



# Manawatu Car Club

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## WELCOME

Welcome to our first Manawatu Car Club Newsletter, that has not been produced in this form for some time. Given time we look forward to the MCC Newsletter becoming a magazine and a publication that all members and friends of the car club will look forward to receiving either by "snail mail" or preferable by email each month.

Our vision is to bring the Manawatu Car Club back to its members by way of a newsletter to start with, so that you all know what is happening within the club and the events planned for the future.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden are your editors for the newsletter.

### Our History:

Geoff was a member of the MCC in the 60's and was involved in the working bee's to build the clubrooms on Rangitikei Line, re-joining the club around 2004. Has raced in the Winter Series for the last 4 seasons and has been a shared sponsor of the RS Cup now for 4 years, as Diamond Homes. Son Ben and daughter in-law Tammie both race in the Winter Series. Ben and Geoff have raced in 8 Targa Rally events in NZ. Both Glenys & Geoff started and still organize the very successful Classic Car Breakfast Club, which has been running for 7 years now.

They are members of the Mercedes Benz Club and the Vintage Car Club. Have attended many National Classic Car Rallies, participated in the Art Deco events in Napier in their Vintage Car, and have just completed this month, the Indian-Pacific Classic Car Tour from Perth to Sydney, 7500 kilometres including crossing the Nullarbor Plains.

Our desire is to deliver you an informative newsletter, which we hope you will look forward to receiving each month.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President. Graham Buchanan – 027 497 5675

Vice President. Jeff Braid – 027 477 3337

### Committee:

Richie Arber  
Noel Beale  
James O'Regan  
Russell Byne  
Denis Young  
Peter Edmond  
Hugh Wilde  
Craig Paterson

## PATRONS

Robbie Lester  
Stan Turner

Fordy Farland Deceased  
Fred Parker Deceased

## ARCHIVISTS

Terry Rush  
Geoff Boyden

## TRACK TALK

Event	2013
Road & Track / Testing	2 November
Summer Series R1	3 November
MG Classic	8-10 November
Road & Track / Testing	21 December
Summer Series R2	22 December
Event	2014
NZGP	7-9 February
IRC	21-23 February
Road and Track	13 April
Winter Series R1	7-8 June
Road and Track	21-22 June
Winter Series R2	5-6 July
Road and Track	20 July
Winter Series R3	2-3 August
Road and track	23 August
Winter Series R4	6-7 September
Road and Track	21 September
IRC	3-5 October
Road and Track	8-9 November
MG Classic	15-16 November
Road and Track	21 December

## MANAWATU TOOLSHED ROAD & TRACK DRIVERS TRAINING DAY

Rain usually stops play, but the showers sweeping across the Manawatu failed to stop a small but enthusiastic group of drivers from turning up at Manfield and learning more about driving skills and car control. Run as part of the Road & Track series, the course was based on a cross between Pro-drive and a very successful MX5 Owners Club day that Julian Hardy had run back in 2010.

We began in the classroom with a comprehensive whiteboard session followed by a series of practical exercises on the backtrack; highlighting low-speed handling and braking manoeuvres. The dry afternoon session consisted of various tests up to 80km/h, followed by one-on-one coaching of the fast line on the 3km track up to 120km/h.

The feedback sessions were particularly important in reinforcing the lessons learned in the car. All agreed this was a worthwhile day. Thanks to Julian Hardy for leading the course and Craig Paterson, Peter Edmond and Markku Braid for helping me as driving tutors.

If there is enough demand we will run another basic skills day in the near future.  
Jeff Braid.

## 40<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY DINNER

This November Manfield is turning 40 years old.

To celebrate, a function is being held at the

Manfield Stadium. – November 9<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Catch up with old acquaintances over a fabulous dinner and be entertained by some old timers of the MCC. Have a look through the archives and enjoy the memories.

For tickets or for more details, contact Louise Bensemann  
06 323 7447 or email [sales@manfield.co.nz](mailto:sales@manfield.co.nz)

"A Night Like No Other"

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### **TR GROUP TRANSPORT EXPO / TRUCK SHOW & SHINE 13'**

Racing cars and Big Rigs will again share the grid at Manfield Park on Sunday September 1st for an occasion sizing up to be a Father's Day dream for boys of all ages.

On the day we will see a celebration of super-hefty horsepower, with the finale of Motorsport Manawatu's Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Motor-Racing series and a Transport Industry Expo / Truck Show & Shine set to attract a multitude of diesel Leviathans. While the trucks won't be joining the racing action, they will achieve track time, where members of the public can enjoy a lap of Manfield during the lunchtime break from the lofty heights of a high-riding cab for a small donation. Within the Manfield Stadium there'll be a major industry expo, new trucks & trailers and industry related products and support from a range of suppliers while outside in the stadium carpark there will be up to 100 trucks parked up for the Truck Show & Shine.

This meeting is without a doubt the biggest meeting of the Winter Series, attracting thousands of spectators through the gates, so come and be a part of this great event and show the public what a great spectacle Motor Racing is.

Richie Arber

### **FOR SALE**

Embroidered Monograms for sale based on the original Manawatu Car Club Monograms.

We would like every member to own at least one of these to wear on his or her race-suit, overall, jacket or blazer.

Monograms are for sale for \$20.00 each.

Manawatu Car Club Emblem Transfers are for sale for you to have on your Car, Ute, and Race Car etc. This is a first time release.

Emblem Transfers are for sale for \$5.00 each.

Ideally you would buy both items for \$25.00 – Both of the above will be available from the office on race days.

Show everyone that you belong to the Manawatu Car Club, Established in 1947.

### **MANAWATU CAR CLUB SUBS**

All members are reminded that membership to the Manawatu Car Club annual fee is due on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

We have set one price of \$90.00 for full membership.

Prompt payment would be appreciated. Your fees help to keep the club alive and allow everyone to keep racing.

Payments to be made by Direct Debit through the MCC Website.

Alternatively Payments can be made to Craig Patterson, Committee Member at Mag & Turbo on Featherston Street opposite Countdown supermarket.

You will be issued with a membership receipt.

### **WORKING BEE'S**

We are working with the Manfield Trust and discussing with them what we as a club can do to enhance our racetrack facilities.

A number of projects have been identified as ideal for the Manawatu Car Club and the Manfield Trust to work collectively on.

More about this exciting new move soon.

What we will say is be ready to help when the call goes out. There will be something that you will be able to do to help.

### **CLUB HISTORY**

#### **The Birth of the Manawatu Car Club**

Extracts from the Manawatu Car Club Inc.

#### **The Birth of the Manawatu Car Club & Early Motor Sporting Events.**

##### **Part 1.**

The Manawatu Car Club came about from a group of enthusiasts who, before the war, ran trials in conjunction with the Manawatu-Orion Motor Cycle Club.

Nearly all these chaps saw active service of one kind or another and the war over; hobbies became the order of the day, motor cycles being one of these and at that time of course only ex army motor cycles were available at reasonable prices. Fordy Farland purchased a VG Ariel 500cc. for forty pounds from Doug Collison of Pink & Collison Ltd and it was used for a number of years in trails, beach races, grass track races and also to and from work in Feilding where he worked at a local garage. Fordy had, however, at the same time owned an M.G. Magnette and breaking his neck to get into Motor Sports, the only Club, the N.Z. Sports Car Club being in Wellington, ran standing and flying ¼ miles, Paekakariki hill climbs, Waitare beach races and odd trails of which he attended almost every event. There were a number of locals also joining this Club and this prompted two members in particular to consider forming a Club or branch on the Wellington one.

Mick Page and Fordy Farland who both lived near each other in Terrace End Palmerston North in Webb and Mason Streets respectively, decided to enquire from local enthusiasts they knew the prospects of taking this action. After consultation with Ewen Faulkner and Phil Andrews, to name a couple who readily come to mind, it was decided to hold a meeting at Fordy's place, 28 Mason Street, to discuss the pros and cons of taking such a step. The exact number who attended this early meeting is not known with any accuracy, but Lindsay Farland and Sandy Lloyd were two others who attended.

After a great deal of discussion about forming our own Club or joining the N.Z. sports Car Club, of which we were all members anyhow, it was by resolution that we all put 1/- each in and run some advertisements in the Manawatu Daily Times, Manawatu Evening, the advertisement to be:

"A meeting is to be held at the home of A.S. Farland, 28 Mason Street, to consider the forming of a Car Club in the Manawatu. Those interested please phone 5977 or attend at 8pm the night of 25<sup>th</sup> June 1947"

It was at this meeting that the Manawatu Car Club came into being.

To be continued.

### **HELP – HELP – HELP**

The old red track van is very much running on memory only.

We need a replacement van of similar size, before its memory goes completely.

If we were telling Father Christmas what we wanted, it would be;

Ideally - A white petrol (although diesel is ok) van with a tow-bar.

It doesn't have to be registered or have a WOF.

It needs to be tidy as we want to sign write both sides of it with Manawatu Car Club. Come Racing With Us.

Alternatively if someone or a company would provide (give us) or sell us a van at a very low cost, then sole signage opportunities would be available (conditions would apply).

Contact: Geoff Boyden 0274 447 348  
or Richie Arber 0272 900 668

*Come Racing With Us*