



Manawatu Car Club

December
2015

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Welcome

Who cannot be more proud of our local Palmerston North born - Brendon Hartley. I don't think the Manawatu Car Club were premature in the Big Celebration they held for the Hartley Family, "Keeping Up With The Hartley's" back in September. We were celebrating the fact that amongst us, we have a family who have put their heart and soul into the sport, and the latest win for Brendon confirms what a fantastic sportsman we have on the world stage representing the whole country.

This little country of ours "down-Under" has produced and is continuing to produce motorsport greats whose names are known around the world. What really annoys me is the little publicity, our motorsport people get from the media, in comparison to "donkey racers" who get at least a page or two in the local papers about some old hack that may have won or not. Anyway that's Geoff's opinion.

As we head towards Christmas and the "Silly Season" we do need to take more care on the roads when travelling about. Go North and you will meet those Auckland people driving on country roads, gaining their once a year driving experience on Rural Roads that are not like the motorway. Go deep south and you'll meet drivers who want to be on your side of the road. So which ever direction you may go, if you are lucky enough to have a summer get-away holiday, use those 2 eyes you have been given to continually scan for mobile hazards and stay safe.

Have a lovely Christmas with family and friends and we wish you all the very best for the New Year.

Geoff & Glenys Boyden



"Track & Yack"

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

Committee Members for 2015

President - Graham Buchanan – 027 497 5675

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Committee:

Jeff Braid, Richie Arber, James O'Regan, Kerry Halligan,
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Raymond Bennett.

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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.

July 1949

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

The member clubs are at present the N.Z. Sports Car Club, operating from Wellington, the N.Z. Motor Racing Association of Auckland, the Northern Sports Car Club, also of Auckland, the Manawatu Car Club, operating from Palmerston North, the Hawkes Bay Sports Car Club with headquarters at Hastings, and in the South Island, the Canterbury Car Club of Christchurch, who share the district with the group of enthusiasts for the cars of the pre 1931 era, the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand, based in Christchurch, but with a nation-wide membership, the Otago Sports Car Club of Dunedin, and lastly the Nelson Car Club, formed in 1948.

During the present year several new clubs have been formed and to these have been extended the backing and good wishes of the Association. These are the Competitors Car Club with headquarters at Auckland, the Southland Car Club of Invercargill, and the South Canterbury Car Club of Timaru. In addition, there are movements to set up clubs at Whangarei, Hamilton, Hawera, and in the Wairarapa. It is particularly pleasing to see much evidence of the spread of interest in the sport as the increase in membership and in the number of clubs forms one of the principal measures of the widening of interest in motor sport.

(An incident comes to mind, after attending this Association of N.Z. Car Clubs meeting in Wellington in the company of Mick Page and his Morris 8 Sports. Mick was another colourful member of our Club and one of the Founders and his forte was following trams so close there would be less than six inches between our radiator and the tram. He thought he could frighten me and he bloody well did, we followed this tram all the way down Willis Street and he was just about to yell out "look no hands" when just outside the Evening Post building a major road works was in operation and about 25 yards of sleepers had been removed, but Mick did not know this because of his intense concentration. Half way along the excavation we got off the tramlines and found we had four wheels spinning in the air. The gang laying the sleepers were having afternoon tea on the footpath and you could have knocked their eyeballs with sticks, I left the scene in great haste!)

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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MCC Annual General Meeting

The AGM is to be held at the Manawatu Car Club Clubrooms
120 Kawa Kawa Road, Feilding
Wednesday, 27th January 2016 @ 7.30 pm sharp.

**All financial members should attend.
This is the most important meeting of the year.**

Clubrooms.

One of the most disappointing things to find at the Clubrooms, was that some idiot had put 5 beer bottle tops into the newly installed Wastemaster and had given them a good spin. Who in their right mind would do that? After the time, effort, and dollars spent bringing the Clubrooms back from a "Possum Pit" to a venue we all should be proud of. It amazes me that these people are in our Clubrooms.

We are finally at a stage with the Clubrooms that our rental income is starting to support our outgoings (i.e. Rates, insurance etc...), and as we further upgrade, our income should improve.

The committee signed off on the purchase of 35 new chairs, to be delivered in February, which will take our chair stock to 100, saving having to hire 35 – 40 chairs every time we have a function.

The MG Classic again used the clubrooms for their Saturday night function. Over 100 in attendance with a spit roast, providing plenty of food for every-one who bought a ticket to attend. This was the 30th year of this event, and we were very pleased that they chose our Clubrooms to celebrate this great occasion.

Welcome to New MCC Members October – November 2015

Peter Crawford	Marton	Bryce Crawford	Bulls
Gareith Stanley	P.Nth	Samantha Stanley	P.Nth
Scott McCaskie	P.Nth	Grant McCaskie	P.Nth



Where the MCC go for all Event Equipment Hire

Manawatu Car Club Christmas Dinner

Another First - Christmas Dinner at the Clubrooms.

Mark the Calendar Now - 19th December 2015

Fully Catered Meal - \$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 you contacts
to register.**

Danny: Phone 027 240 1291

Richie: Phone 027 290 0668

Come and enjoy some Christmas Cheer.

Book now!!!



CanTeen

Manawatu Car Club Summer Race Series.

Well the Manawatu Car Club's Summer Race Series is rapidly approaching.

We are having three rounds this series, the dates and venues are:

Sunday 20th December 15' – Manfeild

Sunday 17th January 16' – Taupo Motorsport Park

Sunday 10th April 16' – Manfeild

This series we have teamed with CanTeen, hence the name "CanTeen Summer Race Series", in the hope that we can help them to raise funds for their great cause, which is to ensure that no 13-24 year old will ever fight cancer alone. They support young people aged 13-24 when cancer turns their world upside down and helps them cope with the physical, emotional and practical impact of living with cancer. Living with cancer is traumatic at any time, but even more so for young people already facing challenges of identity, independence, education, relationships, intimacy and employment.

What we are asking is for all competitors who enter any one of the three Summer Series Rounds to voluntarily donate a minimum of \$10 when you do documentation on the morning of race day. If you donate \$10 you will receive a "CanTeen Summer Series" sticker to stick on your car to show you have supported this great cause. If you donate \$20 you will receive two stickers, \$30 for three etc... At the conclusion of every round the Manawatu Car Club will pass your donations and details onto the team at CanTeen Manawatu. You will also get a special mention in one of our upcoming MCC Newsletters.

If you have any questions or queries about the upcoming CanTeen Summer Race Series, or anything else to do with the Manawatu Car Club, please do not hesitate to contact Richie Arber on 027-2900-668 or email richie@trgroup.co.nz or contact Jeff Braid on 027-477-3337 or email manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz

Please also have a look at the CanTeen Summer Series website page at http://manawatucarclub.org.nz/event/new-event/?instance_id=841 for further details about the upcoming Summer Series including which classes are running and the associated online and printable entry forms.

We thank you for your support to date and we look forward to a successful CanTeen Summer Race Series.



ARE YOU A TRUE HISTORIC RACER?

For many years Historic Saloon Car racing in New Zealand has been in decline.

While the reasons for this are many and varied the fact remains that grids are getting less period correct saloon cars. Most of what we see these days at classic meetings are old bodies with modern running gear, and while these are interesting exercises in engineering they are not period correct historic racing cars.

Help is at hand - a new group has been formed to bring back New Zealand's rich saloon racing history. Period correct cars - period correct running gear as covered by Appendix 6 in the current Motorsport Manual. This is to replicate the Group 2 and Group 5 era from 1967 to 1974 one of New Zealand's golden ages of motorsport.

These regulations are the foundation of the extremely popular Historic Muscle Car Group (HMC). Demand has now led to the forming of a group for period correct saloons known as Historic Saloon Cars (HSC).

We are not a club but a group of Motorsport enthusiasts racing and preserving our cars and history.

The group has been invited to several hi profile events including The New Zealand Festival of Motor Racing Celebrating Porsche (Jan 2016) and the MG Classic Meeting (Nov 2016)

If you are interested in becoming part of this group please contact either:

Bruce Dyer, bruced105@gmail.com

Bill Ritchie, billritchie@xtra.co.nz

Historic Saloon Car (HSC) Ramblings

Well this is my first attempt at putting pen to paper as they use to say....

I have now been helping Dale, Steve and Tony since February this year and have attended 5 meetings in the Auckland region and 2 meetings here at Manfeild during the year.

I now have a better handle on the task ahead and the people involved.

The biggest issue I see facing HSC is the understanding of Appendix 6 and how it affects us as a group of enthusiasts racing and building cars which fall in to the dates of 1962 thru to December 1977.



I have been recently approached by one very enthusiastic racer who wants to build a replica Mk1 Escort RS1600 with a BDG engine.

These Escorts are not your normal everyday production car made by Ford. These were specialised vehicles made by Fords AVO department and made to a strict homologation ruling.

These fall under Schedule K of Appendix 6 and to race in our HSC group MUST comply with COD set of guidelines of Schedule K. They do not fall under Schedule T&C due to the modification of bubble flares on the guards.

Mk1 Escort was not produced with the BDG engine so technically must have a BDA to BDE engine. The BDG came out in the Mk11 and came after the BDE/F.



We need to do our homework on such vehicles before going down the expensive path so you can turn up and be part of HSC. Refusal could be a costly exercise to those of you who do not follow the rules of Appendix 6 and the homologation papers of these vehicles.

Remember the dates also apply to the mechanicals and the body modifications of the car and it's just not the little Fords either as both Alfa Romeo and BMW made specific cars for saloon racing through specialised companies associated to their main production plants.

These specifically built cars, i.e. RS Escorts, RS Capris, Alfa GTAs and the BMW 3.0 CSI are in great demand overseas but since limited production of the real cars the replica market has grown and today you can buy ready made cars all set to do duty on the race track.

I am certainly not the expert and nor do I preach to be one and there will be those of you out there that have more knowledge of the AVO Escorts and the other various cars.

It is different if you own the real thing or have a car that raced in period.

Do the research first and if in doubt...ask and keep the paper trail. It will help in the process.

Remember the COD system is compulsory for those of us racing cars in HSC and there are no prizes, points or trophies, just pleasure and enjoyment.

Secondly on the agenda is for those of you who have not sent thru to Dale or myself their COD's please do so.

Those of you who haven't got a COD please take the steps to do so as well. I am currently helping one of our guy's with his and we are here to assist with this.

Thirdly is the confusion re tyres. The tyres must be as per Appendix 6, either Bais treaded tyres or DOT approved treaded radials with a full tread.

We have been working with two people who have historic racing saloons and have hopefully solved their issues of size and supply.

Cardwells have supplies of bais tyres or can get them for you and I have recently purchased a set for my Alfa 105 GTV.

Slicks are not part of HMC/HSC and if in doubt ask.



We have been accepted to run our cars both HMC and HSC at the MG Classic for November 2016.

This is good news and now we can build towards that meeting as our grid will only be for us so all cars will be COD legal.

I would also like pass on my thanks for the support I have received from you all and would also like to welcome the entire new guy's and girl's to HSC.

Special welcome to Grant Sprague who brings a wealth of racing knowledge to our grid and from a well-known racing family.

Also to my Alfa associate Bill Ritchie who has been invaluable with his wealth of knowledge in MSNZ and his overseas experience in racing Historic's in Europe.

I look forward to catching up with you all at the Festival of Motor Racing, Hampton Downs, January 15-17 and 22-24, 2016, so let's get the entries in before Christmas, this helps the organisers.

Cheers

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Big Boys Toys

Big Boys Toys came to the Manawatu in November, the first time it has been held out of Auckland and the Manawatu Car Club was there and on show.

We had a great stand featuring Tammie Boyden's R.S. Cup Toyota, Danny McKenna's ex Ash Cain's V.K. Commodore and rebuilt to a high standard, and Layton Hammond's immaculate Mk1 Escort.

The back wall of our stand featured our new large photo of the Manfield Track, which is now residing in the Clubrooms new area.

We had rolling TV footage of race meetings, as well as Richie, Lydia, Ben, Danny Jeff and Geoff manned the display stand over the weekend on a roster system, which worked very well.

We met Club Members, past Club Members, prospective Club Members, interested new racers, signed up some new Club Members, as well as many volunteers.

We had printed prior to the event an information sheet (sample included in the newsletter) to hand out to interested people, and on the reverse side we had the membership application form. As well as that we took email addresses of interested people to receive our newsletter.

All in all it was a very successful promotion of the Manawatu Car Club.

We achieved our goals, and had a great time in doing it. We should go back next year.



Race Licences

We now have 3 new licence examiners within the club, these people are:

Richie Arber 027 497 5675

Danny McKenna 027 240 1291

Jeff Braid 027 477 3337

and

Dennis Martin 06 355 4055

who is also a licence examiner and has been for a number of years.

For your race licence or renewal please contact any one of these MCC members who are keen to get you out on the track.



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Club History:

The Manawatu Car Club was formed in 1947 and is close to having the distinction of being a 70 year old Car Club.

We have our own Clubrooms beside the Manfeild Circuit in Feilding. Our Club has a substantial membership, covering all ages, male and female.

Our history shows that we have had, and still have, some very famous racers as members of our Club.

What do we do?

Belonging to our Car Club would mean you are interested in cars in general and we don't differentiate between Classic or Modern vehicles.

The MCC run their own Summer & Winter race series, and an entry level Road & Track Series, these series cater for the most novice drivers to the lap record breakers and everyone in-between.

Our Club has interest in Drifting Events and Tarmac / Gravel Rallying.

We have a social side to our Club, with having our own Clubrooms.

Membership Costs:

Please see the reverse side of this page for club membership details.

What can you do?

Not everyone wants to race, rally or drift...

We have lots of volunteer's who enjoy free membership to our Club and the comradery of being involved in a team that makes all our race meetings "hum".

Interested in Volunteering:

Tick a box if you would like to be part of the Manawatu Car Club in this way.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Marshall | <input type="checkbox"/> Crash Crew | <input type="checkbox"/> Grid Marshall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrutineer | <input type="checkbox"/> Licence Examiner |
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Your Contact Details:

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EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2015

- Saturday 19th Manawatu Toolshed Track Day Series Round 5 Final and Prize-Giving
Saturday 19th Manawatu Car Club Christmas Party at the Clubrooms. Tickets \$35. BYO drinks
Sunday 20th CanTeen Summer Race Series Round 1

JANUARY 2016

- Sunday 17th CanTeen Summer Race Series Round 2 at Taupo Motorsport Park hosted by the Taupo Car Club

FEBRUARY 2016

- Thursday 11th Manfeild Park public test day for competition cars and bikes
Friday 12th NZ Grand Prix Meeting Test Day
Saturday 13th NZ Grand Prix Meeting
Sunday 14th NZ Grand Prix Meeting
Friday 19th IRC Round 4 Test Day
Saturday 20th IRC Round 4 Race Meeting
Sunday 21st IRC Round 4 Race Meeting

MARCH 2016

No MCC events planned

APRIL 2016

- Saturday 9th Manawatu Toolshed Track Day Series Round 1, testing
Sunday 10th CanTeen Summer Race Series Round 3 Final
Saturday 16th CanTeen Summer Race Series Prize Giving at the MCC Clubrooms including Marshals and Volunteers Awards

MAY 2016

Possible grass autocross, weather and venue permitting - Date TBA.
Possible Circuit Tarmac rally Manfeild Park - Date TBA

JUNE 2016

- Saturday 4th Winter Series Round 1 Test Day
Sunday 5th Winter Series Round 1 Race Meeting
Sunday 19th Manawatu Toolshed Track Day Series Round 2, Drift Tutoring on the Back Track

JULY 2016

- Saturday 2nd Winter Series Round 2 Test Day, Drift Practice
Sunday 3rd Winter Series Round 2 Race Meeting
Sunday 17th Back Track Autocross 1.5km Circuit
Saturday 23rd North Island Endurance Race Series. 1hr and 3hr Enduro's, provisional date

AUGUST 2016

Saturday 6th Winter Series Round 3 Test Day, Drift Practice
Sunday 7th Winter Series Round 3 Race Meeting
Sunday 21st Back Track Autocross 1.5km Circuit

SEPTEMBER 2016

Saturday 3rd Winter Series Round 4 Test Day, Drift Practice
Sunday 4th Winter Series Round 4 Fathers' Day Race Meeting Final
Saturday 10th Winter Series Prize Giving at the Clubrooms
Sunday 18th Manawatu Toolshed Track Day Series Round 3

OCTOBER 2016

Friday 21st Manfeild Park Public Test Day, competition cars and bikes
Saturday 22nd IRC Round 1 Race Meeting OctoberFAST!
Sunday 23rd IRC Race Meeting OctoberFAST!

NOVEMBER 2016

Saturday 5th Multi Event Weekend plus Manawatu Toolshed Track Day Series Round 4. Circuit Sprint and Night Trial
Sunday 6th Multi Event Weekend. Motorkhana and Sealed Autocross followed by prize giving

DECEMBER 2016

Saturday 17th Manawatu Toolshed Track Day Series Round 5 Final and Prize Giving
Saturday 17th Manawatu Car Club Christmas Party
Sunday 18th MCC Summer Race Series Round 1



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