



Manawatu Car Club

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Welcome

When you receive this newsletter, we will be driving Route 66 on the Mother Road in America.



This is something we have always wanted to do and this year we decided the time was right. We are sure there will be some stories to tell you about on our return at one of our Track & Yack evenings.

The 4th and final round of the Feilding Auto Electrical winter series racing went off with a big bang. There was some great racing, the Troy Howard Lucky Lone Lap final spin plus the TR Truck Expo and Charity Truck Rides. What a huge day for participants and spectators alike.

The Manawatu Car Club, along with the Classic Car Breakfast Club, presented a cheque for \$1,000.00 to CANTEEN, who looks after young people with cancer. All monies that were raised by the gold coin donations for the truck rides were also donated by TR Group to CANTEEN. Worthy recipients indeed and this tied in with the start of their two week long campaign to raise funds for the year.

The 100 of you who were able to go to the pot-luck dinner and awards evening on the 14th of September, will agree we are sure that the clubrooms are looking very good, now that the first stage of the up-grade is complete. We can all be proud of the clubrooms now that they are being returned to their former glory. The rooms can now be used for all kinds of functions, meetings get-togethers, the letting of the clubrooms will now be in the hands of Hirepool in Feilding.

The awards on the night were presented by Russell Harris and you will see a list of the results and photos from the evening further through in this newsletter. Russell was also the compere for the evening and of course he is well known for his radio commentating, Robertson Holden speedway and our own Manawatu Car Club commentating as well as acting as M.C. for many other functions. Russell made the comment at our last Pot-luck dinner to kick the Winter Series off, that if the club continued on the track that it is now on, that we would be bursting at the seams of the next function we held in the Clubrooms and he was right, we did have to close the RSVP's off at 100 people - see the evenings report a little further through.

At the dinner we said a special farewell to Bondy (Steve Bond) from "heavy duties" as one of our officials. Bondy is a legend within the Manawatu Car Club folklore and a life member of the club. His contribution to the wellbeing of our club has been immense, our club needs more "Bondy's" as it is this type of commitment, enthusiasm and comedy along with an all-round "can do" attitude that leads to life's successes. Bondy's well known Hillman Hunter has also seen a lot of action over the years and is now sitting waiting for another enthusiastic owner to take it over.

In any club you only get out of it what you put in to it, our members need to look no further than Bondy to see the example he has set, and step up to the challenge now. No matter if you are a competitor or non-competitor, take pride in the Manawatu Car Club, be involved and take ownership of something great.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

Manawatu Car Club Subs

All members are reminded that membership to the Manawatu Car Club annual fee is due on the 30th September 2014.

We have set one price of \$90.00 for full membership.

Prompt payment would be appreciated. Your fees help to keep the club alive and allow everyone to keep racing.

Payments can be made by Direct Debit through the MCC Website.

Alternatively Payments can be made to Craig Patterson, Committee Member at Mag & Turbo on Featherston Street opposite Countdown supermarket.

You will be issued with a membership receipt upon payment being made.

Committee Members for 2014

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Robert Lester Terry Rush Stan Turner

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Editors

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

For Sale

Manawatu Car Club 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 \$20.00 ea.

Manawatu Car Club Emblem Stickers are for sale for you to have on your Car, Ute, and Race Car etc... This was a first time release.

Emblem Stickers are for sale for \$5.00 ea.

Manawatu Car Club Caps are for sale, first time release. Great looking baseball cap with the MCC Monogram on the front and "Come Racing With Us" on the back. This great cap is in green & black.

Manawatu Car Club Caps are for sale for \$30.00 ea

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

Contact Jeff Braid on: 0274-773-337

Or email:

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Thank You

A huge "thank you" must go to John Osborne from Christchurch who gave up three days to lend a hand helping with the Clubrooms upgrade. John is a long time racer and was up in Palmerston North on business and came over to the clubrooms when he knew we needed help. THANK YOU JOHN

ATTENTION! Track & Yack ATTENTION!

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Date: Tuesday, 14th October 2014

Place: Speights Ale House, Grey St, P.Nth

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

Next Month: 11th November – Drovers Bar, Feilding

TRACK TALK

Event	2014
MCC Summer Shakedown	8 – 9 November
MG Classic	14 - 16 November
Road & Track R4	29th November
Roadmarking Services Summer Series Rd1	30th November
Road & Track R5	20th December
Roadmarking Services Summer Series R2	21st December



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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.

The 1500cc. class resolved itself into a contest between Hollis with the TC M.G. and Farland with Magnette. Both Shand and Christies drove well and with notable determination, but they could not offset the extra b.h.p. and experience of the hill of the first pair. The Easterbrook-Smith Alvis could not match the performance of the previous year. The Vogtherr Morgan 4/4 showed conspicuously good cornering, but lacked the power which could have well been used by such a manageable car.

Times were distinctly leisurely in the 3000cc. group. The leading car, the 1922 T.T. Sunbeam, was hampered at the start by its 9 to 1 low gear, showed considerable speed on portions of the run, but lost considerable time to others by what is termed "Disappearing Gears". All very complicated and Olde Worlde! On the second run the driver decided that there must be no more of this nonsense, and actually passed the water trough level without trouble. Here however the grade obliges the momentary use of low in this car, to return from second seeded to be more than the operator could manage this year.

To be continued

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Helping to keep the MCC Clubrooms wired


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TROY HOWARD MOTORS Lucky Lone Lap Challenge

This was a new event for the 2014 Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series.

We had 4 rounds of this fantastic event, with some great displays of driving an RX8, with no practice. It's not easy to step into a car like the RX8 and drive a quick ½ lap.

Well done to all the competitors who took part.

The final challenge was at lunch time just before the trucks drove the track, as part of the TR Group Truck Expo / Show & Shine.

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

This was great lunch time entertainment

Congratulations



Murray Crooks

**The Winner of the Troy Howard Motors
Lucky Lone Lap Challenge**



Suppliers of Paint to the MCC

Prize Giving Dinner

It was a night not to be missed.

Our prize giving pot-luck dinner was a huge success, with a "full house", flash new clubroom surroundings, and great food. It was a night not to be missed.

Russell Harris our M.C. took us through the evening, telling stories of race meetings, drivers and times of old and new. A screen was showing photos of some of the race cars, which encouraged tales to be told and some reminiscing of different race meetings as either a driver or spectator.

After a special presentation was made to Steve Bond, Russell did an impromptu interview with "Bondy", who was able to throw a little light on events that he had been involved in.

Presentations were made to 1st 2nd and 3rd place getters and over all winners in all categories of the Winter Series. (See results further on in this newsletter). Most of the Sponsors were in attendance to make presentations to the worthy recipients and in the case where some of these place getters were absent, Jamie Wincup and Craig Lownes (near full size cut-outs) did the honours by standing in and receiving the awards on their behalf. It was quite an honour for those standing on the podium with legends of the race track.

Food was varied and plentiful and everyone enjoyed the event, many saying that this was like times gone before, and that it was so good to see the clubrooms returning to their former glory and being used again for the purpose they were built for.

Come dine and socialise with us at our next big event.



Master of ceremonies, Russell Harris

Projects / Clubrooms

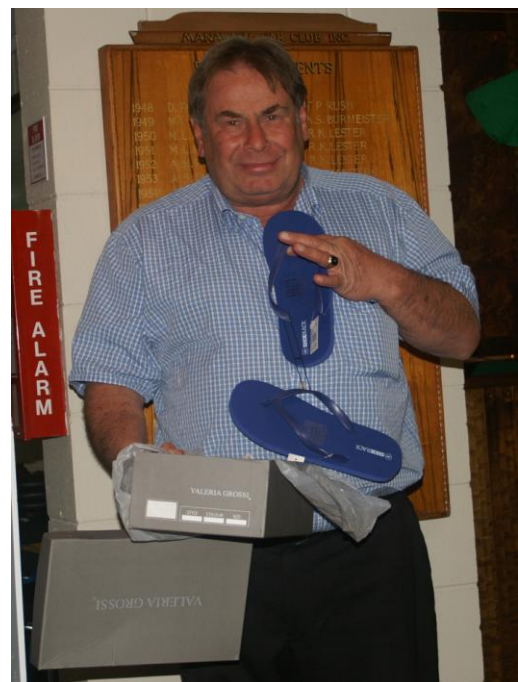
Stage one of the clubrooms is complete, and was ready to be used for the prize-giving pot-luck dinner.

Stage two will see new Aluminium French Doors, where the big old wooden exterior doors are at present, then more new drapes are ready to be hung over these. A monitored alarm system is being installed this month.

The general thought is to clean out the old bar area and make this into an attractive lounge seating alcove. This would have a lounge suite and coffee tables with a small library and coffee making facility. A great area to relax in or have a small group meeting in. It would then give the venue the opportunity to be used for multipurpose gatherings.

The car park area needs to be marked out with parking lines and the clubrooms need a full check of all the electrical wiring so that all lights and switches are working.

As from next month the clubrooms will be available for hiring. Hirepool in Feilding will be our "agent" handling all of the bookings; however the MCC will always have the 1st opportunity for use. Hirepool can offer a full package, from liaising with prospective clients, showing the venue, booking the venue and supplying additional seating, tables etc... that the client requires and most importantly take care of the clean-up following the event. We need to get a return on our investment, so let's hope that this happens soon.



Volvo Pete, receiving his new race boots



Classics winners



The Boss 1st, Apprentice 2nd...



Formula Libre... with a couple of ring-ins



GT Cup winner Kerry Halligan



The MX5 Cup boys... check out the shoes!!!



European Cup Winners



IB Cup Winner & Sponsor Geoff Spencer



Champion of Champions – Andrew Johnson



Trudy Ann Trophy winner Ryan Cooksley



SF Cup, Paddy standing in for Winner Sam Barry



Russell talking to "Bondy"



Our very own Editor receiving an award, ask him what for...

Targa 2014

This year the Targa Main Event is to be held in the South Island, mainly in the Deep South.

From this region we have 8 competitors entered.

Rob Ryan	Palmerston North
Beven Claridge	Opiki
Robert Gunn	Marton
Craig Pilet	Marton
Richard Ramson	Palmerston North
Brian Green	Palmerston North
Jason Easton	Foxton
Bruce Goodwin	Ohingaiti

Once the event is underway, you can follow all progress on the Targa Site.

We wish all of you who have entered all the very best of luck.

Thanks for the Aggies

Thank you to Cameron Jones who delivered enough Agapanthus plants to the MCC Clubrooms for us to plant out the whole entire bank where the trees had been cleared and mulched making for a much tidier area behind the clubrooms.

Richard Ramson planted these out and in given time they will bulk up and it will look fantastic and will be a clean and tidy area.

Thank you Cameron and Richard



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

Donation to CANTEEN

At the 4th Round of the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series, during the lunch time break, and somewhere in between the Troy Howard Lucky Lone Lap Challenge and Truck Rental Truck Rides, the Manawatu Car Club and the Classic Car Breakfast Club, jointly make a presentation to Canteen of \$1,000.00



Canteen – Supporting young people with cancer, also benefitted from the Gold Coin Donations made from the TR Group Truck Rides. The amount collected was \$464.00

Canteen also collected \$18.10 in their buckets from donations as they walked around Manfeild during the event.

Thank you if you put your hand in your pocket for this worthy course.

A Grand Total of \$1,482.10

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

Welcome To Our New Members

Brendan Neiman	Adult	Wellington
Grant Anderson	Adult	Napier
Shane Jurgeleit	Family	PN
Brandon Jurgeleit	Family	PN
Shaye Freeman	Adult	Wellington
Gaylene Funnell	Family	PN
Emma Funnell	Family	PN
Amy Funnell	Family	PN

**Track & Yack - 14th October 7pm.
Speights Ale House
Palmerston North**

FEILDING AUTO ELECTRICAL WINTER SERIES 2014

PRIZE WINNERS

Class	Name	Points
European Cup		
1st	Andrew Johnson	827
2nd	Geoff Boyden	712
3rd	Craig Paterson	217
Formula Libre		
1st	Bramwell King	652
2nd	Brook Reeve	617
3rd	Craig Greenwood	449
Classic		
1st	Layton Hammond	624
2nd	Ben Boyden	620
3rd	Ian Williamson	592
MX5 Cup		
1st	Bryce Hogg	670
2nd	Gareth Hogg	645
3rd	Troy Howard	612
RS Cup		
1st	Danny McKenna	690
2nd	Matt Tasker	654
3rd	Dave Jenkins	546
SF Cup		
1st	Sam Barry	671
2nd	Gerald Watson	649
3rd	Nick Kacouris	623
IB Cup		
1st	Geoff Spencer	511
2nd	Peter Edmond	428
3rd	Kerry Tong	421
GT Cup		
1st	Kerry Halligan	794
2nd	Stuart Inwood	723
3rd	Mitch Kerr	573
Trudy-Anne Trophy	Ryan Cooksley	Winner of RS Cup Race 2 of Round 3 FAEWRS
GT Oils Performance Round 4	Richie Arber	Broke out on every flying lap of all 3 races
Champion of Champions	Andrew Johnson	Wins free entry to 2015 FAEWRS

MANAWATU CAR CLUB RACE CALENDAR

October 2014

Saturday 4th:	Manawatu Vintage Car Club Swap Meet
Sunday 5th:	D1NZ DRIFT SERIES. New Zealand's best drifters
Friday 10th:	Manfeild open test day. Competition cars and bikes
Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th:	NZ Secondary Schools Mini Moto GP
Tuesday 14th October:	Manfeild Park Trust AGM
Sunday 19th:	CDCCC and Constructors Car Club Track Day
Friday 24th:	Manfeild open test day. Competition cars and bikes

November 2014

Friday 7th:	Manfeild Open Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Saturday 8th:	SUMMER SHAKEDOWN Day 1 IRC invitation classes
Saturday 9th:	SUMMER SHAKEDOWN Day 2 IRC invitation classes
Friday 14th:	MG Classic Test Day
Saturday 15th:	MG Classic Race Meeting Day 1
Sunday 16th:	MG Classic Race Meeting Day 2
Friday 21st:	Manfeild open test day. Competition cars and bikes
Saturday 29th:	MANAWATU TOOLSHED ROAD & TRACK SPRINT SERIES R4
Sunday 30th:	SUMMER SERIES ROUND 1 - One-day club race meeting

December 2014

Sunday 7th:	Marshals and Volunteers day. Fire and rescue training and a bit of fun on the track
Friday 12th:	Manfeild open test day. Competition cars and bikes
Saturday 20th:	MANAWATU TOOLSHED ROAD & TRACK SPRINT SERIES R5 Final and Prizegiving.
Sunday 21st:	SUMMER SERIES ROUND 2 - One-day club race meeting

January 2015

Sunday 25th:	SUMMER SERIES ROUND 3 - Taupo Motorsport Park - One-day club race meeting
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February 2015

Friday 13th:	NEW ZEALAND GRAND PRIX Test Day. Manawatu Fireworks Spectacular from 6pm
Saturday 14th:	NEW ZEALAND GRAND PRIX Race Day
Sunday 15th:	NEW ZEALAND GRAND PRIX Race Day
Friday 20th:	IRC Round 2 Test Day
Saturday 21st:	IRC Round 2 Race Day
Sunday 22nd:	IRC Round 2 Race Day

April 2015

Saturday April 11th:	MANAWATU TOOLSHED ROAD & TRACK SPRINT SERIES ROUND 1. 3km circuit
Sunday April 12th:	SUMMER RACE SERIES ROUND 4 - One-day club race meeting

June 2015

Saturday 6th:	TEST DAY AND DRIFT PRACTICE
Sunday 7th:	WINTER RACE SERIES ROUND 1 - One-day club race meeting
Sunday 21st:	MANAWATU TOOLSHED ROAD & TRACK SPRINT SERIES ROUND 2 3km circuit

July 2015

Saturday 4th:	TEST DAY AND DRIFT PRACTICE
Sunday 5th:	WINTER RACE SERIES ROUND 2 - One-day club race meeting
Sunday 17th:	MANAWATU TOOLSHED BACK-TRACK AUTOCROSS/MOTORKHANA

August 2015

Saturday 1st:	TEST DAY AND DRIFT PRACTICE
Sunday 2nd:	WINTER RACE SERIES ROUND 3 - One-day club race meeting
Saturday 23rd:	MANAWATU TOOLSHED BACK-TRACK AUTOCROSS/MOTORKHANA

September 2015

Saturday 5th:	TEST DAY AND DRIFT PRACTICE
Sunday 6th:	WINTER RACE SERIES ROUND 4 - One-day club race meeting

Come Racing With Us

2014 Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series Round 4 Report

Freightliners, Fathers and Fast Cars:

Father's Day at Manfeild means big trucks and the biggest club race series in New Zealand as the Manawatu Car Club, Manfeild Park and TR Group ran the combined Truck Expo and Winter Race Series for the third consecutive year. Big crowds rolled in for the big rigs and the fast cars. Round 4 saw an all-time record entry of 122 cars competing for the silverware in eight classes.

It was down to the wire in formula Libre as points leader Bramwell King had a DNF in race 2 and a DNS in race 3 with a clutch problem. Speedsport Scholarship winner, and 2nd place-sitter, Brook Reeve was ready to pounce. Formula Ford-mounted Jordan Mountfort cleared off to win all three races despite spinning at the hairpin all on his own in the last race. If it weren't for three solid 2nd places by Brody McConkey, Reeve was in with a chance, but when the points were tallied, Bramwell King took the title by a scant 35 points. Craig Greenwood stayed away for Round 4, but collected enough points to take third in the series.

In the lightly supported European Cup, Andrew Johnson's win in the last race saw him 115 points ahead of 2nd placed, and fellow BMW E36 driver, Geoff Boyden. Guest Volvo 850 driver Craig 'Paddy' Paterson claimed third spot by virtue of two wins and a 2nd placing early in the season, but a massive 640 points behind the competition winner. This will be a class to watch as more European race cars start to appear on the circuits.

Classics drew a strong field of 20 cars. Despite two good wins and a 5th place this round and having the most wins all season, Ian Williamson in the green RX2 rotary was unable to make up for a disastrous Round 2 and had to settle for third in the series. In the end only four points separated winner Layton Hammond in his Escort from runner-up Ben Boyden in the Castrol Commodore.

SF (Slightly Faster) Cup saw NZ V8 Ute driver Sam Barry consistently accumulate points all four rounds in his Suzuki Swift, to take a 22point win and the trophy over Gerald Watson in his Yellow Datsun 1200 Coupe. Nick Kacouris's awkward Subaru Omega Coupe shouldn't handle like it does as it defies the laws of physics, but it is quick. Looking back to round 1 where two DNFs meant zero points, it was always going to be an uphill task to get better than third.

The MX5s were out in force running with the SF grid but racing each other for the Cup. Again a bit of argy-bargy meant a trip upstairs for a few to answer to the Clerk of the Course. Lighter wallets and clipped licences reinforced the concept of 'racing room' and 'driving standards'. Having said that the difference between great racing and a pile-up can be a split-second and most of the time these drivers display some pretty impressive skills. Gareth Hogg and Troy Howard were the beneficiaries of the judicial process as the transgressors were relegated to the back of the pack in race 1. Race 2 saw a fired-up Andrew Watson fist-pump as he took the chequered flag from Gareth Hogg and Jarred Bird. The handicap race had Troy Howard lead Mike Dunn and Andrew Watson over the line. In spite of a pretty average day Bryce Hogg was able to salvage the series win from brother Gareth by 25 points, with a delighted Troy Howard in third place.

The welcome return of Glen Smith in his Crawford Porsche Turbo to GT Cup meant that series leader Kerry Halligan had his work cut out. Aussie import Stuart Inwood in the C5 Corvette was determined to keep him honest, with Ross Thurston in his EVO Lancer finally finding some reliability and blistering speed. Four-wheels good, two-wheels bad as the Evos of Thurston and Craig 'Zippo' McIntosh launched past the hapless and grip-less. But it all came unstuck for Zippo as the back overtook the front into Splash and time for a bit of lawnmowing in the infield. Smith took the win with Thurston 2nd and Inwood 3rd. Race 2 reverse top 10 again saw Smith in front, running a best lap of 1.04.25. Kerry Halligan overcame a power-steer issue for 2nd, with Thurston third. The handicap race was the Smith/Halligan show with Michael Yorwarth third in his immaculate Mazda RX3 Coupe. Kerry Halligan retains the GT Cup for another year with Stuart Inwood runner-up and Mitch Kerr third.

Thirty five cars faced the start lights in the IB (In Between) Cup Race 1 so it was as busy as a Bombay bazaar into turn 1. When the dust settled it was Ivan Knauf in his FXGT Corolla followed by Eddie Dreanean in his WRX and Ross Gordon in his Nissan Sentra who took line honours. Race 2 saw Dave Scott in his MX5litre V8 lead Simon Hetterscheids rotary Datsun 1200 coupe and Ivan Knauf's Corolla to the flag. The handicap race Neil King in his Civic won over Grant Anderson's Falcon taxi with Simon Hetterscheid third. All the while Geoff 'SOS' Spencer was there or thereabouts, picking up points to stash with his already healthy total. Surprisingly a third placing was his best result for the whole season. Consistent, clean driving, a 100% reliable car and a bit of bad luck on behalf of some of his competitors allowed Geoff to get both hands on the IB Cup. Runner-up was Peter Edmond trailing by 85 points, with Kerry Tong in the Taxi Racing Falcon a mere 7 points behind in 3rd.

Breakouts would determine hero's from zeros as the RS (Real Slow) Cup lined up for their trio of races. Either of the title contenders, Danny McKenna (The Boss) and Matt Tasker (The Employee), could take the prize if the clock was kind. Danny was credited with the race 1 win as Matt broke out and copped a penalty. Tim Sanderson was a surprise third place-getter in his TR7 wedge. Race 2 and another McKenna win from Anna Morgan in her Civic from break-out boy Matt Tasker. The handicap race had the timekeepers' ink flowing as 12 of the 18 starters beat the RS lap target of 1m32sec. (Richie Arber broke out on every flying lap of all three races!) Last year's champion Simon Wellum won from Danny McKenna and Tim Sanderson. 'The Boss' beat 'The Employee' by 36 points in the second-closest class-winning margin. When Matt goes back to work Danny will remind him every day how he won the RS Cup. Third place went to quiet achiever Dave Jenkins in the Starlet even though he gathered a few break-out rulings.

The season wrapped up on a high as the weather was kind and the crowds were huge. The only downside was a spate of broken windscreens caused by debris on the track.

Throughout the series a total of 200 drivers signed-up from all over the North Island, with a driver even crossing the Strait from Nelson to come racing with us.

The Club has a busy calendar over summer with a four round Summer Series, two IRC rounds and the NZ Grand Prix meeting along with sprints, autocrosses and motorkhanas.

To keep in touch check www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz or www.facebook.com/ManawatuCarClub