



Manawatu Car Club

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Welcome

It's been said many times before "isn't it great when a plan comes together" – but it really is!

On Saturday night the 18th April we celebrated in the clubrooms, the naming of the two areas – The Fordy Farland Room and The Fred Parker Room, along with presenting Marshalls Awards, a Retirement Award and the presentation of Trophies for the Roadmarking Services Summer Series Prize Giving. With over 80 people in attendance, a great night was enjoyed by all.

Then last weekend we held the first Grass Autocross we have had for a long time. This was held at Ian Easton's farm just out of Shannon. A great response, fantastic venue, good weather, exciting track, so an enjoyable day was had by everyone involved.

Over the last month or so, we have had a great social event with our Pot Luck Dinner at the clubrooms on the 18th April, the Track & Yack at Drovers on the 14th April, a working bee at the clubrooms on the 11th April and the Grasskana at Easton's Farm on the 3rd May. Our goal has been to bring the club back to its roots and we seem to be achieving that, however we still need more members to be involved in the various activities we are providing.

We are very focused on bringing these events to the members at a low cost, so that more members can participate. So please support the events the committee are organizing, so they are encouraged to move on with the great job they are doing. Four good events in the month is not a bad coming together.

There is a small night rally coming up soon as well, so watch this space.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

Committee Members for 2015

President - Graham Buchanan – 027 497 5675

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Secretary - Jeff Braid – 027 477 3337

Committee:

Jeff Braid, Richie Arber, James O'Regan, Kerry Halligan, Noel Beale, Tim Wilde, Peter Edmond, Jaron Olivecrona, Trevor Weir, Geoff Boyden, Greg Browne, Danny McKenna

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.

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Geoff & Glenys Boyden

ATTENTION! Track & Yack ATTENTION!

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Date: Tuesday, 12th May 15'

Place: Speights Ale House, P.Nth

Bring your wife, partner, or friend and enjoy a special occasion, have a chat and catch up with friends and the news.

Next Track & Yack:

Tuesday, 9th June 2015.

Drovers Bar
Feilding

Track & Yack - 12th May 7pm.
Speights Ale House
Palmerston North

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

May 1949. The Waikanae 50
Another Shattering Beach Race.

The fifty-mile Beach Race of the NZSCC has now been held at Waikanae Beach for two successive seasons, and seems to be on the way to establishment of a reputation as the venue for the most widely assorted collection of car types. This year's race continues the fashion, and with the introduction of the credit lap system of handicap allowances, a mass start, and the essential winner-first-over-the line condition being retained, the complex contest of cars most disparate in performance appears to have been resolved into something retaining the necessary handicap features while offering to the public an approximation to a scratch race spectacle. The gathering seemed to retain a grasp of the course of the race, the main regret being the fact that most of the obviously fast cars defected early in the piece. No discredit to those who remained, and still set a cracking pace.

A one-mile lap was set up, and the beach surface was firm and dry, though heavier than that of the year before. A certain amount of preliminary tuning and running about occurred, in which the fearsome Easterbrook-Smith Special showed temperament, alternately running furiously then not at all and then the entry was divided into upper and lower handicap groups, each to run a one-lap dash with all cars at scratch.

To be continued.

Projects & Clubrooms

Prior to the Pot Luck Dinner we were able to have the two Heat Pumps installed by NZ Refrigeration, thanks Colin Bary.

The new curtain Tracks went up and the new drapes were fitted, after some urgent sewing by Glenys Boyden. They really look great.

The 3rd shelf in the storeroom was made and installed, and then all three shelving units were painted.

The timing equipment has now been relocated to this area where additional power points have been installed, so the equipment can be charged then loaded in and out through the roller door, making Jeff Braids life a little easier as he prepares for race meetings.

At the last working bee, we got a 2nd coat on most of the front wall of the clubrooms, however part of this wall still has to have a sealer coat completed, once the blocks have dried.

Roadmarking Services painted the parking lines in the carpark ready for the Saturday night function so now the carpark is looking very flash. (Members even parked using the lines), thanks Kerry and Karen.

We had the new appliances arrive as a result of our Central Energy Trust grant, and they were installed prior to the Pot Luck Dinner as well.

We need to finish off the store-room, complete the exterior front wall painting, install the waste-master and new hot-water cylinder, then we will make a start on the alterations in the old Bar Area. This will be quite a big job, so we will want some help with this one please members.

Geoff Boyden

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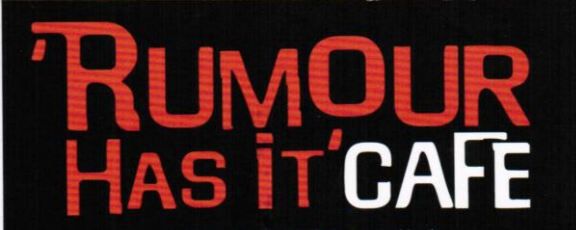
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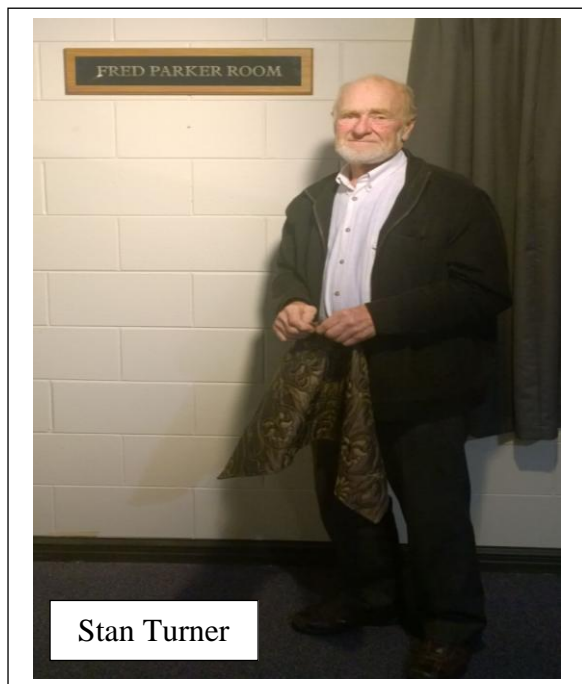


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Peter & Beulah Farland



Stan Turner

CAR CLUB HONOURS FOUNDING MEMBERS

**A fitting Formality for two of the Manawatu Car Clubs
Founding Members.**

For over forty years the rooms in the Manawatu Car Club's clubrooms were known as 'The Main Room' and 'The Extension'. That all changed on Saturday night as the Club acknowledged two of their founding members in a special way, by naming the rooms the "Fordy Farland Room" and the 'Fred Parker Room' at the Prize Giving evening for the 2015 Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series. It was an honour to have the Farland family members there to share in this special occasion.

These two lovely polished wood and brass name plaques were unveiled by Fordy's son Peter Farland and his wife Beulah and Life Member Stan Turner.

Stan did the honours of unveiled the Fred Parker plaque, then went on to entertained the gathering with stories of the two 'tearaways' (Fordy & Fred) plus gave a little of the history leading up to the establishment of the Club in 1947, not long after the end of the Second World War. Under their leadership the club went on to become one of the original members of what is now Motorsport New Zealand.

Early days of competition were grass motorkhanas, gravel sprints, gravel hillclimbs and car trials before any established race circuits were built. The ultimate aim was for the Club to have its own track. The Club organised race meetings at Ohakea, but when an increase in military air traffic closed that option they went on to assist running events at the Levin race circuit.

In 1974, after a lot of sacrifice, (working bees) and support from a wide range of local businesses and organisations, the Manawatu Car Club opened the Manfeild race circuit in Feilding, fulfilling the dream of Fordy and Fred.

Others to be honoured at the evening were Jill Cowham, who was acknowledged for her dedicated service to the Manawatu Car Club and Manfeild, Warwick Law who was awarded the Blair Tennant Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Club Participation, Barbara Wild was awarded the Ross Tillson Memorial Cup a Manfeild Service Award and James O'Regan received the Rex McKenzie Memorial Cup for Dedication to Your Sport as a senior Grid Marshal.

Jeff Braid, Secretary Manawatu Car Club



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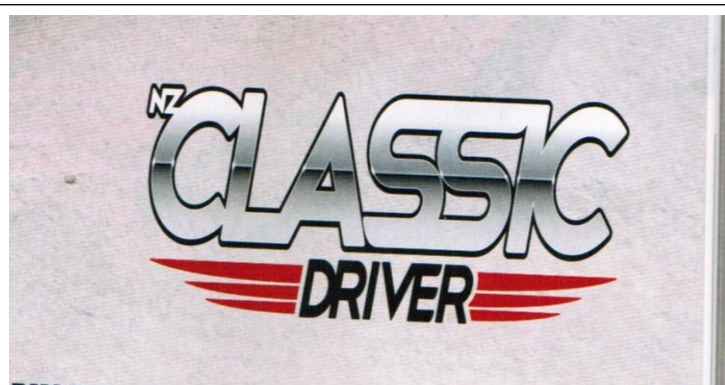
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Classic Driver Magazine.

Bruce and Robyn of N.Z. Classic Driver Magazine provided us with prizes for our Summer Series Prize giving, of subscriptions to N.Z. Classic Driver; however the post didn't deliver these to us until after the event. We will hold these prizes now for use at our Winter Series prize giving event and thank N.Z. Classic Driver for their support of the Manawatu Car Club. This Bi-monthly magazine is a great read. Make sure you get a copy.



Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series Cup winners for 2014 / 2015 are:



GT Cup Winner - Kerry Halligan
Class Sponsor: Phill Dravitski (ICS)



IB Cup Class Winner - Nick Brough (absent).
Class Sponsor: Anton Cheetham (Geartech)



SF Cup Winner - Gareth Hogg
Class Sponsor: Kate Mooney (KLM Carriers)



RS Cup Winner - Richie Arber
Class Sponsors: Danny McKenna (Dannys Autos)
Ben Boyden (Diamond Homes - also 3rd place)



Classics Cup Winner - Leighton Lancaster
Class Sponsor: Colin Bary (NZ Refrigeration)



European Cup Winner – Andrew Johnson (absent)
Class Sponsor: Peter Edmond (Specialised Autos)

The four rounds of the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series begins on Sunday - June 7th with the final round on Fathers' Day Sunday September 6th. For more information on Manawatu Car Club events check out the website www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz or www.facebook.com/ManawatuCarClub or call Jeff Braid on: 0274-773-337

THE STREETS OF WELLINGTON (PART 4)

One of the most talked-about entries in the 1992 Nissan Mobil 500 was a chocolate brown coloured Ford Sierra Cosworth nicknamed "The Slab" in recognition of the Whittakers sponsorship. National TranZam champion Kayne Scott and Brett Riley were scheduled to drive the car but Riley pulled out and was replaced by a rising star in single-seater racing, a young man called Greg Murphy. Following a brief test session with the Sierra at Manfeild, rookie Murphy lined up against the BMW M3s, Holden Commodores, Ford Sierras and Falcons for qualifying, he was a full 2 seconds quicker than his team mate to be sixth on the grid!!! The team's one-stop strategy evaporated when Scott pitted half an hour early. Murphy was in third place when he stopped to refuel and was ordered to stay in the car for the final stint. Unfortunately that extra stop cost a podium finish, but fourth wasn't a bad day's work in his tin-top debut - a week later Scott and Murphy also finished fourth at Pukekohe to be second overall in the series behind Paul Radisich and Aussie partner Mark Preston in one of the Dick Johnson Shell Sierras. On the strength of those two race results who could have predicted what the future held for one of Manfeild's favourite sons?

The Wellington race winners were Aussies Tony Longhurst and Paul Morris in their Benson & Hedges Racing BMW M3, a lap ahead of Radisich and Preston with Owen Evans and Bill Farmer third in a Porsche Carrera RS.

A year later fans were confronted by the fact that for the first time there would be no big Aussie V8 teams on the grid, replaced by a new breed of FIA Class 2 two-litre cars that attracted a meagre three entries, supported by four other FIA classes, the 500 kilometre race distance equating to 134 laps. The star attraction was the Ford Mondeo of Paul Radisich and Glenn Seton, the co-stars being a Peugeot 405 Mi16 and an Opel Vectra.

For the organisers Radisich was the big drawcard as he had won the World Touring Car Championship, but the Yellow Pages backed car was out on lap 94 after making severe contact with a barrier with Seton at the wheel. In a comparatively tame race the Lighting Direct Porsche Carrera 911RS of Owen Evans and Swiss Bruno Eichmann was a comfortable winner in a Porsche 1-2-3 result.

The entry that year included two Manawatu 19 year olds, Brady Kennett *(1) and Michael Bate in a Castrol/Tasman Asia Shipping backed Toyota Corona GLX, but only one faced the main race starter. Kennett crashed heavily and broke a leg in an earlier support race, the decision was made for top kiwi Superbike rider Aaron Slight to co-drive but that idea was short-lived. Despite the attention the entry would attract from Slight's participation Toyota wanted Mark Pederson, he rewarded their faith by putting the car into a wall which severely damaged the front end. Patched together with "race tape" the car continued until it eventually overheated and was retired to the garage after 90 laps.

On the grid there was a red Ford Laser TX3i that created more than usual interest, but its race only lasted only four laps. The driver combination was MCC member Geoff Carston and the evergreen Ken Smith - at the time Kenny would have been only 45 years old!!!

For the first time there was a father and son in the field. Bryan Bate ran a Suzuki Swift GTi that had been converted to Group A specification to qualify for the event.

In unofficial practice co-driver Struan Robertson collided heavily with the wall and a group of Wellington Polytechnic apprentices worked through the night to repair the damage, the rebuilt Swift making it across the finish line in 11th place overall to give father bragging rights at the dinner table!!!

With a construction programme underway on the previously used wharf areas the track was significantly changed for the 1994 event, so was the race format. Gone was the enduro, replaced by two 28-lap sprint races that made-up the final round of the new FIA Asia-Pacific Touring Car Championship specifically for 2-litre Super Tourers. BMW 318i's dominated both the entry list and results sheets with wins for Tim Harvey (England) and Joachim Winkelhock (Germany). The race took a sabbatical the following year, but in 1996 there was yet another different look that brought the curtain down on motor racing in downtown Wellington...

*(1) Brady Kennett won the reverse direction 1995 New Zealand Grand Prix at Manfeild - the days of Formula Brabham and the year that Greg Murphy crashed at high speed over the banking at Dunlop after a brake failure while holding a commanding lead.

Russell Harris



SUNNY day, sunny smiles, sunny outlook: Everything went so well with our very first Manfeild market day, held in our carpark on April 26, that I feel really confident that this last Sunday of the month undertaking is going to be a winner.

Our expectations were exceeded; 51 stalls and a bigger crowd of attendees than we'd ever imagined. We spent a lot of time taking feedback from the stallholders. It was great to get their views on the pros and cons and, assuredly, we'll be acting on their advice to make the next one, on May 31, even better.

If you are a vendor who missed out, don't worry. We'd be delighted to see you at the next one. We are welcoming stallholders at a very reasonable rate of \$10 per site – this being the dimension of a single carpark, 2.1 metres by 5.3m (so some will be double spaces).

It's a car boot sale and stallholder gathering combined, with hot and cold food available to take away, and lots of interesting things to buy – from hot sauces to leathersgoods and jewellery. Business development manager Gavin Halls is taking bookings and can be contacted at the Manfeild office (323 7444).

We see this venture having huge scope; it's not just a simple market but a location for schools and charities to come in and sell wares for community good. Manawatu and Rangitikei hosts a number of weekend markets.

One point of difference with ours is that it is staged in an off-street carpark that is big enough to take all the stalls plus attendees' cars. So no running across busy roads! Also, with a clear separation between the parking area and the sales zone, it's a safe spot for young families. We also had a bouncy castle to keep the youngsters happy. It was very popular.

The market was one of four activities on at Manfeild that day; we also had two equestrian events – for ponies and for American Quarterhorses – while, out at the circuit, there was a day for the Central Regions muscle cars.

I suppose the market is another example of what we've always said: That the opportunities at Manfeild are only limited by your imagination.

We are about retaining existing clients for repeat business and also about increasing business. Not all activities here are restricted to weekends but obviously a lot of them are.

A couple of high profile events are here next month. The one of high national presence is the four-day Te Pari annual beef breeding exposition – aka the Beef Expo – on May 8-12.

This premier national event in the beef industry calendar has come a long way from its beginnings as a national interest beef sale, though this loud, fast-paced edge-of-the-seat aspect - in which prime animals fetch dizzying sums - certainly remains a highlight.

The biggest growth spurt for this national event resulted from the move seven years ago into the Manawatu's only indoor agri-events facility; breeders from around the country consistently express their admiration for our facility. This year seven beef breeds have their genetic sales, the feature event.

The Queen of Hearts takes place on Monday followed by Bull Sales on Tuesday. These events are, for the first time, including broadcast of video of the feature animals in their home environments. The 'from the paddock' videocast synchs in with the on-line aspect of the beef sale, allowing off-site bidding. Another aspect is the Beef and Lamb New Zealand genetics breeders' breakfast and forum.

Also during this period, out on the circuit, is the six hour cycle challenge. This May 10 undertaking, starting off at 8.45am, follows a simple formula – ride as many laps of the main circuit as you can in six hours, either solo or as a team (two to four riders). Participants must use a roadworthy bike.

This endurance event has proven to sort the weak from the strong and, despite being a gutbuster, is another that goes from strength to strength.

Looking ahead to July 5 is the Central Districts four-wheel-drive club swap meet, something new, if on a familiar theme – we, of course, also host automotive swap meets for the vintage car and hot-rodding movements.

The four-wheel-drive day offers not only a good opportunity for bargain hunters – with stalls selling a wide range of specialist mud and sludge gear (winches, tyres, lights, accessories and much more) - but also provides a chance for anyone interested in off-roading and off-road vehicles to look at the best and boldest: Winch trucks, national competition trucks, club displays judged by the public and a show and shine.

Julie Keane
General Manager

Manawatu Car Club New Members: March-April 2015

Peter Beauchamp	Feilding
Nicholas Beauchamp	Feilding
Aaron Woolley	Raumati South
Wendy Burroughs	Stratford
Graeme Bretherton	P.Nth
Sam Gordon	Auckland
Richard Clulee	P.Nth
Brendan Bold	P.Nth
Tom Rolton	Ashhurst
Shareena Sandbrook	Ashhurst

**Welcome to all new members.
This is a great car club to
belong to...**

Fork You

At the Roadmarking Summer Series Prize Giving on the 18th April, our host for the night – Trevor Weir misplaced a couple of Knives and Forks.

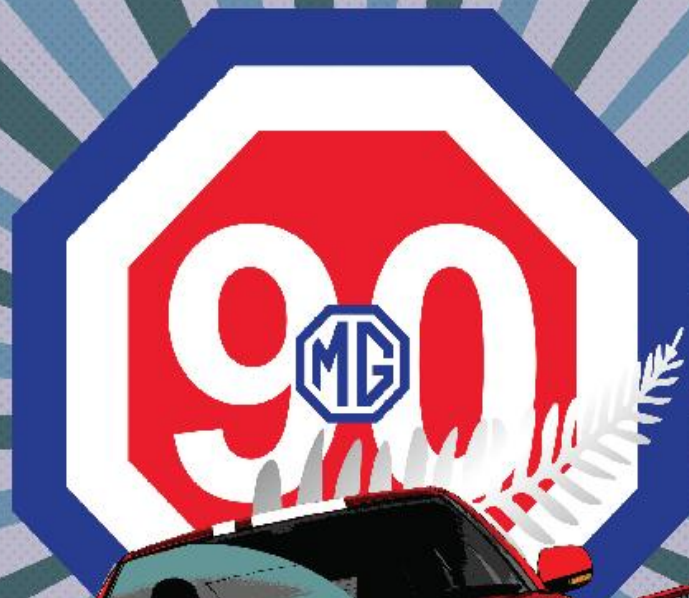
If you inadvertently picked these up could you please give Trevor a call on the following number: 0274-850-322

Both the Knives and Forks had the brand name "NEST" stamped on the handles.

Trevor would be very grateful to get these Knives and Forks back.

Thank you.

Charity Classic MOTOR RACE MEETING



MANFEILD
SUNDAY 17 MAY 2015

20+ RACES

Classic sports and saloon cars, Charity
lunch time rides, track action from 10am.

Admission: Gold Coin Donation

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The Secretary, MG Classic Race Committee, PO Box 164, Wellington

17th Annual - The Sound MG Charity Classic Race Meeting
Sunday 17th May 2015, Manfeild, Feilding

The MG Car Club Wellington Centre and the MG Classic Racing Register once again welcomes participants in The Sound MG Charity Classic Motor Race meeting.

Like last year, this year's event is a one day meeting focussing on classic sports and saloon cars. This year we welcome Historic single seaters and Sports Cars, The Formula Junior have promised a good field, we hope to have historic cars like the Triford and JRM MK 1 there as well.

We anticipate 4 or 5 races for each entrant, in an easy, relaxed and uncluttered day.

For the first time there will be races for Historic (Schedule K) racing and sports racing cars in the Charity Classic, and an invitation is extended to owners of these cars to enter and help ensure that this becomes a regular event for them. We have already had indications of entry from some very interesting and famous old race cars, including from the VCC. We especially want to see those older racers located in the lower North Island that may not have many opportunities to show their cars being driven in competition. We are also looking for a speed range of no more than 1m.20 at Manfeild, give or take a bit.

If you have a car that may be suitable, please contact Terry Collier on 021 238 9264 or Ron on 0274 439 969 04 654 8389.

For the races, cars will be divided primarily by speed, but also, as far as possible, with some regard as to type and age. Appendix 6, Schedule T&C (Thoroughbred and Classic) of the New Zealand Motorsport Manual indicates the type of vehicle that the organisers are seeking.

It is not often that classic sports and saloon cars have a full one day race meeting almost completely devoted to their vehicles. There will also be races for cars that fit into all-comers, run what you bring, so here is the opportunity to make a real day of it in the company of fellow enthusiasts. Remember that the governing philosophy of historic and classic Motorsport is one where vehicles from past eras are used in friendly rivalry and where winning is very much secondary to the sheer enjoyment of being involved!

It is also worth reminding entrants and others who support the meeting that this is a fairly unique occasion that combines a celebration of the core spirit of classic motor sport with the opportunity to do something positive for a worthy cause. There are also few amongst us who have not been touched in some way by the hazards of cancer. Entrants and pit crews etc. are expected to contribute to the Cancer collection by donating a large gold coin gate entry.

A free barbecue and informal "prize giving" will be held at the end of the days racing in the pit area and we hope all participants and volunteers can join us then.

Documentation and scrutineering audits will take place on Sunday 17th May from 8.00am to 10.00am at the circuit. As usual slick tyres will not be permitted for the Classic groups. All-comers may run slicks. If not sure please ask. There will also be Charity Rides for the public and no special group has been chosen this year. Drivers will be asked to assist with the lunch time rides.

Classic Motor Racing Committee

MG Car Club (Wellington Centre) Inc. & MG Classic Racing Register Inc.

Enquiries

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Sponsorship: Bob Hulena, bob@mgcarclub.co.nz 027 448 2225 or 04 293 8112

EASTON FARM GRASS AUTOCROSS

Sunday May 3rd 2015

This is 'Grass Roots Motorsport' literally, when the roots of the grass of the cow paddock you are skidding on get plastered on the underside of your car.

It is where many a famous race career began and long may it be so!

It had been some years since we ran the last grass autocross and the committee decided it was time we revived one of the very activities that got our Club started back in 1947. Greg Browne said he had a venue and so the ball got rolling. It was also time to dust off the MCC-(Manawatu Car Club DCC-(Dannevirke Car Club) Challenge Trophy and put that up for grabs too.

Facebook told me 200 were coming but in the end 29 drivers had a fantastic day at Ian 'Jack-Jack' Easton's farm near Shannon. The weather was dead calm, overcast and warm and despite a few shotguns going off in the background it was definitely not a day for ducks. Bruce had The Food Bus parked under the trees and was baking the pies for later on.

The course Greg set out was nearly 1.8kms long and wound through the 11.7 hectare paddock. The stop bank was used as a berm, with a couple of straights to build up speed and a few tight corners to test the skills. Jack-Jack had already run the mower over the course so it was hard to get lost. The early running was slippery as the grass lay over and the overnight moisture burned off. As the surface dried the times came down.

Everybody got a 2-lap recon tour and four timed runs. The best time counted.

The early surprise leader was Neil Roots in his unlikely Honda City. He blitzed the field by a solid 7 seconds in the first run. To do this his foot was flat-to-the-floor while he steered with the handbrake.

Later in the day as grip improved the 4wds and higher powered FWD cars were able to get the power down and their times down. Others fiddled with tyre pressures and one went too far returning with a tyre off the rim.

The overall winner was Peter Weir in a Subaru WRX with a time of 2.15.34, with Neil Roots second with a 2.18.63 and Leon Cast third in his Corolla with a 2.20.40. Dannevirke Car Club took the Challenge Trophy.

Class winners were:

FI2WD: 1. Webster Gough (No other entries)

FI4WD: 1. Peter Weir 2. Glenys Weir 3. Tania Cresswell

NAFWD: 1. Neil Roots 2. Leon Cast 3. Baden Smith

NARWD: 1. Dan Smith 2. Eddie Arnold 3. James Rivers

Rookie: 1. Chris Hayes 2. Simon Monteith 3. Sean Browne

The Manawatu Car Club is grateful to Ian Easton for the use of his paddock and we are keen to play on it in the future. I'm sure everyone who attended will be back.

The Club also acknowledges Bruce from The Food Bus Company for providing good hot food and for his donation of \$31 from his day's takings. This will be forwarded to Canteen on his behalf.

A second grass autocross is in the early planning stages for late June or July. Keep checking www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz or www.facebook.co./ManawatuCarClub for an announcement.

Jeff Braid

Snap-Shots of the Grass Autocross



Gareth Hogg



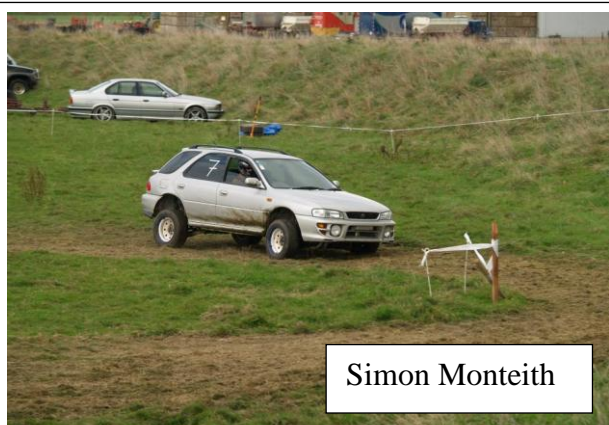
Keegan Carryer



Leon Cast



Neil Roots



Simon Monteith



Tiki Tour



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RS CUP ENTRY FEES SLASHED!

What is RS Cup? RS stands for 'Real Slow'. It is the bottom rung of the racing ladder and is designed to introduce new drivers to the thrill of circuit racing as cheaply as possible. The class is sponsored by Diamond Homes and Danny's Auto Services and both Geoff Boyden and Danny McKenna are keen to help anyone get started.

To get more people out on the track, the Manawatu Car Club Committee has halved entry fee for RS Cup competitors to **\$100** per round for the 2015 Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series. Transponder hire remains at **\$20**.

Unlike other series, the RS Cup has no artificial purchase price limit, no engine capacity limit, no tyre restrictions and no threat of exclusion or confiscation by a committee. The only vehicle requirements are that it conforms with Motorsport safety requirements and that it is no faster than 1 minute 30 seconds around the 3.03km Manfield Park Circuit. Break out from that lap time and you earn a time penalty that puts you right at the back of the field.

All races are six laps. Race one grid is based on qualifying times, the fastest to slowest, race two is reverse top ten based on finish order of race one, and race three is a handicap race based on the second best lap time of the day.

Roll protection is recommended but not essential. You can even use your daily driver if you want provided it is registered and up to Warrant of Fitness standard at the event. Lap and shoulder seat belts are permitted in these cars. Race harnesses and race seats are also permitted as long as they comply with the rules. Seek advice first. All cars are required to have a minimum 0.9kg powder fire extinguisher with two quick-release metal straps bolted inside the cabin. These are readily available from 'big box' hardware stores for around \$30.

Drivers must have a MSNZ C Grade Licence to compete. A licence test of written and oral questions can be arranged through the Club. The licence fee is \$185 payable to MSNZ. Helmet and apparel standards are clearly listed in the Motorsport Manual under Driver and Vehicle Safety. This gear can be purchased locally from Craig at Mag & Turbo.

Last year's RS Cup winner was a \$400 Familia hatch driven within an inch of its life. The racing was so close that by the end of the season there were only a handful of points separating the top four places. Despite the competition there is a great feeling of camaraderie in this group and the sponsors even provide a barbeque lunch!



Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series dates are:

- Round 1 Sunday 7th June
- Round 2 Sunday 5th July
- Round 3 Sunday 2nd August
- Round 4 Sunday 6th September Fathers Day and TR Group Truck Rides

If you want to get involved and need help to build your RS Cup Car contact the following:

- Jeff Braid Club Secretary 027 477 3337
- Danny McKenna RS Cup Sponsor and Club Chief Scrutineer 027 240 1291
- Geoff Boyden RS Cup Sponsor and Series Supporter 027 444 7348
- Craig Paterson Mag & Turbo 027 227 2400

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SAFETY LAW REFORMS COULD ENDANGER MOTORING CLUBS

BY ROY HUGHES, NATIONAL SECRETARY, NZ FEDERATION OF MOTORING CLUBS



Reforms of our health and safety laws currently before Parliament will make most motoring clubs subject to the same rules and requirements imposed on business workplaces.

When the Health and Safety Reform Bill becomes law, all PCBUs (Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking), Whether for profit or not for profit, will become subject to fines ranging up to \$3,000,000 if they fail to meet the requirements of the new Act.

Under Clause 13 of the Act, 'voluntary associations' are not included as PCBUs, but only where "none of the volunteers, whether alone or jointly with any other volunteers, employs any person to carry out work for the volunteer association."

Our advice from WorkSafe NZ is that all clubs or associations for which volunteers perform tasks such as managing sales of spare parts, editing the club magazine, or collecting admission charges at an event, will then become PCBUs and subject to the provisions of the new Act. Under Clause 14 the meaning of 'worker' now includes 'volunteer.'

Under the Act, officers of PCBUs will be required to ensure they have appropriate health and safety policies in place, consult with their workers or 'volunteers' to identify and eliminate accident risks, keep records of 'notifiable events', maintain an up-to-date knowledge of health and safety matters, and exercise due diligence to ensure their club complies with all its obligations.

Along with the redefining of unpaid volunteers as 'workers', a clause in the current law which exempts sports and recreations clubs from current workplace safety laws is also being removed. However the similar Australian legislation excludes voluntary organisations with incomes

below a certain level, and who only engage the services of voluntary or charitable organisations, e.g. St Johns, the local school fundraising for catering etc.

So it appears Workplace Relations and Safety Minister Michael Woodhouse is determined that virtually all incorporated and unincorporated societies, or groups conducting any kind of activity, must have active health and safety plans, and hold frequent minuted meetings to identify and reduce or eliminate hazards.

"Whether for profit or not for profit," will become subject to fines ranging up to \$3,000,000 if they fail to meet the requirements of the new Act.

WorkSafe has advised the NZFOMC that once the new provisions become law towards the end of the year, there will be a period of consultation and education to assist clubs to understand how they should meet their new obligations under the Act before the inspectorate is mobilised to enforce obedience.

The proposed reforms are based on Australian workplace health and safety legislation which had widespread impact on the activities of many motoring clubs across the Tasman. Some simply shut up shop, and others were forced to merge to provide sufficient finance and members to meet the costs and do the work required.

To help New Zealand motoring clubs gear up to comply with the requirements of the new Health and Safety Act, President Christine Stevens of our sister organisation, the Australian Historic Motoring Federation


Inc; will be a guest speaker at our annual general meeting to provide enlightening commentary on the application of the new workplace safety laws on vehicle and machinery clubs in Australia.

She will bring templates on how to undertake and document hazard assessments, and advice on how Australian clubs are meeting the increased insurance charges and other cost impositions which have resulted from the law changes.

Meanwhile, the select committee

considering submissions and recommending possible revisions to the Reform Bill was scheduled to report back to Parliament on March 30. But since we raised our concerns with Minister Woodhouse and several members of the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee, the report date has been delayed until May 29.

So all clubs now have a couple more months to consider how the proposed law changes will impact on them, and raise any question they have with their locals MPs.

While safety should indeed always be a priority, the NZFOMC is concerned that the proposed reforms should not place such onerous burdens on the huge number of voluntary groups and clubs around New Zealand to the point where valuable community recreational activities are compromised or even effectively eliminated. 

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MAY

Friday 15th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Sunday 17th	MG Charity Classic Race Meeting
Friday 22nd	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Sunday 24th	Intermarque Sprints

JUNE

Saturday 6th	Test day. Driver Training, drift practice
Sunday 7th	Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series Round 1
Friday 12th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Friday 19th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Sunday 21st	MTTDS 2 Driver training, single and dual-car sprints, drift practice, licence testing. 3.03km track.
Friday 26th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes

JULY

Saturday 4th	Test day. Driver Training, drift practice
Sunday 5th	Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series Round 2
Friday 10th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Sunday 12th	Intermarque Sprints
Friday 17th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Sunday 19th	Manawatu Toolshed Back-Track 1 Motokhana/Autocross Drift Training 1.5km track
Friday 24th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes

AUGUST

Saturday 1st	Test day. Driver Training, drift practice
Sunday 2nd	Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series Round 3
Friday 7th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Sunday 9th	Intermarque Sprints
Friday 14th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Friday 21st	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Sunday 23rd	Manawatu Toolshed Back-Track 2 Motokhana/Autocross, Drift Training 1.5km track

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 5th	Test day. Driver Training, drift practice
Sunday 6th	Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series Round 4 Fathers Day, TR Group Truck Show
Friday 11th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Saturday 12th	Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series Prizegiving and Pot Luck Dinner
Sunday 13th	Intermarque Sprints
Friday 18th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Sunday 20th	MTTDS 3 Driver training, single and dual-car sprints, drift practice, licence testing, 3.03k track
Friday 25th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes

OCTOBER - No MCC events planned.

Date TBC	Intermarque Sprints
Friday 9th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Friday 23rd	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes

NOVEMBER

Friday 6th	Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Saturday 7th	MTTDS 4 Driver training, single and dual-car sprints, drift practice, licence testing, 3.03km track
Sunday 8th	Summer Club Race Meeting 1 Manfeild (Note: May change to IRC meeting and is also the V8 Supercars Pukekohe Meeting date)
Friday 13th	Test Day MG Classic
Saturday 14th	MG Classic Race Meeting
Sunday 15th	MG Classic Race Meeting

Friday 20th Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Saturday 28th (reserved)
Sunday 29th (reserved)

DECEMBER

Friday 11th Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Friday 18th Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Saturday 19th MTTDS Day 5 Driver training, single and dual-car sprints, drift practice, licence testing, 3.03km track, prize-giving afterwards
Sunday 21st Summer Club Race Meeting 2 Manfeild

2016

JANUARY

Sunday 17th Summer Club Race Meeting 3 Taupo Wellington Anniversary weekend

FEBRUARY

Thursday 11th Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes
Friday 12th NZGP Test Day
Saturday 13th NZGP
Sunday 14th NZGP
Friday 19th IRC Test Day
Saturday 20th IRC Race Meeting
Sunday 21st IRC Race Meeting

MARCH - No MCC events planned

APRIL

Saturday 9th MTTDS 2016 Round 1
Sunday 10th Summer Club Race Meeting 4
Saturday 16th Summer Race Series Prizegiving

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