



# Manawatu Car Club

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## Welcome

You will see further into our latest newsletter the winners of the Roadmarking Services Summer Series, standing proudly on our new podium with their well-earned trophies. The photos speak for themselves. What the photos do not show is the big crowd of people who stayed on after the final race. The Refueler Bar was packed out. Our BBQ chief (Richard Ramson) was very busy cooking and people were just enjoying the occasion.

The 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetters were rewarded with great cheers and for me on the side line, I saw our club starting to re-appear again as the Manawatu Car Club. With this enthusiasm carrying over to the Winter Series, we are going to have 4 great rounds of racing, friendship and fellowship and this all starts next month.

Glenys and I have just returned from our South Island Tour. This included getting onto 3 out of the 4 South Island race tracks; Teretonga, Highlands Park and Levels. I've been to Ruapuna a couple of times, so didn't visit there this time. It's hard to ignore, that both Teretonga and Levels are fantastic Motorsport Parks, run by clubs with just 2 staff. Their facilities are great and their overall presentation is very hard to beat. (something we should be striving to achieve). Highlands Park is grander than my expectations. The best facility I've seen in New Zealand, without a doubt. From the car-park to the gardens, to the play-areas, to the museum, the cafe, the restaurant and of course the track itself. All I can say is it is well worth a visit, but put at least 3 hours aside, because you will need that once you are in the museum.

**See you at the next Track & Yack.**

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

## FAEWS - Test Day 7<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> June is a test day. Registration is from 8.30am Testing & practice will cease at around 3.00pm.

There is a cost for testing, but a little bit of practice before Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> June may well give you the edge.

Think about it – Dan Carter kicks a lot of balls between test matches to get his results.

Practice – testing – (the same thing)

**Track & Yack - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May @  
Drovers Bar, Feilding. 7 to 9pm**

## TRACK TALK

Event	2014
Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series R1	7 - 8 June
Road & Track R2	22nd June
Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series R2	5 - 6 July
Back Track Autocross / Gymkhana R1	20th July
Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series R3	2 - 3 August
Back Track Autocross / Gymkhana R2	23rd August
Feilding Auto Electrical 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

## 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

## Feilding Auto Electrical Ltd Winter Race Series 2014

### Round 1 – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

The first round of the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series starts on the 8<sup>th</sup> June

Be at the track by 8.00 – 8.30 am for documentation, then a Drivers Meeting.

Racing will start around 9.30am.

## 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

### Motor Rally

The first post war North Island Motor Rally was run by the N.Z. Sports Car Club, later to become the Wellington Car Club, in 1946 when petrol rationing was still in force after being in Vouge during the whole of the war. This was the first major rally event in the Southern half of the North Island. Nearly all the vehicles would be pre-war models as new cars were not readily available at that period and American cars were absolutely unobtainable because of the American dollar shortage.

The starting points were Auckland, Wellington, Napier and Palmerston North and we travelled overnight finishing at New Plymouth where we were all booked in to Hotels. After the road section concluded we had braking and driving tests at Bell Block Aerodrome. Some of the names I remember were Les Stone (breaking an axel in a Morris 12), Mr E. Vogel Snr. in a Riley who sat at our table at this pub, and Allen Freeman in a Triumph Dolomite. The most amusing thing was the results.

1 <sup>st</sup>	A.S. Farland – M.G. Magnette – Palmerston North
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Thompson – M.G.V.A. – Palmerston North
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Unknown
4 <sup>th</sup>	H. Hollis – M.G.T.C.

4<sup>th</sup> September 1948:

The first known use of the Ohakea Air Base for the purposes of Motor Sport was on the 4th September 1948. A taxi strip near the old National Airways rooms was used for a standing  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile. This taxi strip is almost 2 miles long so was ideal for this purpose. The timing was simple and done visually with the use of flags and stop watches, which is the next best thing to electronics for small numbers of entries.

Two of the known entries were H. Hollis in and M.G.T.C. and Allen Freeman in a Triumph Dolomite who covered the standing  $\frac{1}{4}$  in 19 seconds. What did you do to it Allen!!

To be continued

## TROY HOWARD MOTORS Lucky Lone Lap Challenge

This is a new event for the Winter Series, and will be run during the lunch break at each of the 4 rounds of the Winter Series. Thanks to Troy Howard of Troy Howard Motors, Featherston Street, Palmerston North, for providing the car for this event.

The idea is taken from the Top Gear TV Programme. A driver, of which there will only be 6 drivers per meeting, will buy a drive in the Troy Howard Motors sponsored car and will be timed over a shortened lap of the track. They will start on a flag drop in grid box #1 and finish with a flying finish over the start / finish line. Their time will be posted on a leader-board, the fastest driver going to the top of the board. This will continue over the 4 rounds of the Winter Series. There will be a total of 24 drivers.

We are looking for novice drivers, people who have not raced before, to give them an experience that may entice them to go on and join us in some form of motorsport.

We are also hopeful of attracting a couple of celebrities to be involved in this event as well.

At the end of 4 rounds, the winner will be presented with the Troy Howard Motors Lucky Lone Lap challenge trophy.

This is going to be a great lunch time event.



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## Interesting

If you are going to Oamaru then you should visit the Steampunk Museum. If you want to know what to do with old rusty metal parts, then have a look at the Steampunk website. We visited and were fascinated by the imagination of some of these people.

[www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com).

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Also, pretty much next door is a great little car museum. It has about 18 cars on display including some real special Rally Cars. Well worth the \$10.00 entry fee.

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Q. What have Jandals and Volvos got in common?

A. Scott McLaughlin of course.

I've always been very surprised how our local Volvo's go on the track – They are very quick indeed. But now we all know the secret – It's the Jandal!

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Great to hear of the good numbers at the Supercars in Pukekohe, we certainly have a passion for the V8's. Looking at some of the photos of our club members who attended, particularly with their "prop up mates" – They were having a good time.

## **ATTENTION! Track & Yack ATTENTION!**

**Another 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Place:** Drovers Bar – Feilding

Numbers were down a little last month so what about a few of you Feilding MCC Members wandering down to the Drovers to join in the Track & Yack. It would be great to have you there.

Bring your wife, partner, or friend.

Enjoy a chat and enjoy the event.

Next Month: Speights Ale House – Grey Street  
Palmerston North

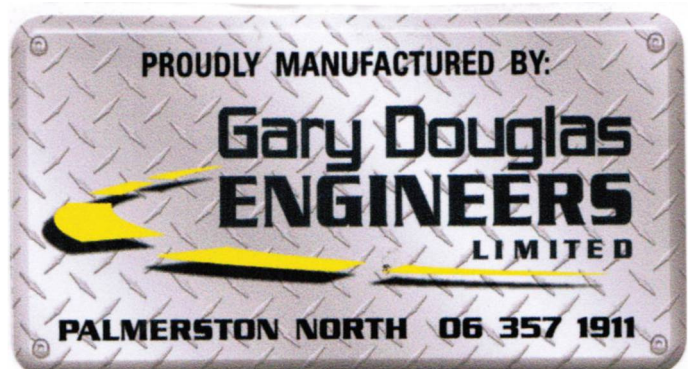
## Working Bee

Well, it's happened and we have photos to prove it!!!  
The old bar shed was taken down on the morning of the last Road & Track.

I thought 4 good guys would take 3 hours and it would be all over. Well it took 7 guys and a lady member, 1 ½ hours and the job was completed.

T.R. Group supplied a truck, which took all the rubbish to the tip, along with some old electrical equipment from the clubrooms and then a couple of guys went off and did some racing in the Road & Track meeting.

A Truly Great Result.



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# Roadmarking Services

## Summer Race Series – Roundup

Well summer came and went too fast... but what a great summer it was, especially if you are talking about the racing that was seen at each of the four rounds of the Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series.

The Manawatu Car Club Committee took a punt on a Summer Series in response to many of our club members asking “where can we race during the summer that has the same relaxed atmosphere as our Winter Series, the same or similar rules and most importantly for the same cost?” Well that punt well and truly paid off with everyone who attended enjoying a great day’s racing at any of the three rounds held at Manfeild, or indeed the one round held at the Taupo Motorsport Park.

A one day event, qualifying plus 3 competitive sprint races, a beer and something from the BBQ in hand by mid afternoon, excellent bang for buck... the perfect format really!

When the dust had settled after the final round at Manfeild on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, the following drivers had earned the bragging rights and got to take home some very cool trophies.

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
NZ Refrigeration Classics	Richard Ransom	Campbell Neill	Tom Lancaster
Specialised Autos European Cup	Geoff Boyden	Darren Utting	Peter Edmond
Danny’s Autos / Diamond Homes RS Cup	Dave Jenkins	Jennifer Stillman	Ian Hendra
Feilding Auto Electrical SF Cup	Simon Manthel	Craig Patterson	Neville Bradshaw
Coresteel IB Cup	Peter Edmond	Taylor Quine	Nick Stewart
ICS Ltd GT Cup	Kerry Halligan	Richie Arber	Ernie Stevens
KLM Carriers Mini Enduro	Craig Schofield	Neville Bradshaw	Geoff Spencer



Peter Edmond showing the young boys how it is done in the IB Cup



Neville, Simon and Paddy with their trophies for the SF Cup



Series Sponsor Kerry Halligan takes the top honor for the GT Cup ahead of Richie and Ernie

A special thanks to all of our Sponsors, Marshalls, and Volunteers and to you the Drivers who made this a truly awesome Summer Series... we look forward to making the next one even bigger and better...

## **What's Happening?**

### **The MCC Clubrooms:**

Over the years whilst we were not using the Clubrooms, a possum has been slowly eating the ceiling. The possum didn't start at one end and work his way through it. He has randomly eaten holes, here, there and everywhere. So we are trying to catch our hungry possum and patch all the holes in the ceiling. Eighteen have been patched so far. Ceilings then need to be painted.

The chairs in the Clubrooms, whilst in reasonable order, have been neglected and the cloth backs have perished, so at present we are sewing fabric covers for these. Each chair has to have the back removed, newly made covers fitted, then the chairs reassembled, quite a job, but we are getting there.

Terry and Joy Rush have been at the Clubrooms, window cleaning, removing the backs of chairs and general cleaning. We still have a few trips to make to the tip with the rubbish.

We are hopeful of starting some of the repainting in the Clubrooms before the Pot-Luck Dinner so look forward to seeing a new slightly more modern decor in some parts of the clubrooms.

### **Pot Luck Dinner Registration.**

To register your interest in our Pot Luck Dinner please either call or e-mail the below.

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## **We Want You There.**

**Celebrating the Beginning of the Winter Series.**

**Join us**  
**For A Pot Luck Dinner**

**Date:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Venue:** MCC Club Rooms, Kawa Kawa Road,  
Feilding

**Start Time:** 6.30pm.

### **Registration and Details Below.**

Come to your Club Rooms and enjoy an evening hosted by the Manawatu Car Club for the night.

The evening will include an introduction of the Series Sponsor, and the Class Sponsors for the upcoming Winter Series.

If you are one of these sponsors, we will be in touch very soon to confirm your attendance.

We have Russell Harris, a very well-known motoring guest speaker joining us to share some stories and entertain us.

We are hoping that this could well become an annual event.

Please let us know if you and a partner, or group are coming and help **"FIRE UP"** the start of the Four Round Winter Series.

**This is a Pot Luck Dinner, so please bring either a meat dish or a veggie dish, enough of which will feed yourself and whomever you bring with you.**

**You will also require your own Plate & Cutlery (plastic are best here) and you will need to bring your own choice of drink.**

# **Come Dine With Us & Be Entertained**

## 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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