16	Oct. 20	Japan
17	Oct. 27	Australia
18	Nov. 3	Malaysia
19	Nov. 17	Spain

Superbike World Championship

Rd.	Date	Venue
1	Feb. 22-24	Australia
2	Mar. 15-17	Thailand
3	Apr. 5-7	Spain
4	Apr. 12-14	Netherlands
5	May 10-12	Italy
6	June 7-9	Spain
7	June 21-23	Italy
8	July 5-7	United Kingdom
9	July 12-14	USA
10	Sept. 6-8	Portugal
11	Sept. 27-29	France
12	Oct. 11-13	Argentina
13	Oct. 24-26	Qatar

LOCAL

PSBK/UBK/PSR

Rd.	Date	Venue
1	May 4-5	Rosario, Batangas
2	June 1-2	Rosario, Batangas
3	July 6-7	Clark, Pampanga
4	Aug. 3-4	Clark, Pampanga
5	Sept. 7-8	Rosario, Batangas
6	Oct. 5-6	Clark, Pampanga

MotoIR Championship

Rd.	Date	Venue
1	May 5	Rosario, Batangas
2	June 2	Rosario, Batangas
3	July 7	Clark, Pampanga
4	Aug. 4	Clark, Pampanga
5	Sept. 8	Rosario, Batangas
6	Oct. 6	Clark, Pampanga

Shell Advance Super Series

Rd.	Date	Venue
1	Mar. 31	Luzon GP
2	May 12	Antipolo GP
3	June 16	Davao GP
4	July 14	Bacolod GP
5	Aug. 18	Cebu GP
6	Oct. 20	Cavite GP

IR Cup Series

Rd.	Date	Venue
1	March 31	Luzon GP
2	May 12	Antipolo GP
3	Oct. 20	Cavite GP

Regional Underbone Grand Prix

Rd.	Date	Venue
1	June 16	Davao GP
2	July 14	Bacolod GP
3	Aug. 18	Cebu GP

Dukehana

Rd.	Date	Venue
1	Mar. 30	Luzon GP
2	May 26	Antipolo GP
3	June 15	Davao GP
4	July 13	Bacolod GP
3	Aug. 17	Cebu GP
6	Oct. 19	Cavite GP

2019 Nationwide Bikefest

Date	Venue
July 13-14	3rd Visayas Bikefest SMX Convention Center Bacolod
Aug. 17-18	4th Visayas Bikefest Cebu Trade Hall
Sept. 28-29	3rd Mindanao Bikefest Limketkai Cagayan de Oro

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Highlights:

63 riders from Luzon and Mindanao who joined USRA events scored points for the Ranking as of July 6, 2019

- John Emerson Inguito leads the Overall Ranking
- Highest ranked Intermediate rider is Kerwin Chang
- Highest ranked Novice rider is Rmand Salandanan
- Highest ranked Beginner rider is Dale Malihan



John Emerson Inguito

Rank	Pts.	Name	Class	Region
1	375	Inguito, John Emerson	EXP	LUZ
2	250	Espiritu, Robert Ryan	EXP	LUZ
3	130	Esqueria, Dustin	EXP	LUZ
4	125	Mauricio, Gian Carlo	EXP	LUZ
5	110	Salandanan, Rmand	NOV	LUZ
6	90	Purino, Joseph Dominique	NOV	LUZ
7	80	Capili, John Paulo	NOV	LUZ
8	75	Sobredo, Eane Jaye	EXP	LUZ
9	62.5	Santos, Mark	NOV	LUZ
10	60	Lopez, Herbert	EXP	LUZ
11	60	Bauzon, Tomas	EXP	LUZ
12	50	Chang, Kerwin	INT	LUZ
13	50	Gaddi, Tracy	INT	LUZ
14	47.5	Arellano, Polo	NOV	MIN
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17	45	Paredes, Leonardo	NOV	LUZ
18	40	Clavera, Fritsy	INT	LUZ
19	40	Coronel, Kenneth	NOV	LUZ
20	40	Enriquez, John Lery	EXP	LUZ
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23	40	Lorenzo, Gerson	NOV	LUZ
24	37.5	Issifu, Jaed	NOV	LUZ
25	37.5	Suba, John Paul	INT	LUZ
26	30	Escala, John Rey	NOV	LUZ
27	30	Farin, Ton	NOV	LUZ
28	30	Mascardo, April King	EXP	MIN
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30	30	Suba, Jolo	NOV	LUZ
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35	25	Umali, Jerome Jed	NOV	LUZ
36	25	Flores, Karl Patrick	BEG	LUZ
37	20	Suba, Wesley	EXP	LUZ
38	17.5	Bojusan, Jason	NOV	LUZ
39	17.5	Corpuz, Edol	NOV	LUZ
40	17.5	Villanueva, Anee	BEG	LUZ
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42	12.5	Belamide, Brendel	NOV	LUZ
43	12.5	Escuzar, Allan	BEG	LUZ
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45	10	Rubin, Roel	INT	LUZ
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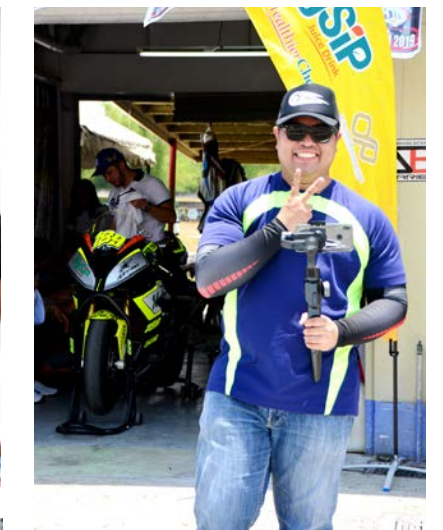
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