



Manawatu Car Club

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Welcome

We are a little later with our newsletter this month, for very good reason, but not a really good excuse.

Things at the MCC are moving along so quickly, that we are activity rich, but time poor, and time is what is needed to put together a newsletter, along with contributions, which we could do with more of, all add to making an interesting newsletter.

We have looked at limiting the pages that our newsletter contains, because bigger sometimes isn't necessarily better, as you can easily lose interest in looking through all the pages of content. So we will keep the newsletter going forward to fewer pages, as long as you promise to read it.

This month two great events happened. We held our first, for a very long time, multi event weekend, including a night rally, based from the clubrooms. We also had a wedding held in the clubrooms, maybe not a first, but very much a first for a very long time. We also have another inquiry for a wedding and a 50th Birthday in the New Year, so our vision of bringing back the clubrooms for the clubs use, but also getting a return on our investment is starting to gain traction, with a small number of hirages over the last few months and this has been enough to just keep ahead of the rates.

With Christmas soon upon us, don't forget to register for the Christmas Dinner to be held at the clubrooms on Saturday 19th December (Details further through in the newsletter). This is another first for a very long time, and being promised as another enjoyable evening.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden

"Track & Yack"

8th December @ 7pm.
Speights Ale House
Grey St
Palmerston North

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Come Racing With Us

Club History

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

Extracts from the Manawatu Car Club Inc.

July 1949
The A.N.Z.C.C (Now M.A.N.Z.)

Readers are well aware that "Sportscar" is the official organ of the Association of New Zealand Car Clubs but many are unaware of the work and objects of the organisation.

Objects-

Briefly, the A.N.Z.C.C is a body formed by each of the members clubs appointing on delegate who represents the individual club at periodical conferences held in the main centres. The decisions of this meeting are carried out by an Executive Committee composed of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer.

The objects aimed at through the formation of the Association may be summarized as, chiefly:

1. To exercise a small measure of control over all branches of motor sport in the Dominion, particularly from the angle of obtaining uniformity of regulations governing events.
2. To draw up in conjunction with all affiliated clubs a yearly programme in order to avoid as far as possible clashes of dates of events with other motor sporting events or with events such as horse racing fixtures.
3. To encourage safe and skilful handling of cars on the open roads and to educate as well as to assist to educate drivers in the exercise of road manners and the observance of the Road Code of safety and to co-operate with local or national bodies in the preservation of the law and order on the roads.
4. To protect the rights of clubs and competitors, to encourage all forms of true motor sports, to suppress and abuse in connection with motor car competitions.
5. Lastly to co-operate with overseas authorities in the matter of creation of records applicable to the sport as well as to use all available methods for the improvement of motor sport generally in New Zealand.

To be continued.

ATTENTION! Track & Yak ATTENTION

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Date: Tuesday, 8th December 2015.

Place: Speights Ale House, Grey Street,
Palmerston North

Bring your wife, partner, or friend and enjoy a social occasion a chat and catch up on all the news.

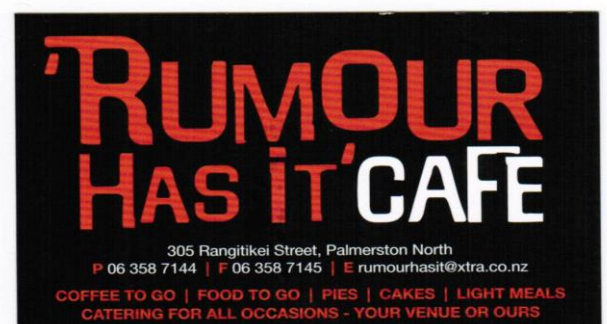


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Suppliers of Port-a-Loos to the Winter Series.

R.S. CUP.

The executive confirmed at the last meeting, that entry fees for the R.S.Cup will remain at \$100.00 plus transponder hire for the next Summer Series and the 2016 Winter Series.

The class is growing, but we need more entries going forward as some of the 2015 R.S. Cup racers will be moving up to the next class, this being the S. F. Cup class.

So tell your mates – encourage them to join us, and have a ball, at a very low all up cost. This type of motor racing can't get any cheaper.

This is Massive Bang for your Buck.

Summer Series.

This will be known as "The Canteen Summer Series", supporting Kids with Cancer, our charity of choice.

There will be 3 rounds. The 1st round of The Canteen Summer Series will be on:

- Sunday 20th December 2015 at Manfield, followed by:
- Sunday 17th January 2016 at Taupo.
- Sunday 10th April 2016 at Manfield.

Maybe we could have a big BBQ after the December round.
We will let you know!

Clubrooms.

When you next visit the clubrooms, you will see that the "Snug" or the "Pit Area" is 95% complete. It's looking great and has been used socially on a couple of occasions already with the feedback so far is all "thumbs up". We need to get the large mural on the back wall, TV mounted on the swinging arm, and permanent furniture. All this is to be completed before the Christmas dinner function.

The committee have discussed and agreed that the entry to the clubrooms off the road, when the gates are closed is more than a little dangerous. So they are considering changing the entry, by stepping the gates back and putting separate gates into the clubrooms carpark. Fencing with rails up the side, towards the storage shed so that our clubrooms become more separated from the entry to the back track.

Also being considered is fencing off the lawn, to the paddock, giving a better outdoor area closed off from the untidy paddock that the car club does own. At the same time we will also do some beautification to the tyre wall, so it doesn't look so ugly from the clubrooms side.

Next year it will be getting the archives room underway, so that all our history can be displayed correctly in the one area, but let's not get ahead of ourselves.

The Projects Team

Manawatu Car Club Christmas Dinner

Another First - Christmas Dinner at the Clubrooms.
Mark the Calendar Now! - Saturday, 19th December 2015
Fully Catered Meal only \$35.00 per Person
BYO Drinks - Of your Choice
This will be a traditional Christmas Dinner and a time to
Celebrate 2015.

Danny McKenna and Richie Arber are your contacts to register.
Danny. Phone 027-240-1291 Richie. Phone 027-290-0668
Remember our events sell out fast, so book now!!



MCC Membership Subscriptions

Remember Subs are now due.

Please pay promptly.

Don't get caught without a current MCC membership at your next race meeting as this can be very embarrassing.

Join online at

www.manawatucarclub.org.nz

Wanted-Wanted-Wanted

We need more **Scrutineers** to help with the scrutineering the cars before they go out on the track.

If you are a mechanic, or think you have the expertise to be a scrutineer then please contact Danny McKenna at Danny's Autos - 25 David Street Palmerston North. Phone 027-240-1291 He will be pleased to hear from you, and will explain the process to go through to be a qualified scrutineer.

Be Involved = Contact Danny Today.

Hirepool

EVENTS

Where the MCC go for all Event Equipment Hire

REVIVING MEMORIES...RUSSELL'S STORY

For a wide variety of reasons we all have memories of cars that go back to our youngest years and have played some part in our lives – Dad had one of those, Great Uncle Bertie had one of those, the neighbours had one of those, a teacher had one of those, and so the list goes on.

A visit to a car museum can revive memories of vehicles of yesteryear, but they are on static display. You see some on outings organised by devotees of a specific make, but if you have fuel in your veins there's nothing that matches classic car racing and all that it brings, often the most eclectic assortment of cars imaginable.

Naturally people have very different views on what constitutes a classic car. Looking at my treasured programme from the Lady Wigram Trophy meeting in 1954 the Saloon Car Handicap had 19 starters racing over 7 laps (15 miles) for a total of 50 pounds in prizemoney (the winner got half) and the list of cars entered was certainly diverse - Morris Minor (5), Citroen (2), Riley (2) and Ford Zephyr (2) with single examples of Standard Vanguard, Ford V8, Buick, Austin A30, Austin A90, Jaguar MkV, Vauxhall Wyvern and Studebaker. Little or no modifications, taped headlights and driven to and from the circuit. The crowd thought they were great because we didn't know any different, the fastest were capable of close to 90 miles an hour (145 km/h), most were significantly slower. But could you regard any of them as classics???

Of course the quality of cars and level of performance quickly improved racing in the following years, particularly with the arrival of the Mk2 3.8 Jaguars, Lotus Cortinas and Mini Coopers which are revered and definitely regarded as classics. That evolution process has continued, but many would argue that the pinnacle of saloon/touring car racing came with the Nissan Mobil 500 Series at Pukekohe and on the streets of Wellington from 1985 through to the mid 90's.

So many of today's motorsport enthusiasts never saw the cars of that era in "live" action, but that will change in a few days time thanks to the formation of the South Island based Historic Touring Car group who are crossing Cook Strait for the first time to participate at the 30th running of the MG Classic Meeting at Manfeild on 13/14/15 November.

There will be no Morris Minors or Ford Zephyrs on the grid, but there will be more than 20 Group A spec racers and most are genuine originals with outstanding provenance. Replicas are eligible but they must be 100% correct in every detail when compared to the real deal and it's very strictly monitored - the line-up is simply mouth watering!!

When did you last see a grid that included fabled names like Holden Commodore SS, Ford Falcon, Ford Mustang, Ford Sierra RS500, BMW 635CSi, BMW M3, TWR Rover Vitesse, TWR Jaguar XJS, Nissan Skyline GTR, Porsche 911 RS etc etc...?? This is true classic/historic racing in its purest form, as the original Manfeild by-line said - "*SEEING IS BELIEVING*", see you there...

Russell Harris

P.S. The 1954 Lady Wigram Trophy race was the first truly international event at the open and fast 2.116 mile (3.42 km) airfield circuit on the outskirts of Christchurch. 60 years ago the prizemoney for the feature race was very modest with a total pool of 615 pounds for the event.

The 100 mile race (18 laps) was won by English amateur driver Peter Whitehead in a 2-litre supercharged Ferrari who collected 150 pounds for winning and a further 50 pounds for first finisher in the Over 1500cc class. Second was Australian Tony Gaze driving a HMW-Alta (75 pounds + 30 pounds), third across the line was the 1.5 litre V16 BRM of Englishman Ken Wharton (50 pounds + 25 pounds).

When New Zealand converted to decimal currency in July 1967 a pound was worth two dollars, so the prizemoney was never going to pay the bills - they didn't have chocolate fish to race for back then!!

Russell Harris

A.G.M.

That time of the year is coming up very soon. The date of the A.G.M. will be published on-line and also in the December Newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS

We have had a further 8 new members join our club in the last month.

BIG BOYS TOYS

**ARENA MANAWATU
20 – 21 – 22- NOVEMBER**

The Manawatu Car Club has taken a stand at the Big Boys Toys Show, to promote our club – to gain new members, to talk to interested people about what our club offers. To recruit new volunteers for all areas of our clubs activities on and off the track.

We have taken a 9m x 3m stand and will have 3 cars on display (these have already been chosen) along with all the promo gear.

It is another first for the club, as we continue to market ourselves as being the No 1. Car Club to join and to be part of.



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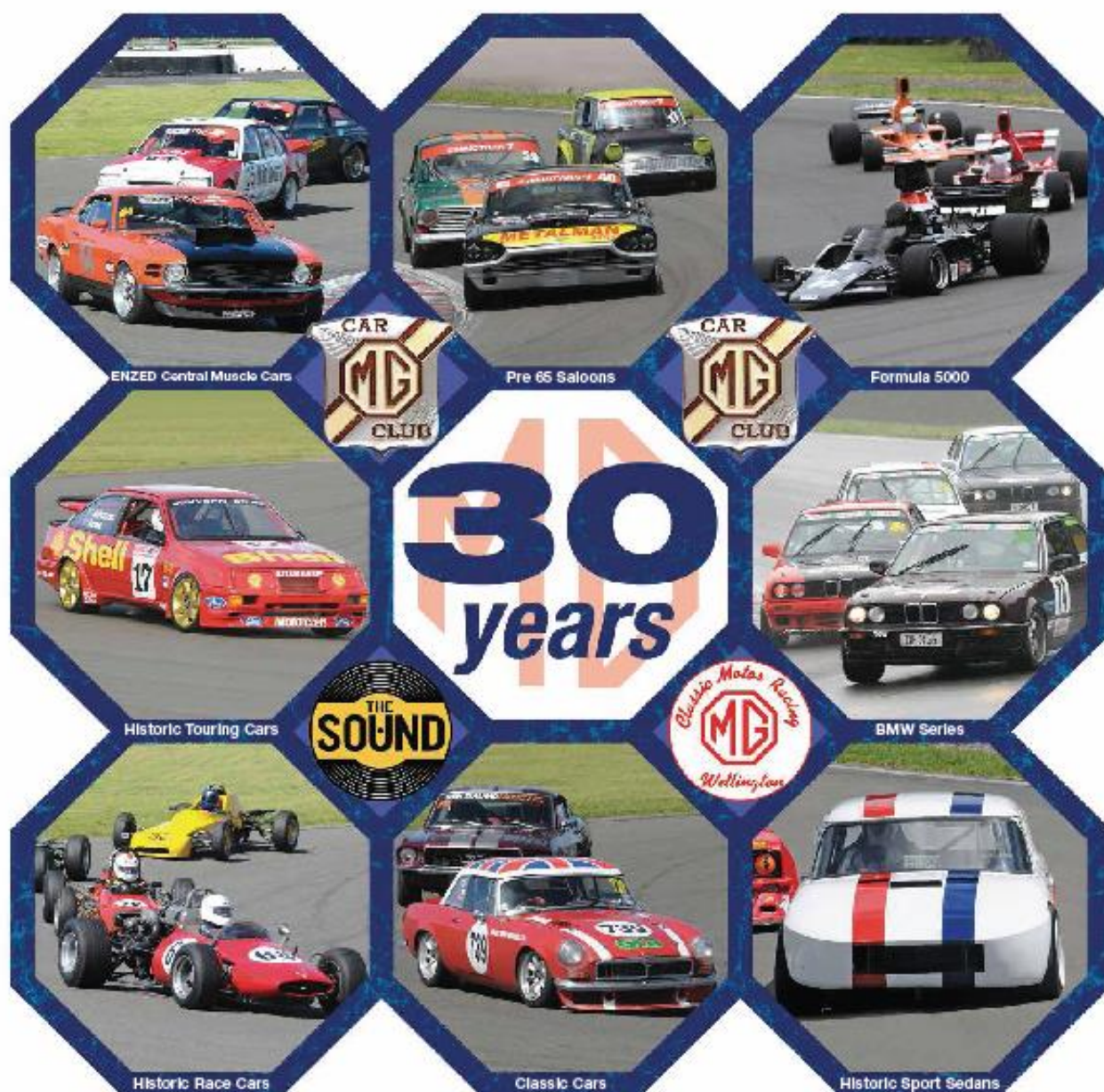
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FRIDAY 13 TO SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

FEATURE RACES-

Including: F5000, Historic Touring Cars, Pre65, Central Muscle Cars, The Sybil Lupp for Classics, BMW Series and more...

Admission:

Friday: Practice - Adult & Children - FREE
 Saturday: Adult - \$20 Children under 14 - FREE*
 Sunday: Adult - \$20 Children under 14 - FREE*
 * Children must be accompanied by an adult.

9am start
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YOU know that old saying about age being no barrier? Well it's certainly true in respect to the MG Classic here at Manfeild this weekend.

One of New Zealand's great motorsport events, providing an annual chance for drivers of all types of classic cars to get onto the circuit and let rip, turns 30 this year yet shows no signs of showing any signs of age or of slowing down.

Quite the contrary, in fact: The 2015 gathering, sponsored by The Sound radio station, is a truly bumper event – the programme this year contains no less than 50 races, a new record for this event that has for the first time demanded that all practice and qualifying is staged on Friday.

There's good reason why the MG Classic has established as one of the best-known and loved race meetings in this country. Basically, there's no better chance to see old race cars of amazing quality and quantity. The count and range of vehicles is considerable, colourful and always captivating and it's no different this weekend, with more than 300 cars set to compete.

The concept of having opportunity to see 'old favourites' of course takes a literal meaning; every race presents a mix and depth of talent and historic vehicles so there's plenty to keep entrants and spectators occupied.

Formula 5000s, Central Districts Muscle Cars, Pre-65s, Historics, Formula Juniors' and diversity of mixed era offers, identified under Classic (pre-1978) mantle, are this year joined by another drawcard; 28 cars representing the Group A category that was so dominant during the 1980s and early '90s. These machines run under the auspices of the Historic Touring Cars register, A South Island-centred group that has done a magnificent job of bringing together genuine and approved replica period touring cars.

The race meeting also has the added bonus of being a fundraiser for the Cancer Society. One generator of donations is the annual lunchtime rides around the circuit in a classic car. Manfeild stadium will also be a pit zone, so there will be plenty of rare and fascinating racing metal to be seen under the 7500 square metre roof.

The other motorsport action of particular note this month is the opening round of the D1NZ drifting championship, here on November 27-28. This Demon Energy-backed series is another huge event further fuelled in this instance by recent impressive Kiwi success in the first two rounds of the trans-tasman championship, held in Australia (the last two legs are in New Zealand in early 2016).

All of the country's best drifters, both old hands and rising young guns, are in action and it's a great opportunity to see old favourites, not least two time national champ 'Fanga Dan' - Daniel Woolhouse in his VE Holden Commodore V8 and Kiwi International and former circuit racer 'Slim' - Daynom Templeman who has a new 3.4L Stroked 2JZ powered E46 BMW.

The weekend just gone was also brilliant for Manfeild. The glorious weather added a great final touch to a great Manawatu A and P Show. The attendance number was still being collated as I write this but from my observation it would have been one of the biggest shows in years. A big lift in trade stalls and entertainment was obviously a crowd draw. It was neat to see that this wonderful rural tradition still has a place in today's world.

Last weekend started strongly with the Manawatu Sports Awards. Wasn't it fantastic to see Manawatu, Highlanders and All Blacks halfback Aaron Smith being named the region's supreme sportsperson of the year? The quality of contenders for all awards was impressive and a reminder that our region is a fantastic generator of talent across a massive spread of activity. I was delighted to attend as a guest of the Central Energy Trust, whose new chairman Rod Titcombe is, of course, also a Manfeild Trust Board member – such a busy life he leads! Rod takes over from Sir Brian Elwood, having previously been the deputy chairperson.

I'd like to wrap up by saying how humbled I have been by the many, many messages of goodwill from so many of you in respect to my new job, as chief executive of Manfeild Park. Your kindness and encouragement is great fuel! I should also acknowledge, too, the wonderful support I have had from my immediate family, not just during the past week but also during the year just gone, when I held the role of acting General Manager. The new job also demands massive commitment but perhaps my early New Year's resolution is that I will try to get home more for dinner in 2016.

Julie Keane

Chief Executive Officer



2015 – 2016 Manfeild Events Calendar

NOVEMBER

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
Friday 27th	D1NZ
Saturday 28th	D1NZ

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
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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

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

Date	Events	Venue	Comments
13-15 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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