



Manawatu Car Club

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Welcome

Welcome to everyone and an especially big welcome to our new members.

Our last month's Track and Yack, hit a high spot, when over 50 members met at Drivers Bar to then drive out to visit the Rush Museum collection on the outskirts of Feilding. It's great to see the club coming together like this, the members increasing and people enjoying themselves. We had a great following to this event and it was also good to see friends of the MCC in Wanganui, join us for this fantastic evening. The Track and Yack is a great chance to do just that, Yack, make new friends, and discuss past events and also new events coming up. It is also a place to put forward your ideas as well.

After some negotiation between the MCC and Manfeild Park, MCC were able to offer the Drifters an opportunity to use the track on the Saturday Test Day, prior to Round 2 & 3 of the Winter Series. This group had been travelling to the Taupo Circuit for their practices and this new opportunity has been warmly acknowledged by all.

For those of you who attended our First Pot-Luck Dinner, you will really notice another big difference in the up-grade of our Clubrooms when you come back to partake in the next Pot-luck Dinner. For those of you who haven't been to the Clubrooms at all, then please come to the Pot-Luck Dinner and enjoy the new surroundings.

Our Club staged the first of a 2 event series of the Manawatu Toolshed Back-Track Auto Cross Gymkhana in July. A brilliant success for the club (see Jeff's report) and indicates to all that events like this one certainly attract other racers and gets us all back to the roots of the Car Club when this type of event was very popular and run on a regular basis, attracting entries from members with standard or only slightly modified cars.

The Club is also giving thoughts to running a basic – simple night-trial rally, for those with a family car to enter. It is my personal view that our Club needs to try and cater for, and run events that all members can participate in.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

TRACK TALK

Event	2014
Back Track Autocross / Gymkhana R2	23rd August
Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series R4	6 - 7 September
TR Group Truck Expo / Show & Shine	7th September
Road & Track R3	21st September
Roadmarking Services Summer Series R1	9th November
MG Classic	14 - 16 November
Road & Track R4	22nd November
Road & Track R5	20th December
Roadmarking Services Summer Series R2	21st December

Welcome To New Members. June & July

Kaye	Flannagan	Volunteer	Feilding
Philip	Keith	Volunteer	Feilding
Jason	Keith	Volunteer	Feilding
Peter	Honeyman	Volunteer	Feilding
Denise	Garner	Volunteer	Feilding
Kris	Liverton	Volunteer	Feilding
Anthony	Goldie	Volunteer	Feilding
Katharine	Donnell	Family	Grenada
Neil	Wade	Family	Grenada
Jeff	Woodward	Volunteer	Levin
Aaron	McLean	Adult	Marton
Jill	Cowham	Volunteer	Marton
Murray	Richardson	Volunteer	Marton
Daniel	Gordon	Family	Paraparaumu
Kerry	Gordon	Family	Paraparaumu
John	Rapley	Volunteer	Paraparaumu
Scott	Walker	Adult	PN
Deborah	King	Volunteer	PN
Ashley	Haitana	Volunteer	PN
Murray	Crooks	Volunteer	PN
Warwick	Law	Volunteer	Wellington
Aaron	Walker	Adult	PN

Committee Members for 2014

President Graham Buchanan – 027 497 5675

Vice President Jeff Braid – 027 477 3337

Committee:

Richie Arber, James O'Regan, Kerry Halligan,
Noel Beale, Tim Wilde, Peter Edmond, Craig Paterson.

Patrons

Fordy Farland **Deceased** Fred Parker **Deceased**
Robert Lester Terry Rush Stan Turner

Life Members

Steve Bond, Brian Davies, Dave Hayward, Sir Pat Higgins, Robert
Lester, Wendy Lester, Vern Marshall,
Warren Masters, Marion Prisk, Terry Rush, Murray Starnes, Trevor
Weir, Alan White, Stan Turner, Raymond Bennett.

Archivists

Terry Rush Geoff Boyden

Editors

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

Track & Yack - 12th August
Speights Ale House
Palmerston North

Club History The Birth of the Manawatu Car Club And Early Motor Sporting Events

Extracts from the Manawatu Car Club Inc.
Part 10 1947 -48 Years

Paekakariki N.Z. Hill Climb Championship
-Faulkner, Freeman & Farland Lead.

Battle for the NZ Hill Climb Championship was waged on Paekakariki Hill on the 12th February 1949, in conditions of strong winds, which if anything favoured the times.

Entrants were attracted from Auckland, Hawke's Bay, the Manawatu, Nelson and Christchurch, and the principal awards were carried off by these invaders in spite of spirited local defence. The Christchurch entrant, all new to the hill, secured no placing this time, but left vowing to return "with their big brothers" next year.

The shortening of the course by one hundred yards resulted in a general fall in times, of about four seconds for a car travelling at the usual speeds of between 45 and 50 m.p.h. In spite of the times, car speeds then were not generally much ahead of those of the previous year, but the 2 min, 32.85 seconds of Ewen Faulkner with a normal type of car represented a long step towards the time of the Roycroft midget (2min.32.4 seconds) of 1948.

Another big step forward was that of Ken Hemus with the early 30\98 Vauxhall, for 2min.57 sec. (1948) to 2 min. 41.65 sec/, this large car flying up the hill providing one of the memorable spectacles of the day, and the narrow section beaded-edge tyres raised easily the loudest protest as the car swept through the acute Cutting Corners near the finish. Hemus estimated each ascent of the hill to cost him as much rubber as the Auckland-Wellington journey, upon which he does not waste time.

To be continued

TROY HOWARD MOTORS Lucky Lone Lap Challenge

This new event for the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series is going well, with 3 rounds completed, and 15 drivers completed the challenge. It is now up to the last competitors to beat the times on the leader board.

In Round 3 the Manawatu District Mayor Margaret Kouvelis was our guest driver. Margaret had a ball, kept the car on the black stuff as they say, and posted a good time on the board.

Russell Harris our commentator gives a great commentary on the event calling the times, as they progress the track, adding to the thrill of the event.

The final challenge will be again at Lunch Time just before the Trucks drive the track, as part of the TR Group Truck Show.

Make sure you are there to watch the Troy Howard Rx8 take its final spin.

Manawatu Car Club thanks Troy Howard Motors for the use of the car for this fantastic event.

[This is great lunch time entertainment](#)



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Suppliers of Paint to the MCC

Projects:

The main project is the up-grade of the clubrooms.

We have sawn down the willow trees on the bank that overlooks the car-park. These were littering the carpark when they lost their leaves, resulting in a mess to attend to.

Inside the clubrooms, the ladies restrooms have been remodelled with new toilets and new vanity, mirror, lights, paint and shower curtain.

The men's restrooms have been pulled apart and work is in progress, with new toilet, urinals, and vanity ready to be installed.

The kitchen has had all new tap-ware fitted.

The interior of the Clubrooms has almost been completely repainted with the pink beams, slowly disappearing, under the new paint colour scheme. New curtains are ready to be hung.

Work is progressing slowly and should, all going to plan be completed for the Prize Giving on the 13th September.

If you can HELP, please contact me.

Geoff Boyden.

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ATTENTION! Track & Yack ATTENTION!

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Date: Tuesday, 12th August 2014

**Place: Speights Ale House, Grey Street,
Palmerston North**

Bring your wife, partner, or friend. Enjoy a chat and enjoy the event.

Next Month: 9th September - Drovers Bar, Feilding

Troy Howard **Motors**
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**Supplier of the Mazda RX8 for the
Lucky Lone Lap Challenge**

Prize Giving Dinner We Want You To Attend

A celebration of a Great Event. The Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series Prize Giving is to be held at the Clubrooms - 120 Kawa Kawa Road Feilding.

Join us for a Pot Luck Dinner

- Date: Saturday, 13th September
- Time: 6.30pm pre-dinner drinks
- This is a Pot Luck Dinner
- Bring your own Plates & Cutlery
- It is BYO Drinks only
- Bring your own glasses
- Please bring a Meat & Vegetable dish and enough food for you and your group.

This system worked really well at our last event.

We request all Series Sponsors, and class sponsors to attend.

We also request that all those who have been advised they will be receiving awards, to be present at this event. You'll know this of course after Round 4.

Because the Pot Luck Dinner Held of the 24th May was such a huge success, we require you to reply to us by RSVP to reserve a table.

There will be a cut-off point on numbers, so please let us know ASAP.

Pot Luck Registrations:

To Richie Arber – Ph: 027 2900 668 or email richie@trgroup.co.nz

Or Geoff Boyden – Ph: 0274 447 348 or email ggboyden@xtra.co.nz

**A night not to
be missed.
Come dine and
socialise with
US.**

Working Bee Helpers

On the 12th July we had a Saturday morning working bee, to cut down the willow trees on the edge of the car-park and to continue the painting of the interior of the clubrooms.

Huge thanks to those who attended:

Richie Arber, Kris James, Mark Allen, Richard Ramson, Russell Parker, Kevin O'Connor (who brought morning tea) and Geoff Boyden.

A lot was achieved, however there is a lot more still to be done.

Clubroom Gates

If you go to the clubrooms now, you'll find new road-gates have been installed, replacing the old ones, plus they now have tie-backs and are pad-locked closed.

The committee decided to lock the gates to stop the use of the car-park being used as a skid-pad on the weekends and for a little extra security to the clubrooms themselves. Club members had become annoyed that the gates were often left open, attracting people to use the car-park for all manner of things.

The tie-backs have a very obvious use and that is to tie the gates back when they are open. This stops the gates swinging on their hinges back onto the fence, which is why the gates had to be replaced this time. So please use the tie-backs.

Regulation Rear Rain Lights for Racing

With the rain at last Sunday's race meeting it was noted that some cars did not comply with the rear rain light regulation. We have printed the regulations below for you, so you all understand what is required.

Appendix 2 Schedule A 5.6

(2) Rear Lights / Rain Lights: shall be fitted as follows:

- (a) For all circuit events all vehicles shall be fitted with either their fully operational Series Production rear lights in good working order, or rear light/s that are;
 - (i) At least 15watts (each lamp), or equivalent LED, that maintain constant illumination (unless detailed otherwise in a current Sanctioned Series Technical Schedule), and
 - (ii) Clearly visible from the rear, and
 - (iii) Robust enough to operate throughout any event entered, and
 - (iv) Mounted within 100mm of the vehicles centre-line (except where more than one(1) lamp is fitted), and
 - (v) Able to be switched on by the Driver in their seated position.

Up and Coming Event for August Manawatu Toolshed Back-Track Autocross/Gymkhana

On Sunday August 23rd we will be running a 2nd Clubsport Basic event on the Back-Track at Manfeild. The July event was a high success.

In the morning we will run a gymkhana/motorkhana and in the afternoon a sealed autocross. Documentation will be in the Manawatu Car Club clubrooms, 120 Kawakawa Road Feilding starting at 8.30am. Entry Price: \$80

At the completion of documentation competitors, crews and spectators will make their way up the driveway and set up their pits on the track at Higgins turn on the 3km circuit. The infield is likely to be soggy so avoid parking on that. There are no food outlets, covered grandstands or flush toilets so come prepared. All drivers must hold a current club membership of a Member club or Associate Member club, except for new entrants to motorsport, who may compete in two Basic Status Events before being required to join a club.

Any driver between the ages 12-16 years who does not hold a valid MotorSport competition licence may be allowed to compete in this event provided the vehicle (closed or open) has a corrected cc rating of 2500cc and under, but only at the discretion of the Event Clerk of the Course.

The motorkhana will be a series of short, lower speed courses around cones that tests the driver's skill rather than outright speed. These will be up to 200metres long. We will run a number of these at the same time on different parts of the track. The best time counts. Passengers may be carried for the purpose of driver training at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

The sealed autocross will consist of three laps of the Back-Track which will have straights no longer than 100m separated by turns or chicanes. Two or more cars may run at intervals if the Clerk of the Course deems the course suitable. Again the best time counts. Passengers may only be carried in a fully caged car.

For the motorkhana all vehicles shall, as a minimum, be to a warrantable standard, with a securely mounted seat, safe steering and effective brakes. The Clerk of the Course has discretionary powers as to the type of vehicle deemed suitable for the venue. Protective clothing and helmets are not required.

For the sealed autocross all vehicles shall conform to the vehicle safety regulations contained in Appendix Two Schedule A except for Pre 1978 Schedule K, T&C or CR vehicles that are in compliance with Appendix Six Schedule AA. Road cars must be registered and warranted and all competition cars must have a current MSNZ logbook. All drivers must wear safety apparel as specified in the driver safety regulations contained in Appendix Two Schedule A; current helmets and overalls, socks and closed shoes. Spectators may be press-ganged into helping with the stopwatches and timing.

This is a fun, entry-level motorsport event that anyone can come and have a go at. Come racing with us!

Jeff Braid

2014 Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series Round 3 Report:

Despite heavy wind and rain warnings and an overnight deluge, 95 cars took to the track on Sunday for Round 3 of the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series.

The Formula Fords of Aaron Marr and John Pickford lined up at the head of the Formula Libre grid, with Bramwell King and Speedsport Scholarship winner Brook Reeve the best of the Formula Firsts. Jacob Smith struggled with grip all day and slid back in the standings. Craig Greenwood scored some healthy points making it a close battle with Reeve for 2nd place in the championship. King easily leads the class.

Ian Williamson in his very quick, very green RX2 was the one to watch this weekend in the Classics, taking out both scratch races and getting to the sharp end of the handicap race. This makes up a little for the wayward wheel in Round 2. Ben Boyden is coming to terms with improvements to his car and despite the heavy clutch was able to score two runner-up spots. Michael Eden in his Viva took third for the day.

GT Cup numbers were down, probably because of the poor weather outlook. These cars are a huge handful even in the dry. Ross Thurston took full advantage of 4wd in his Evo Lancer, winning Race1 on a greasy track. Once the moisture cleared Kerry Halligan and Stuart Inwood shared honours in the other races.

Fifteen MX5s took to the grid proving how popular this class has become. Andrew Watson dusted his car off for the first time this season and showed no loss of speed by qualifying in the top spot and taking a win in the first race. Troy Howard was able to hold Watson out in the second race for a determined and well deserved victory. Brothers Gareth and Bryce Hogg were the best of the rest.

SF Cup displayed the contrast between Nick Kacouris' evil handling but wickedly quick Subaru Omega and the cool sophistication of Marty Hunt's BMW Mini. Both had a win and a second. Matt Smith, Gerald Watson and Sam Barry would each have liked to score a few more points as the championship is now getting crowded at the top with only a few points separating the top five.

The IB Cup saw the biggest field of the day with 29 cars facing the starter. The slightest error is punished as cars pour through after a missed gear or a lock-up. David Graham in his sweet-handling Datsun 1200 negotiated the wet to win Race 1 with 2nd going to Brett Melhop driving the busy BMW Mini; the car was entered in SF Cup with another driver. Ivan Knauf's lightweight Corolla FXGT SS2000 kept them honest winning Race 2, although in the handicap race he went wide and struck the tyre wall at Toyota. Tyler Smith-Davison impressed many onlookers making a return to racing in his grandad's Honda Civic by taking a third and a fourth before the clutch fried itself.

In RS Cup Dave Jenkins was the rain master in Race 1 crossing the line ahead of last year's champion Simon Wellum. Matt Tasker was happy to rack up 3rd place points. RS Cup Race 2 Round 3 of the Winter Series is reserved for the Trudy-Anne Crooks Memorial Trophy Race in honour of the late Trudy-Ann Crooks, who was an RS Cup 'original'. Rookie Ryan Cooksley in his Escort took the prize from Lance Funnell in the UCOL Corolla and a charging Anna Morgan who was finally back in the hot seat. Richie Arber vanished into the distance in his Mercedes CLK in the handicap. Even a time penalty for breaking-out made no difference to the finishing order and the chocolate fish was his.

The final round of the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series coincides with the TR Group Truck Expo on Father's Day, Sunday 7th September. Admission is \$10 Kids under 17 free.

For further information please contact Jeff Braid 027 477 3337

Organiser- Jeff Braid
Photos- Stew Wood Photography



Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series

Round Four – “The Grand Finale” Father’s Day - September 7th

This is the BIG ONE!

The final round of the Winter Series
and the
TR Group Monster Truck Show.

Texas will never be as big as this event!

There will be over 100 race cars and
drivers racing for the final points to be
the Champion of their class.

There will be over 100 Trucks on display.
There will be over 100 Trucks on the
track, giving the kids a ride around the
Mighty Manfield Race Track.

There will be the final competitors in the
Troy Howard Motors Lucky Lone Lap
Challenge.
Then we will see who the champion will
be.

**Who will be the Special Guest Driver for
this final round?**

**There will be a gate charge of \$10 for
the public (under 17 free), but it will be
worth every cent.**

**This is the BIG FATHERS DAY
TREAT**

**Come and fill the grandstand and shout
yourself a hotdog.**

**This is a feel great day so make
sure you are part of it!**

Manawatu Toolshed Back-Track / Autocross- July Gymkhana.

Fingers were crossed for fine weather on Sunday 20th July for the first Manfeild Back-Track event for quite some time. The forecasted rain stayed away as drivers and crews gathered at the Clubrooms, got their cars ready and sorted out their paperwork.

The classes are the same as the Road & Track Series; normally aspirated front wheel drive, normally aspirated rear wheel drive, forced induction 4wd, forced induction 2wd + NA RWD over 3800cc and Rookie.

Word had got around far and wide through Facebook, motorsportmanawatu.org.nz and of course word of mouth. I am constantly surprised how fast a message spreads through social media. As a result we had 32 entries, with a healthy contingent making the early trip up from Wellington.

The day started with four motorkhana tests spaced around the track; cloverleaf, figure of 8, slalom and a modified figure of 8 with a gate. Some of the race oriented cars opted out of these tight and relatively slow challenges but the rest had a ball, discovering that it is not as easy as it looks in the movies. Throwing a car around and keeping it under control involves plenty of skill and good car set-up.

Jason Sutherland blitzed the motorkhana field in his supercharged Lotus Seven replica, despite the sudden changes in direction causing brake pad knock-off and making his handbrake useless. He was kept honest by a hard-charging Leon Cast in his Integra. The ‘find’ of the meeting was Michael Reichenbach, who showed amazing skill in his turbo DX Corolla to claim third place round the cones.

First rookie in the motorkhana was Stacy Dixon in his Starlet, Sean Browne was second in the Corolla Liftback and Lincoln Marshall was third in his now very muddy Impreza. Understeer is a bugger...

After lunch the sealed autocross course was set up, with straights of 100m interrupted with chicanes. FI2wd cars dominated with Jason Sutherland in his Lotus seeing off a very rapid Scott Alpress in his Turbo Starlet, with Russell Byne third in his Turbo SR20-powered RX7. I think Russell would still be out there doing laps if we hadn’t told him the day was over.

Craig Edney and Mark Ireland shared Craig’s Corolla for the day and the competition between the pair was pretty intense. Surprisingly Mark beat the owner in both disciplines. Your shout Craig?

The quiet achiever was Craig O’Brien in his Mirage who took first place in NAFWD in the Autocross. Keith Stewart led NARWD in his RS1600 Escort.

Special mention goes to thirteen-year-old Sarah Ward from Wellington, who drove her nana’s manual Bluebird. By the end of the day her confidence levels had increased tremendously and she was getting plenty of speed out of the Nissan.

We advertised this Clubsport Basic event as one where anybody can have a go. The next one is on Saturday 23rd August. Spread the word.

FYI: Manfeild will completely separate the Back-Track from the 3km circuit in August with a block wall down the back straight. This will increase the opportunity to use the Back-Track for more of these Clubsport events. Watch this space...

Jeff Braid

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