



MONSTERS RACE 2011

Rounds 2 & 3

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The Monsters Race series in France is probably the most insane circuit-based race series in the world today. I am aware that that's rather an ambitious comment, but let me tell you a few things about the series.



There are no rules. Well, that's not strictly true, as there are regulations on bodywork to ensure a proper field of naked, streetfighter-style machines, the bikes must adhere to the usual scrutineering minimum safety requirements, and there's something about Avgas/methanol fuels being banned too (bloody party poopers) but you can race your trick framed, turbocharged, hand-built special in this series. Yes, really. Of course that opens your exotic, expensive project up to the possibility of getting comprehensively wrecked, and for you to break your neck at the same time, but hey, that's all part of the fun. Innit. You must also adopt some sort of crazy nickname to race in this series, the hilarity of which depends entirely on your personal level of wit.

Another part of each round is the Monsters Show, a sort of show and shine where those race bikes not being pulled apart for repairs or adjustment are parked up for the enjoyment of spectators. The bikes are judged for prizes and the points gained are added to those won through racing.

Monsters Race 2011 was run over three rounds, including two circuit racing meetings and one drag race meet. Of course, this opens the field up a bit, and gives bikes which are perhaps not best suited to circuit racing the chance to bag some points on the strip instead.

Here we join the Monsters Race paddock one third of the way through their season, at the beginning of Round 2 - the drag race round, held at Le Pecherau airfield in France. Yanik tells us all about it.

