



# Manawatu Car Club

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## Welcome

Welcome to our September newsletter, which means we are into our second year of having a monthly newsletter, keeping our members and friends in touch with the Manawatu Car Club. When everyone is in the know, as to what the Car Club is up to, great things happen.

Firstly, the increase in membership over the last 12 months has been nothing less than spectacular. I'm told that including Life Members, Volunteers, Members and Family Members, we have a membership of just on 300 members (Please don't all turn up at the up-dated clubrooms all at once though).

Next, the entries to our Race Meetings and our new Back-Track Auto-Cross/Gymkhana have exceeded expectation. The Back-Track Auto-Cross/Gymkhana has attracted a different club member being involved in this discipline, so we are seeing cars at the event not generally seen at race meetings. Then we have had a trial of the Drift Cars testing on the Main-Track on Saturday before the Sunday Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series. This is proving popular, again with different cars, and members being involved.

Our big Event, the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series will see over 100 cars entered for the final round of the Four Round Series on Father's Day. This coupled with the TR Group Truck Expo / Show & Shine – well what can we say. We stated in last month's newsletter "Texas will never be as big as this event" with well over 100 Trucks are entered to attend.

The monthly Track & Yack get-togethers are proving to be a great gathering time for members and friends to get together socially, both at the Feilding and Palmerston North locations.

I'll cover what's happening at the MCC Clubrooms a little further into this issue, but it's a little of the "look at me now" I'm all flashed up.

We do need to work on more of our members taking an active role in various areas of the club. As we have more events, going forward, we need members and friends to come forward (don't wait to be asked) and learn the various tasks that we need extra people for, so that we can rest our volunteers a bit more. It's a bit like a game of rugby, we have hand-picked players but we need people who know the game, on the bench, in case we have to fill in for a person, who maybe sick, or just can't attend on any given day. Like a game of rugby, you'll practice, before you are out on the "Field". Tell us what you would like to do to be part of the "Manawatu Car Club Racing Team".

I'm extremely proud to be part of the New Manawatu Car Club. At the final round of the F.A.E. Winter Race Series, you'll see club members around the track wearing our new MCC T-Shirts and Caps. This makes contacting a club member simple if you want directions or a question answered, because they will be easy to identify on the day.

At the speed the club is moving, we will soon be back to being the Premium Car Club to belong to and that will be fantastic. So please remember to renew your membership next month and enjoy the benefits of being a member of the Manawatu Car Club.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

**Track & Yack - 9<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm.**  
**Drovers Bar**  
**Feilding**



## Club History

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

Extracts from the Manawatu Car Club Inc.  
Part 10 1947 -48 Years

Paekakariki N.Z. Hill Climb Championship  
-Faulkner, Freeman & Farland Lead.

Another Auckland visitor, R.J. Roycroft, with the supercharged 749cc Austin, on his first run vanished from the starting line at a speed that bade fair to damage his own record, and in this run he brought the record for the up to 850cc class down by nearly fifty seconds, to 2 min 44.45 secs.

The Christchurch entrant, D.S. Drewery, with special J2 M.G. did not appear for this run, troubles ruling, then Kennedy with the ex-Clapperton Austin 7 produced a most creditable 3 min 7.75 secs. This for a driver new to the car and the hill.

Two entries appeared in the 1000cc class. Proctor drove the Riley Bugatti midget without fault, the car evidently a good handler on this course, and at the times appeared to be near the maximum. Hasley Logan with the Lagan Special and resounding megaphone exhaust, disappeared from the startling-line at a most promising speed. On each run fuel starvation set in about half way up the hill causing him to coast back the first time, and to make the top after a dour struggle the second. The trouble, manifesting itself here because there had so far been no opportunity to drive the car all-out over any considerable distance, probably lay in the ability of the mechanical fuel pump to produce pressure but not suction, the pump being sited on the valve cover, well above the tank. A crankshaft level drive modification followed for the Road race.

To be continued

## TROY HOWARD MOTORS Lucky Lone Lap Challenge

This new event for the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series is now near its final round.

We have had 3 rounds of this great event, with some great displays of driving an RX8, with no practice. It's not easy to step into an unfamiliar car like the RX8 and drive a quick ½ lap.

**Well done to all competitors.**

The final challenge will be again at lunch time just before the Trucks hit the track for the truck rides, as part of the TR Group Truck Expo.

Make sure you are there to watch the Troy Howard RX8 take its final spin (not literally we hope).

The Manawatu Car Club thanks Troy Howard Motors for the use of the car for this event.

[This is great lunch time entertainment](#)



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## Clubrooms Up-Date

The clubrooms are 90% complete in the first round of the up-date.

The pink rafters have been repainted back to brown, skirting around the main hall has been fitted and the ladies and men's restrooms are looking fantastic with all new china urinals, in the men's restrooms, new toilets and vanities in both.

The grounds are looking great with the trees gone and the surrounding area cleaned up. The old gardens have been completely remodelled.

The front entrance water drainage problem has been sorted with a very neat closed drainage system installed.

The clubrooms are now at the stage where we can use them with pride and pleasure. A true asset, built by our early car club members, for the future of our club.

They fell into a sad state, but with effort they are being returned to their former glory. They are even too flash for the resident rat and opossum who I believe have up and left!!!

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

**Time:** 7pm to 9pm

**Date:** **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**Place:** Drovers Bar, Feilding

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

**Next Month:** 14<sup>th</sup> October – Speights Ale House, P.Nth



**Supplier of the Mazda RX8 for the  
Lucky Lone Lap Challenge**

## Prize Giving Dinner We Want You To Attend

### **Booked Out!      Booked Out!**

A celebration of a Great Event. The Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series Prize Giving is to be held at the Clubrooms 120 Kawa Kawa Road Feilding.

#### **Join us for a Pot Luck Dinner**

- Date 13<sup>th</sup> September
- Time 6.30 pre-dinner drinks
- This is a Pot Luck Dinner
- Bring your own Plates & Cutlery
- It is BYO Drinks only
- Bring your own glasses
- Please bring a Meat & Vegetable dish and enough food for you and your group.

This system worked really well at our last event.

We request all Series Sponsors, and Class Sponsors to attend.

We also request that all those who have been advised they will be receiving awards, to be present at this event. You'll know this of course after Round 4.

We have had a great response for those wanting to attend. We have had to CUT OFF numbers, so we are sorry we can't take any more. Please don't just turn up, as this may cause you embarrassment.

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

**Sorry we are**

**Booked Out**

## Manawatu Toolshed Back-Track Autocross- August Gymkhana.

Numbers were down a little, as expected, for the second and final round of the Manawatu Toolshed Back-Track Autocross/Gymkhana on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. Saturdays are now work days for most and an event at the Masterton Motorplex drew a few of our Wellington friends away. Still, twenty three drivers entered the event and had a lot of fun with their cars on the Back-Track.

The classes are: Normally Aspirated Front Wheel Drive, Normally Aspirated Rear Wheel Drive, Forced Induction 4wd, Forced Induction Two Wheel Drive + NA 3800cc and Over, and Rookie.

In the morning the cones were set out around the track in four tests:

1. Decreasing circles
2. Figure of Eight
3. Stop in the box
4. Slalom

Each competitor had three timed runs with the fastest run counting. Five seconds were added for a knocked-over cone, and a few of those went flying.

Once again Jason Sutherland was the class of the field in the motorkhana, taking out all four tests in his fearsome supercharged Lotus Seven. Patrick Calder was a surprise runner-up in his 4wd Evo8 Lancer, making a relatively heavy car seem impressively nimble. Craig O'Brien was third in his quick 3dr MIVEC Mirage, only just holding out Keith Stewart in his RS1600 Escort who punctured late and had to go find another tyre.

Leon Cast had sold his Integra since the first round so the trusty Corolla came out, lifting a back leg at almost every turn, but still quick enough to claim sixth. Matt Flewellen followed in his mint Fraser Clubman.

First Rookie was Michael Crawford in his Skyline Turbo followed by Sean Browne in his newly acquired Turbo Starlet (thanks Dad) and Oliver Edmond was third in the Volvo 850 Turbo (thanks Dad too). Hmmm...rookies and turbos... is there a theme going on here?

After lunch the sealed autocross was set up with chicanes on the straights and a flying finish on the loop to the back straight of the 3km circuit.

Jason Sutherland made one run before the Zetec started making 'funny noises' and was parked on the trailer. That's all it took for FTD, but only just. Russell Byne in his Turbo SR20 RX7 trailed by 0.8sec to claim second from Matt Flewellen's Fraser 7. Only 0.34sec separated fourth-placed Craig O'Brien from Leon Cast.

First rookie was Adam McMillan in his Supra way up in seventh, followed by Sean Browne and Oliver Edmond. Michael Crawford looked promising but ran out of tyres overcoming friction.

After the cones were packed away and all the gear stashed, we met in the Clubrooms for the Series prize giving. Manawatu Toolshed kindly donated a tool roll for the Overall Winner and Makita caps for the class winners.

And the prizes go to:

NAFWD: Craig O'Brien

NARWD: Keith Stewart

FI2WD + 3800cc and over: Jason Sutherland

FI4WD: Patrick Calder

Rookie: Sean Browne (wins a voucher for free entry in the next Back-Track event)

Overall Gymkhana: Jason Sutherland

Overall Autocross: Jason Sutherland

Overall Winner: Jason Sutherland

Big thanks to Kaye Flannagan, Phil Keith, Les Green, Jamie Glen, Dylan Wilson, Russell Byne and Shane Rutland for their help in running this mini-series. We saw a lot of new faces and had a heap of fun.

We will be running more of these Back-Track events in the future so watch this space...

## **WANTED**

### **Agapanthus Plants!!!**

We have cut down all of the old willow trees that graced the stop-bank at the Manawatu Car Club Clubrooms and then mulched some of those trees and spread them back over the banks to stop the weeds from growing, which looks great.

Now we need to plant out the bank in Agapanthus plants to hold the bank together and to make it look even better.

If you have or know of anyone who has any clumps of Agapanthus plants that you can give us it would be truly appreciated, you just need to dig them up for us and tell us when you can deliver them☺..., alternatively give us a call and we may be able to come and collect them...

Phone: Geoff 027 4447 348  
Or Richie 027 2900 668

## **DONATION TO CANTEEN**

At the 4<sup>th</sup> Round of the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series, during the lunch time break, and somewhere in between the Troy Howard Motors Lucky Lone Lap Challenge and TR Group Truck Rides, the Manawatu Car Club and the Classic Car Breakfast Club, will jointly make a presentation to Canteen.

**Canteen** – who have been supporting young people with cancer since 1988, will also benefit from the Gold Coin Donations made for the TR Group Truck Rides, where all of the donations for the rides will go to Canteen.

The Canteen people will be at the last round of the Winter Series on Father's Day with buckets collecting for this worthwhile cause. So please if you see them, and you have a few spare Gold Coins in your pocket, please donate them to the collectors as this is a truly great cause.

**CANTEEN – SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CANCER.**

## **An E-mail from a busy man!**

Hi, great to see your newsletter.

Certainly different to the old typewriter / gestetner publications I was the editor for in the 60's. Am off to Malaysia for next round of their Rally Championship on Tuesday but will see if I can make your Drivers Track & Yack night in Sept.

Kind Regards

*Brian Green*

## **STOP PRESS!!!**

It was announced in the Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Manawatu Standard that Heather Verry C.E.O. of Manfield Park had resigned.

Heather has been the C.E.O. of Manfield Park for the last five years and departs in November to take up a position with the N.Z. Police association.

The Manawatu Car Club would like to take this opportunity to wish her well in her new position.

# **Come Racing With Us**