



Manawatu Car Club

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Welcome

As everyone says in December, "where has the year gone" but on reflection I think you need to look back and see what you have achieved in the year that's about to close.

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is the future. There's nothing that we can do about yesterday but tomorrow always holds a lot of promise. Tomorrow for our club is full of new found enthusiasm, new goals, new events and new members, who are young, keen and ready to contribute.

We have an AGM coming up soon, and now is a good time for all members to consider the direction the club should take. When you have done that, then you need to let somebody know your thoughts. That person should be a listed committee member, who we have elected to lead our club into the future.

Like members of parliament, committee members are elected by the members to represent us all in various portfolios. AGM's are a meeting that all members can and should attend and it's the time when we elect the best people to lead our club into the future. It's a responsibility that must not be taken lightly and most clubs today must be run as a small to medium business, that is forward planning, budgets, cash flows, plus projects, social activities, safety and the list can go on.

My vision sees a management team which will tackle the challenges the club has going forward in 2014. A team of people who are results focussed, not afraid to commit to the task and when we write the newsletter in December 2014, we can say "look at the history we created this year".

If you are up for the task, think about joining the team, or one of the mini teams that will be created.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

The Next MCC newsletter will be in February.
Have a Great Christmas, a Happy New Year and a
Relaxed Holiday.

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, Raymond Bennett.

Archivists

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Track Talk

Event	2013
Road and Track R3 (Final Round)	21 st December
Roadmarking Services 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

AGM

The Manawatu Car Clubs AGM is to be held at the Car-Club Clubrooms, Kawa Kawa Road Feilding, on Wednesday the 29th January 2014 commencing at 7.30pm.

This is your opportunity to attend and to hear first hand the progress the club has made in the last year. It is also a time that the club elects its officers for the next year.

There are set rules for nominations of elected officers as per the constitution and the full Manawatu Car Club (incorporated) Constitution 2009 can be found here at this website address:
<http://www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz/wp-content/themes/manawatumotorsport/images/2009-Constitution-of-the-Manawatu-Car-Club1.pdf>

Nomination voting forms are also required to be used for electing officers to the positions open at this AGM, these are for President and for the Committee, the Vice-Presidents position in not up for nomination until 2015.

Note: These voting forms must be in the hands of the secretary 2 days before the AGM, as per 12-1.2 of the constitution and can be found here: <http://www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz/wp-content/themes/manawatumotorsport/images/AGM-Voting-forms-2014.pdf>

Only financial members of the club can vote at an AGM, so you if you have fallen behind in your membership, up-date it now, so that you are able to vote at the AGM.

Be there to have your say and to decide on who runs our club for the next year.

Club History

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

Extracts from the Manawatu Car Club Inc. Part 5 Stuck in River

One trial that I ran will remain in my memory forever. It was an afternoon run and took us down Forlongs Road, which required crossing two streams. As anyone knows, driving in water needs a completely different technique from anything else and very few of our members had it. The total depth of both crossings at the deepest part was only 18 inches and really nobody should have had trouble, however, one of our Committee men, complete with two children about 4 – 6 years old and wife drove like a complete ham and stopped in mid-stream. We had ropes and tow cars and pulled the Vauxhall 12 out onto dry beach. Then the fun started. Mrs ?, mother of a later well-known saloon car driver, gave me the message loud and clear in no uncertain terms – what a bloody fool I was, I ought to be hung for allowing children to be put in such dangerous circumstances, crossing streams was most foolhardy thing one could think of. All this on top of her voice, in front of all the competitors. A lesson for future organisers.

To be continued

MCC Clubrooms

Nothing more has happened at the clubrooms in the last month. We need to water-blast the car-park to remove as much of the green paint as possible, then paint out with black paint. We also need to get a very large skip-bin onsite, so that we can have a very big tidy up. There is lots of rubbish, including branches, weeds, tyres, broken timber that all needs to be cleaned up.

If a club member would like to attack this project with the help of others, please give me a call, so we can meet on-site and get the clean-up under way. Phone Geoff Boyden on 0274 447 348.

Scrutineering Shed

95% all done!

The new store room is complete and Noel and Geoff have shifted all the gear from the Refueler Bar across and into the new store room. Everything fitted! And the room is pad-locked.

We need to complete the desk for the scrutineers to use on race day. We have 1 or 2 neat things to go on the wall, thanks to UCOL. Mark Allan has completed the new spouting and put new downpipes on and they now go direct into the new drain area, so no more big water puddles behind the shed, so we can use this area on race days, as we saw at the MG Classic.

A little bit of signage is to go up. The side garden, we ripped out, needs some weed mat and small rocks spread to tidy this area up and that will see an end to the revamp of the Scrutineering Shed.

It's all looking very good indeed.

ATTENTION! Track & Yack ATTENTION!

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 17th December**

Place: Drovers Bar 93 Manchester Street Feilding

Come along - Enjoy the event.

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

For Sale – Great Investment

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**

Our Next Project

We were all ready to go on the next project, which was the removal of the old tin shed 'Bar' next to the concrete pad area down by the exit road from the track.

Unfortunately Manfield Trust couldn't accommodate us onsite on the Saturday morning to do this 3 – 4 hour job a week before the A&P show, which was a pity. The shed is a bit of an eye-sore, and it would have been great to get rid of it and tidy this area up.

We won't now be able to schedule this until February now and then it will probably be after the NZGP. What is needed is 4 to 6 people for 4 hours and a big skip bin and the job will be done.

Please let me know if you can help, so I can contact you when the time comes to do the job.

Geoff Boyden 0274 447 348

Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series Round 2 and the Manawatu Toolshed Road & Track Final Round: A Christmas Cracker!

The weekend of the 21st and 22nd December is shaping up to be a Christmas Cracker as racers from all over the lower North Island look to give themselves a well-deserved early Xmas present.

First up on Saturday the 21st is the final round of the popular Manawatu Toolshed Road & Track series for 2013. By no means are the results done and dusted here, there are still quite a few contenders vying for the top spot in each class, so make sure you get out there if you want the chance to take home one of the many prize's that will be presented at the end of the day's racing.

Entries are now open at www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz/events/roadtrack.

Sunday the 22nd will see the last meeting of the year take place, the 2nd Round of the new Roadmarking Services Summer Series. This event includes five classes: the RS Cup ("real slow"), SF Cup ("slightly faster"), IB Cup ("In between"), GT Cup (unlimited) and the European/Class Cup. Each class will have qualifying, a scratch race, reverse top-ten race and a handicap race. An optional one hour Enduro will take place at the end of the day and this is open to all entrants. Drivers must have a minimum of a C1 (national) Race licence and the appropriate safety equipment, but a Rollcage is not required for the RS cup to encourage new competitors to try their hand at motorsport.

Discounted entry fees for the Summer Series will be available to Manawatu Car Club members and Taupo Car Club members. Spectator entry is free, although you will be asked for a gold coin donation to support the Feilding Cadets.

Round 3 is at Taupo Motorsport Park on Sunday January 26th 2014; this is run in conjunction with the Taupo Car Club. A full test day is available to all entrants on Saturday 25th.

The Summer Series is kindly sponsored by Roadmarking Services, Jacksons Transport, Inspection & Consultancy Services, Coresteel Buildings, Feilding Auto Electrical, Diamond Homes, Danny's Auto Services, NZ Refrigeration, Specialised Auto Parts, KLM Carriers and BC Racewear.

Summer Series Regulations and Entries for both rounds 2 and 3 can be found at:

[Http://www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz/events/roadmarking-services-summer-series](http://www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz/events/roadmarking-services-summer-series)

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