



# Manawatu Car Club

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## Welcome

I sat in the clubrooms last week on my own, and I'll admit a great smile came over my face. Maybe it's the feeling you get when you go back to your old home, or have your land returned, I'm not sure, but it's a great feeling to sit in the clubrooms, knowing that it has been returned, clean and tidy and ready for its next phase in life.

The first sod of our clubs being, at the "Manfield" site was turned on a hot afternoon in February 1973, when the circuit was first cut. The clubrooms of course came after that, and were built by the club members, hard graft, some donated supplies, and some keen financing. Any building becomes over time a memorial to the person or people that built it, and so with the MCC Clubrooms - they are a memorial to our early members who fought hard to get Manfield Auto-course off the ground and then soak in the knowledge that the MCC once again had their own Clubrooms, after having moved from the Rangitikei Line clubrooms that served them so well.

These were my thoughts for last week. This week I read about how the new F1 cars aren't making the right noises and are not loud enough. So now we have F1's that aren't loud enough and GT'S that are too loud. The next odd thing is race cars that will be "electric" and cars that are driven entirely by computers." Mr Google" I read already has a fleet of Toyota Priuses and Lexus hybrids that can drive without human input. It's thought such vehicles could be commercial by the year 2020. Pretty exciting stuff when they hit the track. I think I would rather watch paint dry.

The newsletter will be 7 - 10 days later next month as Glenys and I are heading to the South Island in the Motorhome for 3 - 4 weeks. Glenys is keen to have a closer look at all the tracks in the south!!!!

See you at the next Track & Yack.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

## Committee Members for 2014

**President** Graham Buchanan - 027 497 5675  
**Vice President** Jeff Braid - 027 477 3337

### Committee:

Richie Arber, James O'Regan, Kerry Halligan,  
Noel Beale, Tim Wilde, Peter Edmond, Craig Paterson.

### Patrons

Fordy Farland **Deceased** Fred Parker **Deceased**  
Robert Lester Terry Rush 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	2014
Road & Track R1	12th April
Roadmarking Services Summer Series R4	13th April
Winter Series R1	7 - 8 June
Road & Track R2	22nd June
Winter Series R2	5 - 6 July
Back Track Autocross / Gymkhana R1	20th July
Winter Series R3	2 - 3 August
Back Track Autocross / Gymkhana R2	23rd August
Winter Series R4	6 - 7 September
Road & Track R3	21st September
IRC	3 - 5 October (TBC)
Road & Track R4	8th November
Roadmarking Services Summer Series R1	9th November
MG Classic	14 - 16 November
Road & Track R5	20th December
Roadmarking Services Summer Series R2	21st December

## The Tool Shed Road & Track Series Round 1 - 12<sup>th</sup> April

The first round for 2014 of the popular Tool Shed Road & Track Series is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Be at the track by 8.00 - 8.30am for documentation at 9.00am. Always a great day, to improve your skills and get in more seat time and have some great duals. This is again sponsored by "The Tool Shed" - Russell Street Palmerston North. Make sure you support "The Tool Shed" - one of our long term sponsors.

## Roadmarking Services Summer Series Round 4 - 13<sup>th</sup> April

The 4<sup>th</sup> and final round of this new series is on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> April. A great days racing, will be followed by prize giving at the conclusion of the meeting, along with a BBQ and a few drinks. Who will be awarded the Trophy's will be decided on the track on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Make sure you are there for a great days racing.

**Track & Yack 8<sup>th</sup> April @  
Speights Ale House P. Nth.**

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

**Extracts from the Manawatu Car Club Inc.**  
**Part 7 1947 -48 Years**

Few incidents marked the road sections. Manawatu lost a Morris Minor which ran a big-end in its efforts, and a Singer Special disappeared with failure of fuel supply. For Wellington, R Haynes, having driven his Fiat Mouse much of the way at Peak r.p.m. to overtake the schedule, over took just as his last drop of oil vanished, he refilled, and once more drove at peak. Cheering sight to the Special drivers, now all the way through, were bunches of road race cyclists on their way southward, each followed by an attendant car, presumably to succour those overwhelmed by exposure. Few teams nevertheless lost any number of points through inaccurate navigation and honours were even as they moved to the site of the special tests, in the Square.

Here, a section of the street had been cordoned off, loudspeakers erected, and intricate patterns of pylons had been arranged. In spite of the downpour, an interested crowd gathered to watch this singular display, and first they saw the cars accelerate over a hundred yards, than brake on crossing a line. Then two bays of garage size were built about a hundred yards apart, and between rows of pylons marked out two narrow "drives". Competitors were to accelerate out of one bay, traverse on drive, stop accurately within the other bay, and then return in reverse. An outstanding performance here was recorded by a Wellington team, who all launched themselves at the test in the best racing style, the first driving at speed through all the wrong lanes, the second braking and spinning his car round in one bay and filling the air with pylons, and the third going straight through the end of his garage. Further tests of a similar type were staged, than all retired to their hotels and later to a social evening, at which the results were announced.

To be continued

## **Putting it on the Line**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March – Richie Arber and Lydia Bell put it on the line - Yes they were married on the start / finish line on a fabulous afternoon on the Manfield Track.

It all started to the roar of a couple of V8's announcing the arrival of the bride, her father and the bridesmaids, who circulated around the track and were then delivered to waiting family and friends on the start line on the main straight.

A great band kept everyone rocking until the wee small hours before Richie and Lydia could make it home. Congratulations to you both and another first for Manfield I believe.



Richie and Lydia with "Blu" who was the Ring Bearer



Laying it on the Line



**0800 025 552 or 021 509 221**  
Kevin & Janet O'Connor  
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**Suppliers of Port-a-Loos to the Winter Series.**



**Suppliers of Paint to the MCC**



### Mark the Calendar NOW!!

Celebrate the Beginning of the Winter Series.

- Date: May 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday
- Venue: Manawatu Car Club Rooms
- Pot Luck Dinner (details to be advised)
- i.e. Menu, Time etc.

The evening will consist of the introduction of the Series Sponsor plus Class Sponsors.

A very well know motoring guest speaker has been booked, who will share some stories and entertain us.

This will be a wonderful celebration and "Fire Up" the start of the 4 Round Winter Series.

**A night not to be missed.  
Come dine and socialise with us.**

### WANTED – URGENT

A club member who will help Gib-stop the ceiling in the clubrooms kitchen. The Gib-board is all fixed. We just need it Gib-stopped, so that we can paint it in readiness for our function on the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Think of it as a great donation to the club. For access to the clubrooms, - contact Richie Arber or Geoff Boyden.

**Your donation would be greatly appreciated.**

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Place: Speights Ale House, Grey Street Palmerston North**

There was a great attendance last month with over 20 members attending during the evening. We want to get a regular attendance of at least 30, so come along and support your club.

Bring your wife, partner, or friend. Enjoy a chat and enjoy the event.

Next Month: Drovers Bar - Feilding

### Working Bee

- **Working Bee Start Time: 8.00am**
- **Date: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**
- **What are we doing? – Removing the Old Bar Shed at the Track**
- **Tools required – Hammer / Wrecking Bars / Sledge Hammer / Hand saw / Grinder / Big Crescent / Electric Cord**
- **We need 6 – 8 people to so this job and it should take about 3 hours, if we all get onto it.**
- **Same day as the Road & Track Meeting**
- **Confirm to Geoff Boyden**
- **027 444 7348 or [gboyden@extra.co.nz](mailto:gboyden@extra.co.nz)**

**We need a good response, so please call me.**

### Who Is This??



It's Bruce Goodwin, race driver of that angry V8 Mk 111 Zephyr. – No he is not broken; he is just taking it easy at the Field Days. No doubt the cheapest trip he has ever had around Manfield.

### Interesting Factoids

V8 Super-tour driver Richard Moore rides a 2003 49cc Motor-scooter as his mode of transport around town.

The most popular new car colours for 2013 were – White, Grey, and Black. They say that White is the new Black – go figure that out. A new trend is Bronze or Brown Metallic.

## What's The News?

The big news is the return of the clubrooms after being let out to the Cadets for a long term. They moved out of the building on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and on inspection, they left everything in good order, which is great.

The race track that was painted on the clubrooms carpark has been completely painted out. The track was painted on the seal, by the model car club, who have also moved on. The carpark now looks clean and tidy and of course you don't feel like you are parking on a "Putt Putt" green.



Thanks to Dulux for the supply of the very expensive road paint and thinners at No-Charge.

The Toyota Caldina Station Wagon which we have had at the track for some time has had a big birthday. The rear seats have been removed and a flat tray area has been created, so that the vehicle can be used as the "Track Hack". All new signage, a polish and new battery was included in the Make Over.



Look out for it at the track.

Mark Allen has fitted a new down-pipe and fixed up the downpipe drainage at the clubrooms. Thanks Mark a job very well done indeed.

Get a copy of the next issue of the NZ Petrolhead. It should be Volume 17 No 4. We have been able to get some promotion in the issue regarding the R.S Cup, including race photos. We also have got included in the "Hot Dates" segment with our race meeting dates for the next 3 months.

We are having a Working Bee at the Track on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April to remove the old Bar Shed. 8.00am start, please lend us a hand.

What can you do with three spare 200ltr drums; well make them into a podium of course. This just about finished podium will make its debut at the prize giving of the Roadmarking Services Summers Race Series finale.



## FOR SALE! FOR SALE! FOR SALE! FOR SALE!

Do you have a race car or race parts **"FOR SALE"** and want to get it out to as many people as you can. Drop us a line to [manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz](mailto:manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz) with a brief description of the car or the part/s you have for sale and your contact number and we will include it in our newsletter when we can.

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**For Sale:** MKII Ford Escort 2 Door Body Shell and a 1992 Toyota Pardo LX – Chassis, Diff and Transfer Gearbox. Motor turns over. Is Suitable for parts.  
Body is badly burnt.

Contact James O'Regan – 027-481-4435

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**For Sale:** 1990 Lancer – EVO3 running gear.  
**Trade Me Reference:** #649926299



Contact Richie Arber – 027-2900-668

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**For Sale:** Mitsubishi EVO 7  
**Trade Me Reference:** #686971388



Contact Richie Arber – 027-2900-668

### Archivist - Re-Discovered.

The "Ross Tillson Memorial Cup" - Manfield Service Award.

Ross passed away in the 80's and was the Chief Area Steward in the 70's. He lived in Levin.

First awarded in 1990 to I. G. Marsh.

There are some great names on this Trophy.

Vern Marshall, The Hardy Family, The Christine Honeyman Team, Grid Marshal Team, Rescue Marshal and Intervention Team, Richie McKenzie, to name a few.

Last presented in 2006.

Time it was awarded once again.

## Come Racing With Us