



Manawatu Car Club

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Welcome

It's always great to get good positive feedback, and plenty of that has come in from our Car Club Members and Friends of the Car Club regarding the newsletter. We felt it was important for the Club to re-start a newsletter, and at this early stage it appears that it is going out to 1500 members and friends. If you have a friend or a prospective new member who would like to receive this newsletter, please contact us with their email address at manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz. Another great day of motor racing was had at the final round of the 2013 Feilding Electrical Winter Series, on a good dry track.

It was good to see Steve Hildred at this meeting, down from New Plymouth, who said that he had a great weekend, (until he broke an axle). He enjoyed the relaxed nature of the meeting with no stress. I think that this is what this series is about. It is good to see so many competitors who travel considerable distance to attend our race meetings. Well done to all racers from Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Wairarapa and all locations in-between. For local guy's it is not a great effort to get to the track, but for all you who travel so far, not only is it the time, but the cost plus overnight accommodation for some. Well done. It's fantastic to have you racing at Manfield. To have over 100 entries at our meeting, whilst Taupo had just under 50 for the Super Tourers, tells me that the sport in the Manawatu is alive and well. But let us keep building on the enthusiasm we have, and please keep coming back. It has been announced that there will be a Summer Series, so there is no need to park up the race cars for the summer. There will be plenty of good racing coming up at Mighty Manfield, including the MG Classic on the 8th, 9th and 10th November 2013. On sale at the final round of the Winter Series were the 2014 Calendars featuring great shots taken during the Winter Series, also there were embroidered monograms plus car transfers. These were selling like hot-cakes Check details on how to purchase these in the newsletter. Geoff & Glenys Boyden

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Committee:
Richie Arber. James O'Regan. Denis Young. Hugh Wilde.
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Fordy Farland (Deceased). Fred Parker (Deceased).
Robert Lester. Stan Turner

Life Members

Steve Bond. Brian Davies. Dave Hayward. Sir Pat Higgins.
Robert Lester. Wendy Lester. Vern Marshall.
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Track Talk

Event	2013
Road & Track	22 September
Road & Track / Summer Series R1 Practise	2 November
Summer Series R1	3 November
MG Classic	8-9-10 November
Road & Track / Summer Series R2 Practise	21 December
Summer Series R2	22 December
Event	2014
NZGP	7-9 February
IRC	21-23 February
Road & Track / Summer Series R3 Practise	12 April
Summer Series R3	13 April
Winter Series R1	7-8 June
Road & Track	21-22 June
Winter Series R2	5-6 July
Road & Track	20 July
Winter Series R3	2-3 August
Road & Track	23 August
Winter Series R4	6-7 September
Road & Track	21 September
IRC	3-5 October
Road & Track	8-9 November
MG Classic	15-16 November
Road & Track	21 December

TR Truck Expo / Show & Shine

Father's Day, Sunday 1st September dawned a little overcast and a bit on the cold side, I was asked if it (the weather) was going to be ok, my reply echoed Julian Hardy's response whenever he had been asked the same question, "we don't do rain". How could it rain on a day so important to so many people, especially all those kids that were looking forward to having a ride in a truck, not that kids worry too much about whether they get wet or not when they are doing something fun.

The TR Team arrived at the Manfeild gates just after 7am where we had a quick last minute chat about what the day was going to hold for us while waiting for Julie from Manfeild to arrive and let us in, also there waiting was the first truck for the show & shine. Just under 2 hours later we had 126 more trucks roll through the gates; this awesome total of 127 trucks was way up on last year's total of 73. What was ever so slightly more impressive than that line-up was the 93 trucks that converged on the track for the lunchtime rides, which was truly a sight to behold. In the hour and 20mins they had on the track they did not leave a kid, or big kid for that matter, without a ride in a truck. A huge thanks goes out to those people who help tirelessly to load and unload the passengers for that time, we could not have done it without you.

The Expo sites within the stadium looked awesome, most were bright and colourful and very inviting to the passing crowds of people, and it was great to have so much gear in there that the estimated 8000 people who attended the day could get up and close to. All of the exhibitors within the stadium reported great foot traffic and they were all very happy by the end of the day with what had been achieved from all of their hard work.

Finally I just want to say a huge thanks to all of those that made the day possible, especially Julie from Manfeild, our own Julian Hardy and my team at TR Group, without your help we could not have made the day as successful as it was.

Be sure to check out all of the winners from the Show & Shine and all of the photos that were taken on the day on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/TR-Group-Truck-ExpoShow-and-Shine/510690628945443?ref=hl

Richie Arber TR Group Ltd

MANFIELD - 40 YEARS ON.

The final round of the Winter Series on the 1st September coinciding with the 40th Anniversary of Manfield beginning seemed to be an opportune time to organize a reunion of Crash Rescue Workers over the years. I managed to locate a good number of the original crew and we were fortunate to have the use of the Higgins Suite. The day dawned fine but a little cool, with the addition of over 100 big rigs putting on a display during the lunch break and the attendance of 40 ex-workers exchanging stories and reminiscing. The photo boards together with frames loaned from the Car Club were the source of much conversation and trips down memory lane. The photos ranged from the first accident on the opening day until recent times. Lunch was enjoyed and followed by a few bebies and some good racing. Everyone left having enjoyed the day.

Vern Marshall Life Member

WORKING BEE'S

BIGGER THAN TEXAS

We are working even harder 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.

We are presently working on costing's to upgrade the Flag Marshalls shelters to make them more user friendly.

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, to make our track-side facilities even better.

Julian Hardy – Captain Chaos

Resigns as Motorsport Manager

Starting with just a laptop, a printer and a huge passion for the sport he loves, Julian Hardy took on the massive task of rebuilding the Manawatu Car Club's assets after the formation of the Manfeild Park Trust.

Through his tireless efforts and dogged persistence, the club has acquired substantial equipment and expertise that now enables it to be self-sufficient in running race events. We now own radios, rescue and safety gear, timing equipment, computer hardware and software that in the past we had to hire. We have kitted out our marshals with new overalls and wet gear and we are looking to upgrade the flag points in the near future. The investment in all these things is considerable.

The success of our Winter Series and the Road Track Sprint Series lies squarely in Julian's hands. He had the vision to invent the GT, IB (In Between) and RS (Real Slow) Cup classes based on lap times. This has been so popular with drivers that the additional SF (Slightly Faster) class was added in 2013 to cater for the growth in competitor numbers. Along with the Classics, the Formula Firsts/Libre and invitation classes like the, Superkarts, the Motorsport Manawatu Winter Race Series has become the most successful club series in NZ and probably the southern hemisphere.

Keeping this whole circus together involved short-cuts and compromises in time management where you can't cram 48hours into a day but you can damn well try! This is where Julian gained the well-earned name of Captain Chaos!

Julian has decided to resign for his own reasons. He wants to take a year off away from motorsport. We respect his choice and take his word that he is on 'sabbatical'.

I am sure this won't be the last we see of Captain Chaos.

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 2.

It was at this meeting that the Manawatu Car Club came into being. Attendance was quite good, 17 persons filling the lounge at 28 Mason Street and the manes of those who attended were:

Fordy Farland	M.G. Magnette
Mick Page	Morris 8 Sports
Ewen Faulkner	Morris Oxford V8 Special
Syd Jensen	M.G.T.C. 1948
Bill Peace	Morgan 4/4 Sports 2 seater
Phil Andrews	1947 Austin 10, 1948 Saloon
Bob Barnes	Morris Major Saloon
Lindsay Farland	Ford Anglia
Bert Parsonage	Morgan 3 wheeler
Bert Tattersfield	from 22A – ex Motor Cycle Club
Graham Nicholson	M.G. J2
Dudley Payne	Unknown – used Mothers car
Sandy Lloyd	V8 Special under construction
Dave Forbes	Ford V8 Club Coupe
Dave Bransgrove	Talbot Darracq
Ted Jennings	Morris 8 Saloon – 2 door
Goodwin Curry	Bugatti in bits at home Riley

The meeting was completely informal and Fordy Farland was elected to chair the meeting. Many subjects were discussed including that of becoming a branch of the N.Z. Sports Car Club in Wellington but as many of those present held executive positions in various Clubs, including the Manawatu Orion Motor Cycle Club, so the decision to form a corporate body of our own was really the only option available. At this stage the meeting elected Fordy Farland as Club Captain, Mick Page as Vice-Captain and Dudley Payne as Secretary. The next discussion centred around our first event and while several suggestions were made a full day trial was decided upon.

No one at this meeting foresaw the rapid growth that was to take place in Motor Sport in the near future. At this point we were discussing such things as ½ day trials, treasure hunts, night trials, hill climbs, gymkhanas, sprints, auto crosses and even timed circuits of the dirt 5 furlong trotting track at the bottom of Fitzroy Street which belonged to Mr. A.G. Farland, later to become Patron of our Manawatu Car Club. At this period the social aspect was of main consideration, with apart from an odd home built V8 Special, tuning of standard cars relatively unknown though some kits were becoming available for M.G.'s and Ford 10's. Furthermore it was only about this era that petrol rationing (10 gallons per car week) was discontinued.

To be continued...

Summer Series Racing

There will be 3 rounds of this series, and the classes will be the same as the Winter Series. At this stage a Road & Track Series will be held on the Saturday morning of the weekend followed by practice in the afternoon for those who need practice. Sunday will be a day's racing of the Summer Series.

Proposed Racing Dates:

R – 1	2 nd - 3 rd November
R – 2	21 st - 22 nd December
R – 3	12 th – 13 th April

Entry Fees:

MCC Members	\$175.00 (Own Transponder)
MCC Members	\$195.00 (Hire Transponder)
Non MCC Members	\$195.00 (Own Transponder)
Non MCC Members	\$215.00 (Hire Transponder)

40th Birthday Dinner

This November Manfield is turning 40 years old.

To celebrate, a function is being held at the Manfield Stadium. – November 9th 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

"A Night Like No Other"

Manawatu Car Club Subs

THIS IS "SUB'S SEPTEMBER"

All members are reminded that membership to the Manawatu Car Club annual fee is due on the 30th 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 can be made by Direct Debit through the MCC Website.

Alternatively Payments can be made to Craig Patterson (Committee Member) at Mag & Turbo Featherston Street opposite Woolworth's supermarket.

You will be issued with a membership Card/Receipt.

A sad day indeed for our club...

It is with great sadness that we advise you that Joy Buchanan, wife of Graham Buchanan, passed away suddenly on the night of Thursday 12th September. Joy was a supportive and loving mother to Lisa and Carl, and will be sadly missed. The thoughts of the club and wider motorsport community are with the family.

For Sale

2014 MCC Calenders - Limited stock: Excellent photos of the Winter Series all for just \$15.00ea

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

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 \$20.00ea

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 \$5.00ea

Ideally you would buy all of the above for \$40

Contact Richie to make purchases on 0272 900 668 or Email richie@trgroup.co.nz

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

FATHER CHRISTMAS HASN'T PHONED ME YET

SO PEASE 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 we need 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

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