



# Manawatu Car Club

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## Welcome

Over the last 4 weeks activity within the Manawatu Car Club has been increasing greatly. There have been committee meetings, working bees, Road & Track days, Round 1 of the Summer Series, Track & Yack at the Drovers, the 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations and lots of our Club Members racing at the 28<sup>th</sup> MG Classic - More about all of this throughout the newsletter.

I've seen lots of positive action, starting to emerge within our Club Members over the last couple of months. Our first Track & Yack at Drovers in Feilding was attended by 15 members, on a cool wettish night. A great attendance for a first, and plenty of stories were told and it was good to meet members in a social setting. Thanks to the TR Group for the Bar Tab. The next Track & Yack is on the 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Speights Ale House on Grey Street P.Nth -7pm until 9pm, so see if we can get to 25 attending.

I spent the last week-end at the MG Classic, enjoying the weather and great racing. It was fantastic to see two "Old Mature" Manawatu Car Club members back on the track. Both Graham Montgomery (Spraybomb) and Terry Jensen, racing 1972 Datsun 1200's had podium finishes, proving once again, the older you are the faster you go.

We have had great results with members renewing their membership, plus old members who had let their membership lapse, re-joining our club, also an increase in younger people joining. We can offer some good driver activities and our desire is to get racing off the roads and onto a safe driving environment.

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 Byrne, 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, Raymond Bennett.

### Archivists

Terry Rush

Geoff Boyden

### Editors

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

## Track Talk

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

## Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series.

The first round of the Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series was held at Manfeild on Sunday 3rd November. Seven classes competed during the day; GT, IB, SF, RS and European Cup's, the ever popular Classics and rounding out the day was the Mini Enduro.

The weather once again proved it likes supporting Manawatu Car Club events by remaining fine throughout the day and although fields were down somewhat across all classes when compared to the recently completed Winter Series, there was still some good racing to be had with all competitors reporting that they enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the day immensely, as well as the racing, and a few of them recorded their best ever lap times despite what was a rather gritty and slippery track with the recent sealing of the potholes on the immediate straight.

At the time of writing this there was a little error with regards to My Laps and as yet no results have been finalised, but we are working to rectify this and hope to have the results up on the Manawatu car clubs web page - [www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz](http://www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz) very soon, so keep an eye out for those.

Huge thanks goes out once again to all of the Flaggies and Volunteers that helped make the day a successful one, simply put, without you guys there is no race meeting, same goes for our sponsors; Roadmarking Services, ICS, Coresteel Buildings, Feilding Auto Electrical, Diamond Homes, Danny's Autos, NZ Refrigeration Services, KLM Carriers and Specialised Auto Parts, thank you all for your on-going support of the Manawatu Car Club.

The second of four rounds of the Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series is set to go on Sunday 22nd December, this will be the last chance for the year to take your car out for a run before Xmas and what will be the end of 2013, so why not bring the family out for the day and join with us to celebrate what has been a great year of motor racing.

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## 40 Years of the Manawatu Car Club A Birthday Celebration

After several months of preparation, the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mighty Manfield has come and gone. Those of you who chose to purchase tickets, would have seen (via audio visuals) or heard from others, the history of the Manawatu Car Club, and how Manfield came about.

I was amazed by the number of approaches I had, from attendees who had not been aware of the foresight our forefathers had in the fifties, and it was good to have Alan Freeman there to represent them.

Being able to watch the on screen visuals of Events, and the stars we use to have through the years, makes me wonder why we do not have an enthusiastic Promoter bringing us the same sort of action today.

It was fitting to have Russell Harris as our master of ceremonies. Those that he interviewed on stage, Graham Lawrence, Chris Amon, Ken Smith, Rob Lester, Sir Pat Higgins, and Freddie Merkel were definitely the highlight of the evening. It was pleasing to see so many of the old car club members, competitors, and Manfield volunteers, catching up with one another.

From a personal point of view, I would like to thank Richard Brosselman, and Louise Bensemman and their respective teams, who had the technical knowhow for the video work, using photo proofs, supplied by Robin Curtis, the Manawatu Evening Standard, and others.

I am pleased to see the MCC claiming back the name Manawatu Car Club, as I believe we had lost our identity, and direction, and maybe one of your readers will take up the challenge to organise the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Terry Rush - Life Member.

## Ladies Racing

I have been involved in motorsport since I was little. We would watch Dad race his genuine 1960 Series II Lotus Seven and also for a bit of fun a 2 litre Mark I Escort Van (the family wagon) which eventually became my first set of "wheels". So you could say love of motorsport has been breed into me from the beginning, and then I married into a family also mad on motorsport! I had dabbled in a bit of local sport car enthusiast meets with Dad but it wasn't until about 3 years ago I got my C2 race licence and began on the addictive road that motor racing is.

I guess from a female's point of view we may be a minority within the motor racing scene but that doesn't stop us from having as much fun as the "boys". There is nothing like sitting on the grid line eyeing up the starters waiting for that all important signal to "floor it" to get the best possible start and set yourself up for the first corner, all the while keeping watch on all your other fellow competitors. When you are on the track you are part of the car, you learn how far you can push not only your chosen set of wheels but also yourself - O.K. sometimes things don't quite turn out as you plan but that's all part of racing. There is nothing like the thrill of having a great race, having a friendly tussle with your opponents, improving on your time and crossing that finish line with the chequered flag.

And while you might be out on the circuit on your own, motorsport is a family sport, your pit crew of family and friends are there watching, cheering you on and being drawn into the adrenalin that is motor racing. There is just something about it - is it the sweet smell of octane, the revving of the engines, the adrenalin rush, and the camaraderie....

Ladies all I can say is get out there and give it a go there's nothing like it!

Tammie Boyden

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

### Extracts from the Manawatu Car Club Inc.

#### Part 4 1947 - 48 Cockburn Trial

It was during this period that the Club held one of its most difficult trials and it was organized by Jim Cockburn who, at the time, owned a 14/6 Vauxhall Spots. The route led out through Ashhurst Township and on to the Saddle Road bridge, crossing the Pohangina River on the Broadlands estate, just on the left of the bridge. The river was about 2ft deep and flowing quite strongly, and on Fordy Farland's MG Magnette, water came in the doors. To make matters worse the bed of the river was quite stony but high American cars had little trouble.

A little past the Homestead was the start of the hills and a very first climb. Mick Page, accompanied by his wife in the Morris 8 Sports, could not get up, he even tried backing up, but the three speed gearbox proved to be too high in the gears so he turned and went home. We continued up to Wharite Station by an old track put in for the trucks carrying the power pylons, which cover the Saddle Road in this area. All the way to the top was grass, the track rough in places with very steep gradients. The first metal was at the top of the hill on the road that now leads up to the TV Aerial. On descending the hill we proceeded to Balance and crossed the old wooden bridge then turned left up North Range road that runs along the top of the hill. On reaching Don Scott's property we turned off across paddocks, opening and closing several gates and came out at the top of Forrest Hill road and Don Scott's house. This was a really rough stretch of hill country, fortunately all downhill, but cost the club one competitor in a Morris 14 who lost his silencer and never came to another event. The route finished back at our new Clubrooms for tea, sandwiches and biscuits, and plenty of discussion on the pros and cons of having this sort of event.

The results and names of competitors have now passed into history and it is doubtful if anyone else can remember this event. It was not an event for the faint hearted but, as with most events, common sense is needed and there is no reason at all to abuse your vehicle unless you want to.

To be continued.

## 28<sup>th</sup> M.G. Classic

Three days of brilliant Manawatu weather and two full on days of Classic Racing. All classes of racing had big fields, which made for excellent spectator viewing, as there was a lot of very close racing. Looking around the pit areas, there were quite a few new cars in this year's classes along with some of the old favourites. Shane Hobman's 57 Chev was a new car, and the Humber 80 of Trevor Dickson's is a good faithful old race car, that we see each year.

There was only one big accident over the weekend, with both drivers given the all okay, showing the importance of good cages and belts.

Lunch time saw some of the Classic Car Breakfast Club members out on the track, giving charity rides in their cars with proceeds going to the Cancer Society.

Great weekend - Roll on the 29<sup>th</sup> Classic Meeting.

### Project Up-Date

Project Number one, The Scrutineering Shed, is well underway.

A new side wall has been built, to replace the wire gates, the front of the shed has been painted Manfield Green, along with the fascias and spouting, while the other exterior walls have been painted in a colour called "Sea-Fog". New spouting and downpipes are being put up by Club Member Mark Allen, thanks Mark.

The sump at the back of the shed has been re-discovered and some drain clearing has been done. The new drain area has been sealed along the side exit of the shed, which is great for the open wheelers with their low ground clearance.

The trees in the old garden have been removed, and 5m2 of base course was put into pot-holes at the rear of the shed next to the grass area, ready for the MG Meeting. This area really needs to be sealed to stop the repeated damage that our racers are getting from the stones in their hot race tyres and the associated water sitting in the potholes warping their red-hot rotors, any ideas here for how we might be able to get this done?

Project 1 should be completed within the next 3 – 4 weeks and project 2 is already lined up – but we can't do it on our own – please call me (Geoff Boyden 027 444 7348) and put your name forward to help as we need builders and painters, and we also have a shed to dismantle. Sound like FUN?. talk to Geoff now.

### Manawatu Car Club Subs

**IF YOU HAVENT PAID YOU ARE  
WELL OVERDUE.**

**Well it's now November and it would be great if we had all our memberships fees paid.  
However there is still some outstanding.**

**If you want to retain your membership, but are coming up short right at this moment, please talk to us.**

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

**Alternatively Payments to 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.**

### MCC Clubrooms Kawa Kawa Road, Feilding

Over the last 2 – 3 weeks the Model Car Club has moved out of the clubrooms and the car-park. All of their gear has been removed and we removed the 'poached-eggs' last Friday. The track will be painted out with black paint, returning the car-park ready for car-park racing. – What do you think?

**Car Park Racing (Gymkhanas)???**

**Give us your thoughts.**

### For Sale & Selling Fast

**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 MCC website**

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

### Track & Yack

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

Time: 7pm to 9pm - Stay as little or as long as you like.

Date: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November (this coming Tuesday)

Place: Speights Ale House Grey Street Palmerston North

(This is not a formal meeting)

**Come along. – Enjoy the event.**

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

Next month we will be meeting at Drovers Bar - 93

Manchester Street Feilding - On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

7pm to 9pm.

# Come Racing With Us