



Manawatu Car Club

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Welcome

As I write this welcome, a concern I had was whether or not the Manfield Race Track would be repaired in time for this weekend's Round Two of the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series. Whilst I haven't seen the damage caused to "our track" during the weekend flood period, I'm told that it was a bit rough to get onto the main straight, and into the pits. The power of flowing water had made the track nearly unusable, so all praise to the staff of Manfield Park and the good people at Higgins, who are working hard to keep our weekend "on track" (New tarseal can be a bit slippery, so beware).

We have had in the last couple of weeks, a home town Manawatu Car Club Member, Brendon Hartley, standing on the Podium at Le Mans, after driving his Porsche 919 Hybrid into an excellent 2nd place. What a wonderful result, for such a dedicated young man, and congratulations must go to the Hartley family, who have been keen members of this Club since the early 60's. Be sure to keep up with Brendon on his Facebook page.

In this issue Russell Harris writes about the life of our good friend Robin Curtis. As you will read, a very sad loss to the world of motorsport indeed.

So as another great man who has received the final chequered flag would say.

"Enjoy Life – Live Your Dreams" - Peter Brock.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

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ATTENTION! Track & Yack ATTENTION!

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Date: Tuesday, 14th July 15'

Place: Speights Ale House, Grey Street, 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 Month's Track & Yack:

Tuesday, 11th August 2015.

Drovers Bar

Feilding

Track & Yack - 14th July 7pm.
Speights Ale House
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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

May 1949. The Waikanae 50. Another Shattering Beach Race.

These cars were arranged in a four-three pattern mass start with the expected leaders in front, and the flag was dropped. At once the Thomson Special pulled ahead, recording 1 min. 21 sec. for the standing lap, and then averages of 1 min. 12 sec., the car well favoured on the rather heavy surface by the ample V8 torque at low revs. A trio ran near the minute and a half for the first and the minute and twenty seconds for the following laps – Ansell, Farland, and Clinkard, and Logan with the Special, attained an excellent 1 min. 16 sec. Easterbrook-Smith had stalled on the grid, with more than a suspicion of magneto failure, and was pushed away after the rest. The car as usual shot away, but misfiring occurred, and a total stoppage after the first turn. The indomitable driver pushed until he had way on, boarded, started, and managed to complete the lap before retiring.

As the lap times came in it became evident that Ansell was fast building up a lead. His car had been rated at somewhat above the normal for its type, and he was gaining by virtue of skilful cornering aided by preselected gears on several occasions as much as two or three lengths by comparison with others entering with him; and the style was that of taking a line very close to the flag marker. His nearest opposition lay between Freeman and Kennedy with the Austin Special car. The ground-hugging Thomson outshone the rest for displays of sheer speed on the straights, but was not as fast through the bends and may have been handicapped by the three-speed box. Kennedy's car showed amazing speed but at times was a little irregular in the turns, the very light car at times being semi-airborne as the beach surface became channelled, at others getting a grip and turning rapidly. One such manoeuvre nearly resulted in contact with the McMillan Delage...

To be continued.

Working Bee

Saturday 11th July
8.30am – 1.00pm

I need helpers please...

- **Tidy up the tyres on the embankment**
- **Paint the exterior wall (weather dependant)**
- **Dump the rubbish behind the garage**
- **Clean out the office room so the ceiling can be removed**
- **Clean up the rubbish around the clubrooms grounds**

Thanks for the help last weekend; we need more volunteers like that again for weekend of the 11th.

What's Happening???

No New Members for last month.

We had no new people wanting to join us this last month.
Unbelievable!

If you are a friend of the Manawatu Car Club that's great, but becoming a member is even better. You don't have to be a competitor to be a member, so join us and become part of this great car club.

Contact Jeff Braid – MCC Secretary on 027-477-3337

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It's the Big One

Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series

Round 2 – Sunday 5th July
Round 3 – Sunday 2nd August
Round 4 – Sunday 6th September

Saturdays prior will be a TEST DAY – DRIVER-TRAINING – AND DRIFT PRACTICE

Driver Briefing at 9.00am sharp – Qualifying and Racing starts soon after.

Seven Classes this year = more for spectators to watch - 21 races for the day.
With Round 2 we also have Drift Practice on Sunday as well.

R.S. Cup Entries ½ price entry fee – Only \$100.00

Prize Giving @ MCC Clubrooms Saturday 12th September

As a competitor you don't have to enter all 4 rounds. Enter as many rounds as you wish, however to be in the running to receive a Trophy at Prize-Giving, you will probably need to be entered in all the rounds.

Thanks to our Marshalls, Volunteers and Sponsors.

Thanks team, we couldn't do it without you.



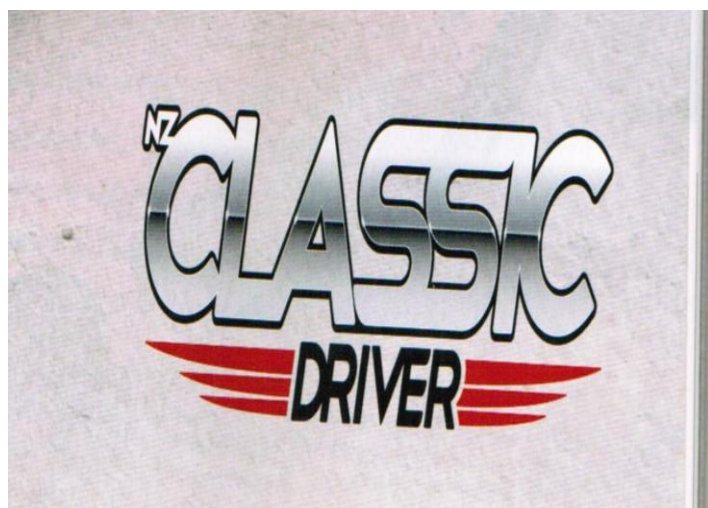
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Clubrooms

We had a great working-bee on Saturday the 27th June. Ten club members arrived and we completed a number of tasks on the list, including having a great morning tea, provided by Glenys Boyden.

- We completed the building of the dividing wall between the storeroom and the rear of the old bar.
- Fixed up the ceiling in the storeroom.
- Cleared out the back shed and took 2 huge trailer loads of rubbish across the road to the dump.
- Fitted tie-backs to the French door drapes.
- 1st coated the exterior block wall facing the track.
- Paved between the clubrooms and the garage.
- Sprayed the weeds around the grounds.
- Fitting a wastemaster in the kitchen.
- Cleaned out the old bar area, ready for its revamp and new look.
- The kitchen had a spring clean.

It was great at 1.00pm to complete a tidy-up and reflect on a good morning's work plus morning tea.

Geoff Boyden

July Events at Manfeild

Sunday 5th – Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series Round 2

Sunday 12th – The Surgery Intermarque Sprints

Sunday 19th – Manawatu Toolshed Motorkhana / Autocross / Drift Practice and Training – Back Track



Where the MCC go for all Event Equipment Hire



ON Sunday (July 5) we host a group who firmly believe sports utility vehicles were not designed to spend their days on the street alone.

The Central Districts four-wheel-drive club is an organisation that fuels the pioneer spirit that drives some to explore beyond the urban jungle.

Buying a four-wheel-drive is a ticket to adventure, and the big count of off-roading organisations reflects that much of New Zealand is a mud-pluggers' paradise, yet anyone who has headed away from the seal will tell you that exploring the wild side is not always an easy ride.

While off-roading can be fun, and modern vehicles can be impressively versatile, it's also something that demands care for the environment and can also be a cruel past-time to the uninitiated. A core activity with clubs is to provide members with better know-how of their vehicle's off-road capability and an understanding of the need to behave responsibly and with consideration; to get them on the right track in every sense.

Anyone with an interest in this activity, then, should definitely come down to Manfeild Stadium on Sunday for the club's first swap meet at the Park. It's something new, if on a familiar theme – we, of course, have also for some years hosted automotive swap meets for the vintage car and hot rodding movements. Those events have massive national status and always draw impressive turnouts of vehicles and attendees.

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.

Manfeild did not escape the effect of the June 19-20 flooding; by the Saturday morning the circuit layout was more suited to jet skis than cars. The standing water escaped quite quickly, but unfortunately a flow through from the Rata St end was powerful enough to damage a patch of tarmac at our pitlane entrance, so repairs are in order. However, it's certainly not anything like the scale of the 2004 floods, which ripped out a significant tract of track, and we are confident disruption to our activity will be minimal.

Last week our venue hosted a local seminar for New Zealand's distributor and regional retailers for Valtra tractors. This is a Finnish brand with an impressive history; it also provided some very impressive-looking, state-of-the-art machinery for this event.

Meantime, the transition of the new Manfeild Trust Board is under way and I have had several meetings with our new chairman, Gordon Smith, as we work through the transition. Gordon has an extensive understanding of the park's establishment. He was involved in the initial process that led to the Trust being established and has been a core and long-term member of the Manawatu Car Club which, of course, developed Manfeild circuit back in 1973.

We here at Manfeild are looking forward to working with the new board to determine the future landscape of our facility.

Don't forget to call me on 027 6599 666 if you have any thoughts about Manfeild. Also, to keep up with the latest news, check out the Manfeild website, www.manfeild.co.nz, and our Facebook page.

Julie Keane
General Manager

100 Cars Race for the Chocolate Fish

2015 FAEWRS Race Report

The weather gods smiled over Manfeild Park Race Circuit as 100 club racers gathered on their annual pilgrimage in search of the chocolate fish. The marshmallow confectionary is awarded to the winner of each race and is prized as much as any award at any level.

The Manawatu Car Club also welcomed 27 Superkarts who will include this round and the August meeting of the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series in their National Championship Series. The quickest of these karts set the fastest lap all weekend, proving size doesn't always matter. Marty Weiss set a time of 1.11.996.

This year the Club is keen to get new people racing and promoted the RS Cup as an ideal way to get started. RS stands for 'Real Slow' and refers to the 1.30.00 target lap time. Break out and you face a hefty time penalty that puts you to the back of the field. The entry fee for this class was halved to \$100 and this proved very popular. Husband and wife Richie and Lydia Arber were at either end of qualifying with veteran Ray Hartley chasing local Ben Boyden only 0.3sec apart.

In race 1 first place was awarded to Mike James in his immaculate HQ Holden from Dave Jenkins and Nick Beauchamp as the timekeepers dished break-out time penalties to five drivers. Race 2 reverse top ten saw Ben Boyden lead Ryan Cooksley and Mike James and race 3 Handicap had Mike James on top again heading off Todd Cooksley and Anna Wild in her bright green Civic. In all three races time penalties decided the result so some of these hot-shots need to find a way to slow down to win.

In Formula Libre Jordan Mountfort was the only Formula Ford in the field and won all three races. He is keen for more Formula Ford owners to get their cars out and come and join him for the rest of the series.

In Formula First all eyes were on the newest Speedsport Scholarship winner Liam Lawson. He was kept honest with last year's winner and 2015 Elite Academy Candidate Brook Reeve, both in Sabre Motorsport Formula Firsts. Lawson followed Brook Reeve and Aaran Crighton and in Race 1 and repeated the result in race 2. He must have learned from this and took his first Formula First win in Race 3 by 0.005seconds from a hard-charging Brook Reeve who was only 0.278 seconds ahead of Arran Crighton. It looks like Dennis Martin has uncovered yet another talented driver with the world before him. We will watch this series with interest.

For the first time the MX5s will run their series in their own grid this winter. 13 cars faced the starter in race 1 and it was number 1 Bryce Hogg who triumphed over Jerry Hoskins, despite Hoskins logging a faster best lap time. Rookie Derek Smyth inherited third as the officials imposed a penalty that put Gareth Hogg well down the order. Race 2 had Bryce and Gareth Hogg one and two with Denis Churcher a strong third. Jerry Hoskins dipped into the low 1.24s chasing the leaders and has asked the timekeepers to check the MX5 lap record. Race 3 Handicap saw Conrad Healy win in the dark by a country mile as the handicapper got it slightly wrong. Bryce Hogg was second with Neville Bradshaw third. These cars are certainly entertaining to watch going three-wide through the esses!

IB Cup and GT Cup ran merged races due to a low turn-out of GTs. Race 1 saw a startline incident that had Justin Allen's Pro7-Plus RX7 driving back to the pits and out for the day with its bonnet wrapped over the windscreen after striking a stationary car on the starting grid. Jason Sutherland in his supercharged Lotus Seven Replica won GT Cup easily over Mitch Kerr in the Evo Lancer and Craig Bartosh in the Capri. Daniel Gordon was first in IB Cup followed by Shaun Van Beers and David Thomsen. Race 2 reverse top 10 had Mitch Kerr take the chequer over Shaun Sheldrake and Craig Bartosh. David Thomsen took out IB Cup over Daniel Gordon and Peter Edmond.

Classics Cup had a few new or rebuilt cars on the grid with defending champion Layton Hammond in his immaculate Duratec Mk1 Escort, Adam Newell in his Commodore VK, Ian Williamson in the LHD Mazda RX2. Evan Thompson stepped out of his usual Mini as guest driver in Stephen Marks' BMW E30 but later found how wet the outfield was with an off-track excursion. Phil McQuoid led the field over the line in race 1, followed by Layton Hammond and Michael Eden. Four cars failed to finish. Race 2 handicap had Kerry Gleeson claiming the win with Ross McCormick and Wayne Jensen behind. Race 3 had only 11 starters as attrition set in, but it was John Blaikie in the Mini Clubman who out-tortoisied the hares of Ewart Anderson and Russell Gregg to take the marshmallow fish.

SF Cup/European Cup race 1 was won by Andrew Johnson from Geoff Boyden in the Euros with Matt Tasker leading Daniel Hetterscheid and Colin Yannakis in the SFs. Time penalties pushed Aaron Walker, Gerald Watson and Eddie Arnold down the order. Race 2 had the top two reversed with Geoff Boyden enjoying the extra torque of his new engine. Daniel Hetterscheid was first SF with Matt Tasker and Eddie Arnold following. Race 3 Handicap was Neil Rush's with Daniel Hetterscheid second and Simon Manthell third. Andrew Johnson took the Euro race from Geoff Boyden.

Round 2 of the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series is on Sunday July 5th.

If you are keen to be involved as a competitor or volunteer for further information contact Jeff Braid at manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz or phone: 027-477-3337

Jeff Braid





Photos - Stew Wood Photography

VAL'E - ROBIN James Henry CURTIS

Motorsport lost a true friend when Robin Curtis passed away on Tuesday 9th June at the Woodfall Rest Home in Feilding following a long illness. One of New Zealand's most respected motorsport journalists, he was a rare species. His exceptional writing skills were matched by his ability with the camera, capturing remarkable shots in an era without the advanced technology of today.

He was one of the few who covered both circuit racing and rallying, starting in the late sixties and continuing until his ill health finally intervened. His written work and photographs were printed in a number of publications but he will possibly be best remembered as the man who produced the outstanding two-weekly *Motor Action* that was printed in newspaper format back in the 1970s.

In more recent times he was heavily involved with the *Auto Talk* magazine, writing articles for both the magazine and web site, his interviews were exceptional and included new generation young guns Brendon Hartley, Mitch Evans and Haydon Paddon.

Robin was very "old school", he hand wrote notes in tiny print in a small book and later composed the story on a typewriter (using carbon paper for duplicating), and writing became much easier with the advent of the computer.

With his background it wasn't surprising that Robin spent many years working in the area of media and public relations with a number of automotive brands, arguably the best period from an enthusiast's viewpoint was with General Motors New Zealand in the late seventies. GMNZ were becoming interested in the Holden Special Vehicles programme that was coming on stream, including the fabled Brock Commodores, but more exciting was full-on involvement with international rallying via the official GM Dealer Team in 1979.

82 cars entered the World Championship New Zealand round, including a pair of potent factory built Group 4 specification Vauxhall 2300HS Chevettes, the lead driver was Finland star Pentti Airikkala with the late Roger Freeth co-driving. They won the opening stages but electrical problems eventually resulted in retirement when holding a strong second place behind eventual winner Hannu Mikkola driving a Ford Escort RS1800 - the second GMDT car driven by Shane Murland from Otaki finished 5th overall.

Quick kiwi Paul Adams and legendary co-driver Jim Scott took over the Airikkala car for the next two years, the combination finished 6th when the international event returned to our shores in 1981 while Murland had a DNF with engine problems. This period with "The General" was one of the highlights of Robin's motorsport involvement as the GMDT enjoyed a very high profile, much of it thanks to his input.

Over the years Robin accumulated an astonishing 400,000 photographs on the old fashion negatives, plus thousands more on digital format, the latter shot by long-time friend and later care-giver Phil O'Brien, many to instructions from "The Boss". Phil has been converting the negatives by individually scanning them onto digital format; to put the task into perspective, from start-to-finish would take 4 years working a 40 hour week! It's an extraordinary record of our nation's motorsport history.

When Robin became aware of the seriousness of his illness he made the decision to entrust the bulk of the invaluable and irreplaceable photographic record to MCC Life Member and Archivist Terry Rush, they couldn't be in better hands.

Despite being mainly wheelchair bound Robin was regularly seen at Manfeild events, while Terry and his wife Joy played a big part in Robin's life in recent years, the special friendship enabled him to occasionally attend race meetings at Hampton Downs and Taupo as his health allowed, his final "tour" covered Highlands Park, Ruapuna and Manfeild on successive weekends.

Appropriately, in 2013 Robin's 50 years contribution to our sport was recognised with a special citation from Motorsport New Zealand, no recipient has been more worthy. There is also a permanent acknowledgement in the form of a footprint in concrete at Rod Millen's Leadfoot Festival complex.

Schoolteacher, media/public relations guru, journalist, photographer, historian, a generous man with an extraordinary passion for motorsport.

Robin Curtis was one of a kind...

Russell Harris

PS. Back in the 1970's our international rally wasn't a big event, it was a huge event! The 1977 world championship South Pacific Rally on North Island roads had 2,200 kilometres of special stages, including one on the Palmerston North Showground's speedway track. After seven days and five nights of competition Fulvio Bacchelli (Fiat 131 Abarth) beat Ari Vatanen (Ford Escort RS1800) by 1 minute 35 seconds to claim the top step of the podium.

How times have changed...



Robin Curtis

BENEFITS FROM WELLINGTON

It was a special privilege to be the lead commentator for the radio coverage of the Wellington Street Races, it provided the opportunity to interview the leading drivers and team managers and on one occasion the legendary and very colourful Australian broadcaster Darrell Eastlake.

At the 1996 Mobil 500 meeting Peter Brock's Zero-5 Commodore was shunted into the barriers on the opening lap of the third and final sprint race, bad news for the fans but fortuitous for me as he spent considerable time in Radio New Zealand's make-shift studio on the 14th floor of the then QANTAS building on Jervois Quay - it was very special to have time with the great man, especially as Greg Murphy won the race in the sister car to "05"! Following the post-race celebrations we met up again and I asked Brocky two questions that related to him racing at Manfeild later in the year.

1. Would he agree to a speaking engagement as a fund-raiser for the Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter?
2. Would he agree to compete in a special one-on-one race, car versus helicopter, during the Manfeild meeting?

To my surprise, and delight, he immediately responded with a positive "yes" to both questions and for me to let him know the details in due course.

The Friday night Rescue Helicopter fund-raiser saw the full house signs out for the man who was widely regarded as an outstanding speaker with the rare gift of relating to mixed audiences of all ages. The "Mobil Man" delighted his audience which wasn't surprising as he had so many great stories to tell.

At the Manfeild meeting he drove an ACC backed Chev Camaro in the TraNZam races, but the one-on-one involved a "loaned" 5-litre V8 TraNZam Light Holden Commodore pitted against a Eurospatiale Squirrel whirly-bird flown by Helipro chief pilot Rick Lucas over three laps, a race that was a world first. The huge crowd couldn't believe their eyes as the chopper flew directly above the track at low level at seemingly impossible angles, the rotor blades were near vertical in the tight hairpin. For the record the helicopter won, but during the post-race television interview Brock did accuse Lucas of not obeying the Transport Department's "two-second" rule! Brocky later signed a dramatic photograph of the two "racers" heading towards the chequered flag and included the words "Great fun, who won?"

The TraNZam cars were based on a popular American category with space frames, lightweight fibreglass Camaro or Mustang bodies and Chevrolet or Ford 5 litre V8 engines, they certainly looked and sounded the part. While Peter Brock was the star entry, there were many other big names on the grid, the cars provided close racing and the fans on Manfeild's terraces loved them.

The TraNZam Lights had been introduced the previous year and were essentially VL model Holden Commodores with strict controls over what modifications were allowed to engines, chassis/suspension and brakes to control costs. They were considered a step-up from the HQ Holdens and the V8 exhaust noise definitely helped their cause.

Back in those days Manfeild enjoyed an envied reputation for its innovative approach to crowd entertainment as an integral part of a meeting's package, the car v helicopter race was one of the most interesting, but many of the club's oldies will also recall the extraordinary aerial displays, particularly those of the three-ship Wanganui Aeroworks Fletcher top dressers. As part of their routine the Harding family flew in very close formation along the start/finish straight so low that those at the top of the stands were eye-balling the pilots, officials in the control building actually looked down on the aircraft!

Our PC world with its rules and regulations has ensured that we will never see those days return...

Russell Harris

PS. During the years of the Wellington events Manfeild was used by a number of teams for pre-race testing. On one occasion Nissan opted for the "secrecy" of RNZAF Ohakea.

Motorsport Events on in The Central Region (Lower North Island)

Date	Events	Venue	Comments
5 July	Winter Race Series	Manfeild	Manawatu CC
5 July	Grass Autocross / Motorkhana	Tauherenikau	HCCC event
12 July	Intermarque Sprints	Manfeild	
18 July	Dual Car Sprints	Taupo Motorsport Park	Taupo CC event
19 July	Winter Race Series	Taupo Motorsport Park	Taupo CC event
1 August	Day/Night Autocross	Tauherenikau	HCCC event
2 August	Winter Race Series	Manfeild	Manawatu CC
9 August	Intermarque Sprints	Manfeild	
9 August	2WD Tarmac Rally	Taupo Motorsport Park	Taupo 2wd Tarmac Rally - see www.classicrally.org.nz
15 Aug	Dual Car Sprints	Taupo Motorsport Park	Taupo CC event
16 Aug	Winter Race Series	Taupo Motorsport Park	Taupo CC event
22 Aug	NZRC Rally	Coromandel	
29/30 Aug	Gravel Hillclimb - Mini Pikes Peak	Rangitatau East Road, Wanganui	Wanganui CC event. May be two day event, more info to come.
6 Sept	Winter Race Series	Manfeild	Manawatu CC
6 Sept	Grass Motorkhana	Tauherenikau	HCCC event
13 Sept	Intermarque Sprints	Manfeild	
19 Sept	Dual Car Sprints	Taupo Motorsport Park	Taupo CC event
20 Sept	Winter Race Series	Taupo Motorsport Park	Taupo CC event
20 Sept	Seal Sprint	Shelly Bay, Wellington	Wellington CC event
20 Sept	Winter Race Series	Taupo Motorsport Park	Taupo CC event
20 Sept	Seal Sprint	Shelly Bay, Wellington	Wellington CC event
3 Oct	Daybreaker Rally Wairarapa	Manawatu / Wairarapa	www.rallywairarapa.co.nz NZRC final round.
18 Oct	Gravel Sprint	Puketiro Rd, Carterton	Wairarapa CC event
24-25 Oct	National Race Meeting	Taupo Motorsport Park	Taupo CC event
1 Nov	Seal Sprint	Blairgowrie Rd, Norsewood	Dannevirke CC event
1 Nov	Seal Sprint	Admiral Rd, Carterton	Wairarapa CC event
8 Nov	Gravel Sprint	Waiorongomai Rd, Otaki	Levin CC event
14-15 Nov	MG Classic Race Meeting	Manfeild	MG Car Club event
14 Nov	Rally	Hawkes Bay Rally	Hawkes Bay CC event
21 Nov	Seal Sprint	Western Line, Wanganui	Wanganui CC Speed Weekend
22 Nov	Seal Sprint	Brunswick Road, Wanganui	Wanganui CC Speed Weekend
29 Nov	Gravel Hillclimb	Dorsets Rd, Mauriceville	Wairarapa CC event

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2015 – 2016 Manfeild Events Calendar

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

Subject to change and will be updated

Taupo Car Club Winter Series Dates

Round 2	Dual Sprints Saturday July 18 th	Clubmans Sunday July 19 th
Round 3	Dual Sprints Saturday August 22 nd	Clubmans Sunday August 23 rd
Round 4	Dual Sprints Saturday September 19 th	Clubmans Sunday September 20 th

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