



Manawatu Car Club

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Welcome

Bringing the social aspect of the club back is something that I personally want to see happen again in the Manawatu Car Club. All our efforts at club level are focused on Manfield, and whether you are racing, a pit crew member, a steward, grid marshal, flaggy or just helping out, we often don't have the time on the day to socialize and be able to meet to chat with other club members or friends.

We are starting, from this month a Track & Yack evening. These will be held each month (if we get the attendance) alternately in Feilding or Palmerston North. The first one will be held at Drivers Bar in Feilding (further details below) on Tuesday the 22nd October. These gatherings are for car club members and friends of the car club.

We are continually adding new friends of the MCC to our email database to receive our newsletters, and last week I had the opportunity to talk to Tony Haycock, editor of Classic Driver. I asked if I could add him to our database of MCC friends. His reply was "of course, I've done my time at Manfield as a flaggy in the early days of the track".

Tony was and still is a "local" boy, and as well as being editor of Classic Driver Magazine, he is the speed steward for the Vintage Car Club. He has fond memories of being a volunteer at Manfield, but reckons it is dam cold out there on the track as a flaggy. (We are working hard on sorting that problem Tony).

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

Committee Members

President:

Graham Buchanan - 027 497 5675

Vice-President.

Jeff Braid - 027 477 3337

Committee:

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

Patrons

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. Warren Masters. Marion Prisk. Terry Rush. Murray Starnes. Trevor Weir. Alan White. Stan Turner.

Archivists

Terry Rush Geoff Boyden

Editors

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

Track Talk

Event	2013
Road and Track R2	2 nd November
Roadmarking Services Summer Series R1	3 rd November
MG Classic	8 - 10 November
Road and Track R3	21 st December
Roadmarking Service Summer Series R2	22 nd December
Event	2014
Roadmarking Services Summer Series R3	26 th January (Taupo Race Track)
NZGP	7 - 9 February
IRC	21 - 23 February
Road and Track R1	12 th April
Roadmarking Services Summer Series R4	13 th April
Winter Series R1	7 - 8 June
Road and Track R2	21 - 22 June
Winter Series R2	5 - 6 July
Road and Track R3	20 th July
Winter Series R3	2 - 3 August
Road and track R4	23 rd August
Winter Series R4	6 - 7 September
IRC	3 - 5 October
MG Classic	14 - 16 November

Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series 13' - 14'

Is has seen a lot of hard work by the Manawatu Car Club Committee to get the newly organised Summer Series off of the ground, so now we can officially announce that the much rumoured Summer Series is definitely a GO!

Roadmarking Services have come on board as the series sponsor and we thank Kerry and Karen Halligan for their generosity in sponsoring this series. We also thank the many sponsors that have kindly decided to sponsor the classes associated with the new Summer Series, many carrying on from their support of the recently completed Winter Series.

So what does the new Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series look like?

Well we have not mucked about with the hugely successful Winter Series format, so the classes remain much the same for Summer with the GT, IB, SF, RS, and European Cups as well as the popular Classics class, added to this will be a 1 hour Endurance Race round at the end of the day at each round. What is different however is that one of the rounds will take place at the popular Taupo Motorsport Park Race Track. We believe this initiative will add a touch of excitement to the series as many competitors may have not raced there before, we are also hoping it will see many Central North Island competitors join the whole series as many of them may not have raced at Manfeild either. Huge thanks to the Taupo Car Club for working with us to make this round possible.

Round Dates:

3rd November 13' - Manfeild
22nd December 13' - Manfeild
26th January 14' - Taupo
13th April 14' - Manfeild

All of the Details, Regulations and Entry Forms for the Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series can be found at the Manawatu Car Clubs Summer Series website page: <http://www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz/events/roadmarking-services-summer-series>

If you have any questions or queries about the exciting Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series please feel free to send an e-mail to: manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz or call Jeff Braid on 0274-773-337 or Richie Arber on 0272-900-668.

Richie Arber

MX5RacingNZ

Some call them 'hairedressers' cars, but the cute, cuddly-toy looks of the first generation Mazda MX5 hides a cleverly designed race car in waiting.

Twin-cam 16 valve fuel injected motor? Check!
Double-wishbone coil-over suspension all round? Check!
Low curb weight? Check!
Slick 5 speed trans? Check!
Limited slip diff? Check!
4 wheel disc brakes? Check!
Brilliant balance and tons of grip? Check!
Cheap as chips and heaps to choose from? Check!
I'll have a red one!
(Note: This checklist would have been a racer's wet dream back in the '60s and '70s)

I own MX5RacingNZ Build Number 1. It started out as an insurance write-off/uneconomic repair, but with the help of Paddy from Mag & Turbo and some willing Trade Me vendors we had a race car for not much cash. I ran it in a few Road & Track sprints but I knew it had potential for much more.

This is where Captain Chaos (Julian Hardy) came in, got infected with the MX5 bug and took it to the next level. He found the rules for Ma5da Racing UK and Spec Miata in the USA, sort of merged them and came up with MX5RacingNZ. The idea is to allow minimal changes from stock to keep a lid on costs and to keep the racing close.

- Series one NA6CE 1.6 only
- No engine modifications
- Factory ECU and air flow meter
- Stock headers. Remove the cat and replace the rear muffler with a Coby
- Coilover shocks and springs are free
- Stock brake rotors but pad material is free
- 205-50 x 15 Toyo 888 DOT tyres
- Full rollcage
- Race seat and race harness
- Stripped interior but door cards and dash to remain stock
- Remove folding hood, aircon, power steering and pop-up lights
- You can run a road registered car if you wish
- All cars run open. No hard or soft tops

All of this will cost you less than \$10,000 including the initial purchase price of the car and a brand new set of mags.

Nek minit there's a silver one 'Buffalo Girl' for Julian and another red one 'Zohan' for Paddy and yet another red one (No Name) for Justin. The disease is now officially infectious.

Paddy has just finished the rollcage of car #19 and we have car #20 waiting in the wings. Some of them have over 200,000kms on the clock and are just as fast and reliable as the low km examples.

We decided that the MX5RacingNZ Cup would be put up for grabs twice a year; firstly at the Winter Series at Manfeild and secondly in the IRC Race Series over summer. We approached Mazda Pro7 Racing who generously welcomed us to race within their grids in the IRC. Shampoo Central is now a feature in the IRC paddock and we are about to embark on our second Summer Series Championship.

If you want to become involved in the best value-for-money racing in the country contact me on 027 523 8290 or Paddy at Mag&Turbo Palmy 06 356 6006. Who knows? You might get a shampoo, set and a manicure too...

Jeff Braid

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 3.

Organizers were Lindsay and Fordy Farland, who mapped the trial (120 miles) and arranged lunch at the old two storey Pub. The headquarters and starting point for the trial was the garage of A.S. Farland at 28 Mason Street. The manner of organizing trials in those days was one car load of Checks being first and dropping checks along the way and at the rear of the trial, another car to pick them up and any stragglers. 11 entries turned out for this first trial of the Manawatu Car Club and after covering each speedo they were set off up main road Apiti which was mainly all metal road in those days. On reaching the Apti Pub two driving tests, one of which was running over potatoes and a gymkhana were held in the road outside the hotel when the cars were parked. It was a fairly wintry day and everyone wore overcoats but a hot three course meal in the lounge and a few beers at the bar helped the situation immensely.

The route home was by Norsewood Road, past Piripiri, Totara Reserve and down the Pohahgina Valley Road, still on metal, over the old Raumai Bridge and back to 28 Manson Street where the garage was filled with trestle tables for the afternoon tea and refreshments provided by Lorrain Farland, Brownie Page, Marj and Ethelwyn Farland.

To the Transport Departments consternation today, all speedos were covered; calculators and slide rules were unheard of in those days and what use would they have been with no speedo and a check taking your times anyhow. No protests, no stewards, no permits and anyone who had the audacity to complain was immediately disqualified and results were always worked out and posted within half an hour of the completion of the trial.

1st – H Hollis from Wellington in an M.G.T.A

To be continued.

New Safety Car

We are very fortunate to have a very generous member in our great club.

Peter Edmonds (Racing Volvo Pete) has kindly donated a Volvo Station Wagon to replace the old Toyota, as a new safety car. Once all the lights are on it and it is sign written, we will have a vehicle on the track that we can be proud of. Many, many thanks to Peter Edmonds for his generosity, and to Danny McKenna of Danny's Auto Services for undertaking all the electrical work being done to the Volvo, fitting extra lights and making all the lights flash as they should.

A great result all round

THANK YOU.

PS. We are still looking for a white van to replace the old red one. If you can help, please contact us.

40th Birthday Dinner

Time is running out to book for this event.
Don't be disappointed!

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"

For Sale

2014 MCC Calendars - Limited stock. Excellent photos of the Winter Series, all for just **\$15.00**

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 just **\$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 just **\$5.00** each.

Ideally you would buy all the above items for **\$40.00**

Contact Richie to make purchases on 0272-900-668 or see our website

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

Manawatu Car Club Subs

IF YOU HAVENT PAID YOU ARE OVERDUE.

Well it's now October and it would be great if we had all our memberships fees paid. Sadly this is not the case.

For those members who enjoy racing, you must be a financial of a car club to enter (preferably the MCC) Please don't embarrass yourself on race day, and pay now.

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.

Track & Yack

A Casual get-together for all members and friends of the Manawatu Car Club.

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Date: Tuesday 22nd October (Next Week)

Place: Drovers Bar 93 Manchester St Feilding

T.R. Group Ltd will sponsor a Bar Tab to the value of **\$100.00** for this first event.

Come along. – Enjoy the event. – If you are early the Tab may still be running.

Let's get to know each other, in this great Club.

Next month we will be meeting at the Speight's Ale House, 27 Grey Street Palmerston North

On Tuesday 19th November 7pm to 9pm.

Flag Marshall Stations

The club has made it a priority to up-grade the Flag Marshall Stations out on the track and have considered a couple of options. We have received pricing for these 2 options.

Option 1: Is to up-grade what we have already, and include clear PVC curtains to give the Marshalls good weather protection.

Option 2: Is to build new coloursteel buildings on concrete flooring, with clear viewing a full 360deg.

We have applied for funding for this project and at present we have moved into "waiting the outcome mode".

Come Racing With Us