



# Spokesman

St George Motor Cycle Club Newsletter

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## 100 Years of Isle Of Man TT's

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### Upcoming Dates.

- \* 24-25 Nov Road Race  
Eastern Creek Rd 4
- \* Special General Meeting Caringbah  
Motorcycles Date TBA
- \* 1st Dec Road Race  
Presentation night  
Bankstown RSL.
- \* 2nd Dec Club Picnic  
and Presentation  
Bonna Point Kurnell  
( Free Food and drink.)



A group of St George Club members and friends headed to the Isle of Man in June this year to celebrate the TT's centenary.

Now centenary usually means 100, but long before there was WWW DOT there was WWI and WWII in which there was no racing, also in 2001 the races were cancelled because of the "foot and

A few St George officials worship at the shrine of the greatest TT rider of all, Joey Dunlop

mouth" outbreak.

Now having said that, I'm not sure exactly how many years there has been racing at the Isle, but who cares the Pom's were

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## Honda St George Road Race Series Rd 3 Wakefield Park

On a day more fitted to skiing than Motorcycle racing, I put my Ski gear on, and a few extra layers, and headed out to Photograph the red hot action on track.

Qualifying was a mixed bag with some early rain putting a few competitors off from venturing out from their slightly warmer garages. The wind was tearing across the valley and we knew exactly where it came from, but how would the riders able to deal with it. The biggest problem was the really cold track temperature and it caught a few riders out during the day.

Some riders had an astounding day, including Oliver Dharma-Ratne (Yamaha 600) in the

Senior class, winning every race, as did Nakeeta Quayle (Eastern Creek M/cycle Wreckers Honda 600) in the GRO (Girls Ride Out) class and Dylan Mavin (Metro Kit 80) in the Junior 80 cc class, even the Bears class was clean sweep for Paul McCarthy on the little Triumph 675.

That didn't stop some close racing in some classes with the Unlimited hotly contested between Brett Clarke (RB Racing Suzuki 1000) and Scott Pertz (Honda 1000) ending in favour of Brett by 3 to 1. The 400 cc class went the same way with Gavin Hainsworth (RB Racing Honda 400) getting 3 wins over a

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## 2007 Dirt Track Championship

		<u>DT1 CHAMPIONSHIP</u>						
	<b>Competitor</b>	<b>Rd.1</b>	<b>Rd.2</b>	<b>Rd.3</b>	<b>Rd.4.</b>	<b>Rd.5</b>	<b>Rd.6</b>	<b>Total</b>
99	Oliver Smith	50	44	0	66	42	0	202
88	Stacey Hunter	44	38	0	65	32	0	179
87	Lee Hunter	-	50	0	68	47		165
71	Teena Scott	36	31	0	31	22	0	120
118	Kathleen Hutson	40	0	0	31	25	0	96
825	Stephen Pilling	-	-	0	56			56

		<u>LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP</u>						
88	Stacey Hunter	50	50	0	75	0	0	175
118	Kathleen Hutso	44	0	0	66	0	0	110
71	Teena Scott	40	44	0	40	0	0	84

		<u>TRAILBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP</u>						
55	Craig Johnston	40	47	C	22	36	0	145
153	Earl Hunter	44	40	A	0	43	0	127
29	Craig Allison	50	0	C	75	0	0	125
777	Bruce Gray	36	47	N	0	42	0	125
4	James Harwood	0	0	0	64			64
58153	Stacey Hunter	0	16	E				46

		<u>UNLIMITED CHAMPIONSHIP</u>						
8	Lee Hunter	50	47	C	47	50	0	194
222	Peter Knight	42	47	A	45	47	0	181
55	Craig Johnston	38	44	N	22	36	0	140
777	Bruce Gray	38	38	C	0	38	0	114
99	Oliver Smith	0	34		40	38		112
153	Earl Hunter	44	36	E	0	29		109

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## *Honda St George Road Race Rd 3 Wakefield Park (cont.)*

Lucas Vitale broke the lap record chasing Oliver Dharma-Ratne but DNF'd the race and DNS the rest, while Oliver rebroke the lap record and won all his races.

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single win for Ken Onus (Honda 400) from Victoria who felt right at home in the weather. Harley Borkowski's (RB Racing Honda 400) day started off pretty

bad with a crash but he kept working at it and ended up on the podium in Race 4. The Junior 150 cc Class was a battle ground all day with Ryan Dymond, (Mega Motorcycles Honda 150) Mathew Walters (Kawasaki Connection Honda 150) and Jake Horne (Honda 150) dicing most of the day even though Alexander Pickett (Honda 150) picked up 2nd overall through consistency.

Cathy Parsons (Honda 400) won the GRO Lites class and Grant Harrington rode the wheels of his KTM 625 in the Single Cylinder combined class, but in the race couldn't catch Naketta Quayle on her Honda 600 who's lap times would have placed her 7th or 8th in the Senior Race.

All results and current point scores can be found at [www.stgeorgemcc.com](http://www.stgeorgemcc.com) and [www.natsoft.biz](http://www.natsoft.biz)  
Results Ed.



## Arncliffe Kart Grand Prix

What a great night, with 12 Club members, family and friends. While 9 of us signed on, the three guns from last time (Steve, Craig & Rob) carefully surveyed the group on the track before us, working out which kart handled best and which were the quick ones.

We broke into two groups of 6, with the organisers letting us run the under 16 year olds with the seniors. Interestingly enough we had 3 father/son and 1 father/daughter combinations. Zara thought she had the ladies race all sewn up until Guy brought his daughter Jessie along. Although it was the first time on an indoor track for both girls, they both had their race face on. Jessie was given some tips on how to spin Dad out if he got sideways in front of her, but seeing as how she needed a lift home, she thought better of it.

After a brief drivers briefing, the first group made their way track-side, selected their mounts, Steve and Rob jumped in early followed by father and son, Craig and Dave Johnston, with Chris and Zara making the first group. It was on from turn one, all the pre race talk forgotten, time to put up or shut up.

The second group was a "family affair" with Peter and Robbie Snow, Peter's neighbour Chris and his son Steve, Guy and Jessie, and there was action aplenty.

Each group ran 3 times with the fastest time in each session recorded. Dave Johnston had some massive

four wheel drifts happening, Craig received two "no contact" warnings, and Robbie I'm sure would prefer the track to run in the opposite direction as he spent more time facing the wrong way, bringing on the yellow caution lights. The fastest time on the night went to our President, opening up the debate on power to weight verses ability.

Little Griff

### 2nd Opinion.

**The Kart can make a big difference** as I can attest to. We really didn't have an idea of which Karts were fast or slow to start with so we jumped in whatever was there. Craig got the first kart in line and the steering wheel came off in his hand or something like that so he was relegated to the back of the grid and I lead off the group in Kart No 12. This kart went alright but virtually had no brakes which probably helped, but as I'm getting used to it I got punted into the tyre wall from the 4 following karts. After I Extricated myself and started chasing down the karts in front I noticed when going faster, if you backed off in a corner the Kart would just under steer you back into that tyre wall. I had a couple of intimate meetings with the tyre wall before I used the "foot in the bucket" method all the time, and even though this made the kart tail happy, I stayed out of the walls and that made me happy. As this social night

is non competitive, (yeh right) it was a great surprise to see I got the fastest time of the session, and this kart went on to give Chris the fastest time of the night of 31.18s.

Peter snow brought out his inner *Tiger* and scorched to the 2nd fastest time of 31.25, While Steve Wyres, Guy Harper and Craig Johnston were each only 1/100 of a second slower then each other.

The second kart I had was No 5 and was a slug, not much go at all but great brakes. Finally I snavelled a good kart in No 6 which steered, stopped and went well, but I still didn't get in the top 6 fastest times. I thought about putting a protest in, but as each kart has a transponder attached I couldn't blame the "Bloody Timekeepers".

Get a bunch of ex racers, and some not so ex together, and put them in a competitive and "safeish" race track and you have a recipe for a nice quiet friendly evenings entertainment, no pressure to be quickest. (Yeh right). Revenge will have to wait till next year.

Trumpy

Whoops!



Gotta Get that Clutch



## Presidents Report 2007

.Business as usual and another very busy year for a lot of St George Club members.

Focusing on our calendar, our 2-way Dirt Track meetings at Nepean Raceway with City of Penrith Club have really taken off. St George runs three events and Penrith runs three using the same classes so competitors from both clubs get the same amount of races, well that's the theory. Peter Snow is the driving force in dirt track, coming up with new ideas and ways of making the events better and turning dirt track into a financial success. Our Honda Road Race, ASC series finished 2006 very healthily. The start of 2007 was less than favourable due to the loss of a major sponsor and with so many race meetings on. Round 1 at Eastern Creek ran at a loss, however with St George hosting the first round of the Motorcycle Road Race Development Asso-

ciation (MRRDA) series at Oran Park (on would you believe April 1<sup>st</sup>) turning a profit, things were looking up.

Jan Blizzard's capacity to be Race Secretary for not only St George events but so many others still amazes me. As much as some of us try to slow her down, she takes on more and more. Not only Jan, but a large number of our members officiate at many, many different meetings throughout the year, from club day's to World Championships.

Our membership is growing all the time, which is great for our bank balance but we need more organising officials to help our management team run our events.

Socially our presentation night at Bankstown for the Honda, ASC Road Race Series and our Christmas picnic at Kurnell were both great successes.

In closing, I would like to particularly thank our club secretary, Steve Wyres for his work throughout the past year, and also for letting us hold our club meetings at his shop, Caringbah Motorcycles; also Alan Smith our minute secretary and sometimes cake baker, for his contribution to the club.

To the outgoing management committee – thanks for your support and input in 2006-2007.

Finally to all the riders, sponsors and officials, without who's help we would achieve nothing, thank you.

The year ahead will be tough, but we have been operational now for 92 years and I am sure St George MCC will be around for a long time to come.

Yours in sport

Chris Baker

President

### SECRETARY'S REPORT 2007

Another successful year has passed and we are already in planning mode for next year.

Thanks again to the Management Team who have had a full schedule of Road Race, Dirt

Track & Touring events throughout the year. These people are the backbone of the club

and work tirelessly for the Club and its members, to ensure the continued success and

to improve the service that the Club provides to its own members and to members of many

other Clubs who participate in the events organised by the club.

Congratulations to all these riders who have competed in our events during the year.

Special thanks must also go to the people who volunteer their valuable time to act as

officials in the successful running of these events.

During the year the club re-introduced junior Road Race events and these

races have been

well received and patronised by both the juniors & sponsors.

Thanks again to Honda MPE for their support of our Road Race Series and we

look forward to their continued support in the coming years.

The club also conducted several road race events for the MRRDA during the year and to

date these have been well received by competitors, although the viability of these events

in the coming years will rely on continued support from sponsors, club members & riders.

The clubs web site continues to grow & flourish with over 22,000 hits during the past year.

We welcome any suggestions from members to improve the site so speak up if you can offer any constructive ideas.

The club membership has increased again this year to 372 financial members, but some are

slow to renew their memberships

despite repeated reminders. Re-

cently we have sent personal reminders to all members whose fees have remained unpaid over the last 6 months. This has

jolted a few memories & renewals have started to come in on a more regular basis. We will

continue in our efforts to give lapsing members a personal renewal notice & reminder letter.

My special thanks to Al Smith for the assistance that he has given to me personally

in performing the duties of Secretary. I could not have done it without him & I am sure

that we will all miss him greatly in the coming year when he moves to Narooma.

I wish him and Janice every success and happiness in their new endeavour.

Steve Wyres.

Secretary. 22-8-2007

### Honda St George Road Race Series Year to date top 10 point scores, after round 3 are:

Nakeeta Quayle	403	Mark Wilson	345
Gavin Hainsworth	393	Aaron Bonacina	313
Cathy Parsons	370	Daniel Meyer	312
Peter Westrup	365	Brett Clark	312
Oliver Dharma-Ratne	350	Amie Hibberd	294

## Urgent Call for Help.

It was sad to see one of our stalwarts in the club Alan Smith move down the coast for a change in Job. As his moves means less people to help out at the Race Meetings and in the club generally we become even more desperate for people to help out. There is only a very small group of people who do the majority of the work in the club and while a big thank you goes to all the people who help out at the race meetings, there is still an **urgent need for more volunteers**. If you can help out with simple things like making lunches or flag marshalling or any job there, you get some benefits back by free entry, lunch, BBQ and free Beer after and some cash to help with ex-

penses. Then it comes to club meetings where all the planning takes place, twice a month for a couple of hours is not hard to manage and then if you can do one little job within the club it means less work for the overworked committee.

Even writing stories for the magazine can be fun and we are always looking for stories (funny or not) to put in the magazine. Photos are always welcome as well.

**Come On Aussie's** bring your family and friends along and keep the club running and thus keep your race meetings running smoothly.

All our competitors want a well organised race meeting so get involved at make that happen. Any suggestions from competitors or officials are always welcome and a way to improve our running of the meeting. So email, write, phone or come along to the club meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Caringbah Motorcycle, Captain Cook Drive Caringbah.

**Don't forget no organisers, no Race Meetings.** See you at the club or race meetings.

Desperate Ed.

## News.

- \* **Barefoot Bowling** Cheap Fun. Date and Venue to be advised
- \* **The Winner of the Wakefield Road Race Main prize** will be drawn from a hat at the next round. It is between Peter Westrup and Cathy Parsons
- \* **Honda St George Road Race Presentation Night on Saturday 1st December at Bankstown RSL**
- \* **Warren Jacks Father passed away recently.** Our condolences to the family
- \* **SI Competitors at The Dirt Track on 23rd Sep**
- \* **Special General Meeting Date to be Advised**
- \* **Next years Road Race** may go to interclub series rather than an open stay tuned

### St George Club Road Race Championships

No.	Senior Competitor	Unlimited				No.	Competitor	Unlimited			
		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total			Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd. 3	Total
25	Oliver Dharma-Ratne	52	82	100	234	97	Brett Clark	58	120	95	273
54	Daniel Meyer	44	69	72	185	77	Aaron Bonacina	40	91	74	205
85	Brendan Watson	65	115	0	180	49	Marco Bortolussi	44	80	65	189
18	Chris Marnoch	70	107	0	177	79-31	James Spence	75	103	0	178

#### Ladies

No.	Competitor	Ladies				No.	Competitor	400cc			
		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total			Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd. 3	Total
58	Nakeeta Quayle	70	125	100	295	0	Harley Borkowski	46	86	68	200
99	Amie Hibberd	34	87	80	201	41	Peter Westrup	37	83	72	192
10	Amy O'Mara	58	100	0	158	27	Daniel Hallsworth	54	120	0	174
88	Katelund Povey	43	88	0	131	34	Neil Orme	28	61	65	154

#### Lightweight & Twin 650's

81	Michael Djula	63	74	75	212
42	Tom Daly	50	100	0	150
92	Kai-Uwe Weick	0	105	0	105
93	Dean Yagen	0	52	0	52

\* For all the results go to our website  
[www.stgeorgemcc.com](http://www.stgeorgemcc.com) or  
[www.natsoft.biz/results/](http://www.natsoft.biz/results/)

## TREASURERS REPORT for year ending June 30 2007

It gives me much pleasure to present my 3<sup>rd</sup> Report from my second "innings" as Treasurer of St. George Motorcycle Club.

I repeat what I stated in my 2006 report that I accepted the job as treasurer – only to help out while Pat James gets his house built. I can guarantee that it will NOT be another 20 year stint.

As membership secretary the club membership is still gradually increasing. There are now 372 currently fully paid up financial members in the club with a further 30 whose fees were due on 30<sup>th</sup> June and another 53 who have been unfinancial since

30<sup>th</sup> March.

After some careful thought and great budgeting by Peter Snow our Road Race meetings were very successful over the previous 12 months. However, the same cannot be said for this current season. It has been a struggle to keep the meetings at "break even" and we must really make very careful decisions for 2008. We don't want to be back in the same situation as we were a couple of years ago when our resources were drained to near breaking point.

Our Dirt Track meetings are increasing in entry numbers and are

covering costs with the help of the canteen income.

The balance is still healthy at present but this is only with a lot of hard work from a few very enthusiastic people. We must again take care to keep the finances stable. In closing I would like extend a very special thank you to Peter Snow who really does the hard yards and keeps a close watch on our finances for us. I also thank Chris Baker, Steve Wyres and Syd Jackson for all their help and support over the past 12 months.

Jan Blizzard,  
Hon Treasurer. 22/8/2007.

### 2007 Dirt Track Championship Pointscore

No	Competitor	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Total
<b><u>JUNIORS 65cc</u></b>								
24	Todd Matthews	100	0		125			225
293	Logan Scott	-	-	-	110			110
28	Casey Heatley					100		100
<b><u>JUNIORS 80-160cc</u></b>								
124	Todd Matthews	100	0		150	0		250
28	Casey Heatley	0	75		0	0		75
<b><u>JUNIORS 125cc</u></b>								
54	Mitchell Henshaw	88	85		116	66		355
30	Nick Allison	100	0		119	75		294
123	James O'Regan	0	97		100	85		282
<b><u>DT2</u></b>								
222	Peter Knight	50	47		72	50	0	219
99	Oliver Smith	38	42		64	36	0	180
87	Lee Hunter	0	50		70	50		170
88	Stacey Hunter	34	32		60	30	0	156
55	Craig Johnston	47	45		18	42	0	152
153	Earl Hunter	42	38		0	36	0	116
<b><u>DT3</u></b>								
87	Lee Hunter	50	50		66	41		207
84	Karl Bischoff				58	50		108
222	Peter Knight	47						76
777	Bruce Gray	42	44		0			86
39	Shane Russell				75			75
5	Colin Clark	20	0			42		62
<b><u>Gentleman's Over 35's</u></b>								
29	Craig Allison	50	0		72			112
55	Craig Johnston	40	25		22	20		107
65	Greg Heatley	34	22		0	25		81
37	Colin Costello	22	0		0	22		44
<b><u>SENIORS OVER 50's</u></b>								
153	Earl Hunter	47	50		0	22		119
7	Brett Chipperfield	42	0		50	25		117
777	Bruce Gray	45	22		0	29		87
19	John Imrie	34	18		0	16		68

All other Pointscores and classes can be found at the website [stgeorgemcc.com](http://stgeorgemcc.com) under Dirtrack

## 100 Years of Isle Of Man TT's (cont)

celebrating 100 years and what a celebration it was.

Although our group arrived on the Island at different times and taking a variety of different routes, some came via Paris, another via London and another via Majorca, it was a fantastic experience for all.

Sam and Chris had both been before but not for 30 plus years, while Zara and Craig it was their first visit.

Sam arrived on the Wednesday of practice week only to have it pour with rain every day. Saturday was to be the first race day for superbikes and sidecars. Sam got to the track nice and early to get a good vantage point, but after 2 1/2 hours of standing in the pouring rain an announcement was made stating that Saturday's races would be postponed until Monday, Monday's races to Tuesday, then back to normal programme on Wednesday.

The rest of our group arrived on the Island on Sunday, still raining, Sam drove us to our hotel.

Monday dawned bright and sunny. After breakfast we walked to the starting area, camped ourselves on the pit return road, which is just after and start-finish line. The only Aussie competing was Cameron Donald and unfortunately he did his collar bone in a few weeks before the event so wouldn't be racing, which meant we had to barrack for a Kiwi, Bruce Anstey.

The weather held for both the superbike and sidecar races. Seeing is believing just how fast these guys go and how close they get to gutters, walls, telegraph poles etc. Tuesday arrived again fine and sunny. Today's race was the supersport followed by a classic parade of riders on their original machines, most of us watched the

race from the grandstand. For the parade Sam and Chris actually got onto the start line using passes we had organised before leaving Australia. I cannot tell you how excited the boys were on that grid.

Wednesday again bright and sunny. This time we drove to Kirk Michael to watch the unlimited and more sidecars. Here the local Church ladies served sandwiches cakes, tea, coffee, cold drinks (no booze) and provided two porta loo's, one ladies and one gents – very civilized.

Again the speed of the bikes had to be seen to be believed.

Thursday no racing, but again fine and sunny. The girls headed off to Ireland for some sightseeing while the guys went to Laxey for a bike show.

Friday Chris, Craig and Sam drove up the mountain to the Bungalow to watch the last race of the week, the senior, and another classic parade.

The race was delayed for a short while because of fog on the mountain, but when the race finally got underway the action was sensational until an accident just prior to where we were, which saw a rider and two spectators killed.

A sad end to what had been a fantastic week of racing and entertainment. If you have an interest in street racing the TT is the pinnacle of street racing, and if you go in about 6 or 7 years to the Isle of Man you can celebrate 100 years of racing.

I must admit I do have some reservations about their programme, even though they have been doing this for a long time, the riders do not get a sighting or warm up lap and no warm down lap, and the riders pit after every two laps. Boy would these guys get a shock if they ever tried endurance racing!

Chrispy Bacon

Did you know??? Some interesting I.O.M statistics next issue. Stay tuned.



Top Photo. Brett Clark and Scott Pertzell were never far apart all day.

Bottom photo. The 400's were as tight as usual.

## ST. GEORGE MCC - 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

24th Oct	Club Meeting	
<b>28th Oct</b>	<b>Dirt Track Rd. 6</b>	<b>Nepean Raceway</b>
31st Oct	Social Night	TBA
10th Nov.	Practice Day	Nepean Raceway
14th Nov	Club Meeting	
<b>24/25th Nov</b>	<b>Rd.4 Honda St. George Road Race</b>	<b>Eastern Creek</b>
28th Nov	Club Meeting	
1st December	Road Race Presentation Night	Bankstown RSL
2nd December	CLUB PICNIC & PRESENTATION	Bonna Point, Kurnell
12th Dec	Final Club Meeting for year.	

### Results of the Annual General Meeting 2007

<b>Patron.</b>	Syd Jackson
<b>President.</b>	Chris Baker
<b>Senior Vice President.</b>	Craig Johnston
<b>Vice President.</b>	Robert Whiteley
<b>Vice President.</b>	Greg Heatley
<b>Secretary.</b>	Steve Wyres
<b>Assistant Secretary.</b>	Gus Bridges
<b>Treasurer.</b>	Jan Blizzard
<b>Assistant Treasurer.</b>	Peter Snow
<b>Publicity Officers.</b>	Robert Whiteley, Steve Wyres, Craig Johnston
<b>Membership Secretary.</b>	Jan Blizzard
<b>Record Secretary.</b>	Robert Whiteley
<b>Public Officer.</b>	Chris Baker
<b>Internal Auditor.</b>	Zara Griffin, Craig Johnston
<b>Editors.</b>	Robert Whiteley, Chris Baker
<b>Appeals Committee.</b>	Zara Griffin, Phil Rendall, Syd Jackson
<b>Stores Officer.</b>	Jan Blizzard
<b>SES Delegates.</b>	Phil Rendall, Robert Whiteley
<b>Nepean Delegates.</b>	Greg Heatley,
<b>M NSW Delegates.</b>	Chris Baker, Craig Johnston, Guy Harper
<b>Management Committee.</b>	Peter Snow, Greg Heatley, Phil Rendall, Craig Johnston, Guy Harper, Gus Bridges, Syd Jackson, Rob Whiteley.
<b>Race Secretary.</b>	Jan Blizzard
<b>Honorariums.</b>	Treasurer \$500. Assist Treasurer. \$500. Secretary \$500.
<b>New Life Member.</b>	Steve Wyres

## Snippets.

- \* Club member **Kevin Curtain** after getting so close to winning the World Supersport Championship last year and giving the other regulars a hard time this year until he was injured, is heading home to race the MV Augusta in the Australian Superbike Championship next year. Sad as we are not to see him carve up the supersport champs, he may give the ASC a good shake up.
- \* Another club member **Josh Brookes** finally got settled in one team last year and hopefully will have the same ride next year and give it plenty against the worlds best.
- \* As this will probably be our last newsletter for the year we wish everybody a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and we will see you back next year for another busy year of Road Racing, Dirt Tracking, Social Events, and we might even manage to get some touring in as well.  
Jolly Ed.