

Manawatu Car Club

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Welcome

There is an old saying "you can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink". In our case, we can't seem to get the horse to the water.

I'm referring to our Track & Yak get-togethers held once a month, alternately in Feilding and Palmerston North.

Dwindling numbers must show that the members don't see a get together on a casual monthly basis, such as the Track a Yak, is worth supporting. With poor turnouts in both Feilding and Palmerston North, and with the regulars talking to the regulars, we are not in any way shape or form increasing the social side of this club.

I've looked up in the dictionary, as you do from time to time, the definition of the word CLUB. When it is used in association with the word Manawatu Car Club. It says that a club is — "an association of persons united for some common interest, meeting periodically for cooperation". So as a car club we are not really doing that are we?

Also in the dictionary the word CLUB is described as -" a stick with one thick end, used as a weapon". Maybe it's the later we should use to get some of you members to join the regulars who would like to see some new faces.

Our August Track & Yak is at Drovers in Feilding, let's see if we can crowd the place out.

See you there.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

Track & Yack 11th August @ 7pm. **Drovers Bar Feilding**

Working Bee

Saturday 8th August 8.30am - 1.00pm

I need helpers please We can't do it without you!

- 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

We need more than 4 members to turn up and help please!

Contact Geoff Boyden 0274 447 348

Committee Members for 2015

President - Graham Buchanan - 027 497 5675 Vice President - Richie Arber - 027 2900 668 **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

Fordy Farland (Deceased) Fred Parker (Deceased) Robert Lester Terry Rush Stan Turner

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Geoff Boyden

Editors

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

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 Delage had considerable power, but also considerable weight – the best part of two tons – and while good acceleration was shown, there remained a physical limit to the rapidity with which it could be hauled around the bend. Another heavy machine – the Clinkard Alvis, was similarly troubled, but the veteran Chrysler of J. Mackintosh held closely to the expected rate until at the seventh lap clutch failure occurred, after which the driver could only tour. Mackintosh managed an average 1 min. 24 sec. and one 1 min. 22 sec. prior to the occurrence of the misfortune.

Further misfortunes soon began to manifest themselves. Bob Gibbons, who had been maintaining the excellent times of 1 min. 26 to 23 sec. with the elegant Sunbeam-Talbot, suffered a wheel failure at the south bend, and for some time there was a struggle to move the car out of the fairway. Oil surge from the Thomson Special, with some loss of pressure through the turns, resulted in a run bigend just as the car came out of the north bend on its twentieth lap. Next to fail was the Ansell Riley. This car had been gaining on the next nearest - Freeman - at the rate of three to four seconds a lap. Ansell's characteristic times being 1 min. 24 sec. at the outset, falling to 1 min. 27 sec. after eighteen laps, then returning to the original rate after the twenty-first. A bearing failure occurred in the twentyfourth, and so the winning prospects passed to Kennedy, with the Logan, who had been maintaining a high rate with no stoppages, near at hand.

To be continued.



Doing Electrical Work For the MCC



ATTENTION! Track & Yack ATTENTION!

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Date: Tuesday, 11th August 15'

Place: Drovers Bar, Feilding

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

Next Month's Track & Yack:

Tuesday, 8th September 2015. Speights Ale House Palmerston North

New Members

Only two new members this month.

Rod & Ryan Baker from Feilding

Please make yourselves known at our next race meeting or function.

We have slowed down considerably on attracting new members to our club.

In gaining new members, sometimes it's as simple as just asking the next person who shows interest in what you are doing, would they like to join the MCC.

Contact Jeff Braid - Secretary 027 477 3337





MCC Palmy Members favourite Café meeting place





It's the Big One Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series

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.

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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Thanks!

Thanks to Leighton Hammond, who supplied us with some very special medicine to put all the weeds around the clubrooms to sleep permanently or at least in a coma for quite a while. And thank you as well for the medicine that will remind the willow stumps, that we don't need them sprouting new shoots.

When the weather is right, we'll give them a big "SURPRISE".

Thanks also to Gregg Brown for organizing to get the remainder of the willows down. EXCELLENT!

AUGUST'S GREAT EVENTS

Look at the list of Great Motorsport Events going on this month in the lower North Island, there is something for everyone!

Compete in the Winter Series at Manfield on the 2nd August.

What about a street sprint in Stratford on the 16th August that's Excellent!

Gravel Hill-climb – Mini Pikes Peak in Wanganui 29th / 30th August. This time of the year you won't have the dust in your car problem.

And if you don't do so well in your driving, well there is Driver Training at Manfield on the 30th August which is hosted by Wellington Car Club.

Events at Manfeild:

Saturday 1st Test day. Driver Training, drift practice

Sunday 2nd FAEWRS 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



Where the MCC go for all Event Equipment Hire

Manawatu Toolshed Back-Track Autocross/ Motorkhana/ Drift Training Round 1 Sunday 19th July

As I pulled on my gumboots in the darkness and headed to my car, another shower of rain clattered down, adding more to the already waterlogged ground. We had cancelled an event four weeks prior due to flooding, so the thought of a repeat was at the front of my mind. I needn't have worried. The closer I got to Manfeild the drier it became and by 8am the sun was shining, although the wind was bitterly cold.

This meeting was a bit of an experiment, combining the usual autocross/motorkhana with drift training/tutoring on the same day on the 1.5km Back-Track at Manfeild. The idea was to run the motorkhana simultaneously with drift training in the morning, then combine both groups to compete in the sealed autocross in the afternoon. The skills learned around the cones would be put to the test against the clock on the full circuit.

With the two circuits now separated by the block wall it would prove to be a logistical challenge to fit everyone in, including spectators. The outfield was sodden with a week of heavy rain so there was no parking on the grass without getting stuck axle-deep. Patience was needed.

Drifting has become the most popular form of motorsport for young people, but opportunities to learn the skills required are limited. Often the only chance some new drivers have to practice their chosen sport is in a competition. They are eliminated early with little track time under their belts. Drift training at the most basic level run by experienced competitors and drift judges, is the best way to improve both shortcomings so that's what we offered. Jaron Olivecrona, Shane Rutland and Will Cook took on the task with the 21 drivers who signed up. A series of simple cone drills run in rotation saw smoke fill the air and engines bouncing off their rev-limiters.

Meanwhile back at the motorkhana 19 drivers took to four tests against the clock, 3-leaf clover, slalom, figure-of-8 and decreasing circles. Craig O'Brien in his Mirage topped the time sheets followed by Greg Browne in his Starlet Turbo and Alan Groves in his WRX Impreza.

After lunch the fun began. Fitting 40 cars, support vehicles, crews, spectators and their cars as well as marshals and rescue crews in the small space at the edge of the track proved impossible. Add to that the high water table, the one-and-a-half lane driveway with the huge puddle in it and the fine weather attracting spectators, the limitations of the venue became all too clear. There is simply not enough hard stand to put everyone. We were determined to make it work, so with the cooperation of all the people there we shunted and shoved cars about like a Chinese puzzle, finally ending up with a semblance of order.

The remainder of the day consisted of three-lap runs of the circuit broken up with chicanes. None of the drifters were really interested in setting a time but most showed they had picked up some skills. Winner of the Autocross was Russell Byne in his Mazda RX7 SR20 DET, with Craig O'Brien 2nd in his Mirage and Stacey Dixon 3rd in his Starlet. Only 0.29sec separated the runners-up. Overall winner for the day was Craig O'Brien on 142 points, Alan Groves 2nd on 109 points, and Stacey Dixon 3rd on 102 points. Josh Chong was the top Rookie.

A huge thanks to the team who helped; Jacquie, Will, Kaye, Phil, Higgie, Cory, Russell and Greg. We got through it but we will do it differently next time.

There is no real cross-over between the drifters and the autocrossers. We will separate them and create a new event for drifters that will work better for both groups. Round 2 of the Manawatu Toolshed Back-Track Autocross/Motorkhana Series is now on Sunday September 23rd. This is a change from the previously advertised date.

For further information contact Jeff Braid 027-477-3337 / manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz or check out the website www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz

Jeff Braid

















PRIZE GIVING DINNER WE WANT YOU TO ATTEND!

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

Join us for a Celebration Dinner.

- Date Saturday 12th September
- Time: 6.30pm for pre-dinner Drinks & Nibbles
- This is a 2 course Dinner Evening (not pot luck)
 - Cost is \$35.00 incl GST per person
- It is BYO Drinks only, everything else is provided
- For your tickets please contact Danny or Richie
- All tickets must be paid for before the 11th September

Danny Phone: 027 240 1291

• Richie Phone: 027 290 0668

• Numbers will be limited so get in now!

We request all the Series Sponsors and Class Sponsors attend!

We also request that all those who have been advised they will be receiving awards, to be present at this event. You will know this of course at the end of Round Four.

A NIGHT NOT TO BE MISSED.

COME DINE AND SOCIALISE WITH US.

No Cooking required!

FEILDING AUTO ELECTRICAL WINTER SERIES - ROUND 2

The weatherman played his part in another "Funday Sunday" that could well be the theme of the popular Club series, also worthy of special mention were the handicappers who really got their sums right for the final round of races. Breakout penalties add their own element so that the order crossing the finish line isn't necessarily the final result. Good crowd too, if you don't enjoy this meeting format you're not alive!

The SF and European Cup cars again joined forces because of the "numbers" game. Daniel Hetterschied was the most consistent of the SFers with a win, a second and third in the three races, the declared results showing that Matt Tasker and Simon Manthel also scored maximum points with a win each. A pair of thirds was good reward for Aaron Walker.

Disappointingly, there are only two drivers contesting the European Cup, both driving 325i BMWs. Round 2 brought a reversal of the June meeting with Geoff Boyden claiming two wins and a second to get bragging rights over Andrew Johnson. Beemer owner/trainer/driver Boyden made a generous offer by "loaning" his car to Peter Beauchamp for the RS Cup races as the Toyota Corolla was still recovering from damage sustained in the opening round a month earlier. Not surprisingly the Feilding funeral director blitzed everyone by a wide margin, but it came at huge cost in terms of time - the breakout penalties incurred were 40 seconds, 50 seconds and a whopping 180 seconds, obviously no chocolate fish there! Ryan Cooksley and Ben Boyden had good wins, while in the handicap race Team Arber had cause for celebration when Lydia had her first win, heading fast closing Ryan Cooksley and Mark Nicholls across the line.

There was the usual high quality in the Classic Cup class that saw well-known Wanganui engine man Grant Rivers joining the grid in his immaculate Targa Ford Mustang, the black beauty finishing the day with a win and third placing. The car the crowd were watching was Adam Newell's Holden Commodore that won the scratch race, was third in the Reverse Top 10 and powered through the field to a brilliant second in the Handicap behind Porsche pedaller Ross McCormack. The Newell "Thunder Ship" is as quick as the sight and sound suggest with lap times in the mid 1.15's. Defending champion Layton Hammond's best results were a second and third, Phil McQuoid was twice second across the line but there was disappointment for Ian Williamson with a highest fourth placing.

The GT Cup field was reduced from four to two so was logically combined with the big IB Cup entry. The two-car races saw Craig Bartosh taking maximum points on two occasions with Shaun Sheldrake's rotary Mazda RX7 heading the V8 Ford Capri in the handicap where the GT's finished 11th and 12th overall after giving big starts to the IB Cup cars.

For the IB Cuppers it was game on from the moment the red lights went out. Lots of overtaking with wins shared by Dave Thomsen, Peter Edmond and Craig Schofeild, Volvo Pete also picking up two seconds for another good points haul from the day.

The absence of Julian Mountford in his Formula Ford meant the Formula Libre races were contested by the VW-based Formula First cars with no distractions and all three races were fiercely contested. Thanks mainly to the drafting technique there was passing and repassing on every lap but on the crucial last one it was Craig Greenwood who led the charge over the finish line twice before Matthew Podjursky pipped the #22 car in the final race. Liam Lawson, Robert Steven and Cameron Dance shared the minor placings, however there was disappointment for Lawson with a DNF in the final race.

The quality of the racing being offered by the Mazda MX5's fully justifies the decision to make them a standalone class, bumper-to-bumper, door-to-door racing is the name of their game. Team Hogg continues as the dominant force with defending champion Bryce setting the pace, winning both the scratch and

handicap races split by third in the Reverse Top 10. Gareth's tally was two seconds so it was good day at the office for the lads in the green machines. Tim Wilde, Dennis Churcher, Nigel Edger and Richard O'Brien picked up minor placings but it was a frustrating day for Jeremy Hoskins whose tenth and ninth placings were split by a very good win in the Reverse Top 10. It must be said that the quick and distinctive liveried "777" deserved much better, a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time on more than one occasion!

Pre-meeting, history was in the making with the possibility of one car winning six races by starting in two classes. Post-meeting, history was not made. The #66 BMW was certainly capable of achieving the milestone, but...

A combination of Mr Beauchamp Senior's Time Penalty infringements and Mr Boyden Senior's indiscretion with a spin onto the infield at Toyota in the handicap race produced the disappointing statistics two from six – gentlemen, let's see what happens next time.

Russell Harris

MANFEILD MEETING MADE HEADLINES

It's extremely rare for a motorsport event to head a national radio news bulletin, but it did happen at Manfeild nearly 30 years ago. It was not because there was a major crash involving serious injury, in the headline grabber there was relatively minor damage to two cars and a trackside advertising banner was demolished - the reason for the national interest was that the driver of one of the cars involved was the Prime Minister of New Zealand!!

David Lange was a genuine motorsport fan and in 1988 accepted an invitation from the Ford Motor company to drive a Ford Laser TX3i in the one-make series.

The opening round of the Benson & Hedges International Series was staged at Manfeild, and during one of Saturday's practice sessions there was collision between the rookie PM and experienced racer Andrew Maher as the pair exited the hairpin. Both cars sustained panel damage (not exactly uncommon in this class of racing) when they made contact before Mr Lange careered onto the inside of the track and hit the signboard before coming to a rest - neither driver was injured and it was described by the Stewards of the meeting as a "racing incident".

Somehow Radio New Zealand's newsroom in Auckland heard about it and I had a phone call to do a "live" report as part of the lead story of the 11am bulletin. The journalist's build-up to my comments as a witness were extraordinary, almost suggesting it was the biggest crash in motor racing history!!

It must be said that involving David Lange was a marketing masterstroke by Ford NZ, the big fella certainly enjoyed being part of the series and the history books will always show that he was the first leader of a country to drive in a motor race...

Russell Harris



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

Date	Events	Venue	Comments
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

AUGUST

Saturday 1st Test day. Driver Training, drift practice

Sunday 2nd Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Race Series Round 3 **Friday 7**th Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes

Sunday 9th Intermarque Sprints

Friday 14th Manfeild Test Day. Competition cars and bikes **Friday 21**st 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 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 3 Dual Sprints Saturday August 22nd Clubmans Sunday August 23rd
Round 4 Dual Sprints Saturday September 19th Clubmans Sunday September 20th

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