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F5000 is back for Paul Fahey Legends of Speed meeting 21st 22nd March

Welcome to the Historic Racing Club February 2020 Newsletter

HRC is now into the busy part of the year for race meetings. Not only are we running race meetings we are starting to plan next year's calendar. Events will follow a similar pattern to this season and we will be working to give classes a month between meetings and the opportunity to run at Pukekohe, Hampton Downs and Taupo. At two day meetings, classes can opt to run on just one day if they prefer. One day meetings are good as all practice and all three races are done in the day. The disadvantage is that that you miss out on a bit of social interaction and if you have a problem you have less time to fix it.

Another suggestion that has been made is that we make all the meetings FREE for spectator entry and charge a small amount \$2 for a race programme (Competitors would get the programme as an electronic copy as usual as part of their Final Instructions). We hope that free entry would boost the spectator numbers and give competitors better exposure for their sponsors. HRC relies on the gate to offset a small amount of the cost of running a meeting, so entry fees would have to rise by \$20 a meeting which we are reluctant to do being aware that entry fees are high anyway. Of course, the he ultimate race meeting has plenty of spectators paying to watch and HRC paying prize money to the competitors.

Would welcome any further suggestions of how this can be achieved !!

Historic Racing Club have three exciting events coming up in the next month and the first one is free. No Spectator Entry, FREE access to the pits, Free access to the grandstand

2KCup Festival 16th February - Pukekohe Park

Featuring 2KCup over 70 entries, Super Laps (some very fast Japanese cars here) and Classic Trial



Entries now open at www.motorsportentry.com 2KCup entries 2KCUP.com - http://2kcup.com/?page_id=625

Next up will be the

Tasman Revival Pukekohe 22nd 23rd February



Big Classic and Historic Meeting featuring the final of the EAG Formula Open Series. Support classes are BMW 2 Litre, BMW E30, BMW Open, Mini/Pre65, Sports cars, Toorace Trofeo, Improved Production Cars, Classic Touring Cars, Historic Formula Ford, Arrows/AES.

Entries open at www.motorsportentry.com

Tickets \$10 in advance or \$20 on the gate.

Buy Advance Tickets here: <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2020/feb/tasman-revival-pukekohe>

Children under 12 FREE

Pukekohe Park will be running a Race Car Test Day on the Friday (21st) for those interested.

<https://www.pukekohepark.co.nz/book/8vgG8yAHK2ANZBVNusF26q8h/>

And then

Paul Fahey Legends of Speed Meeting 21st 22nd March at Hampton Downs

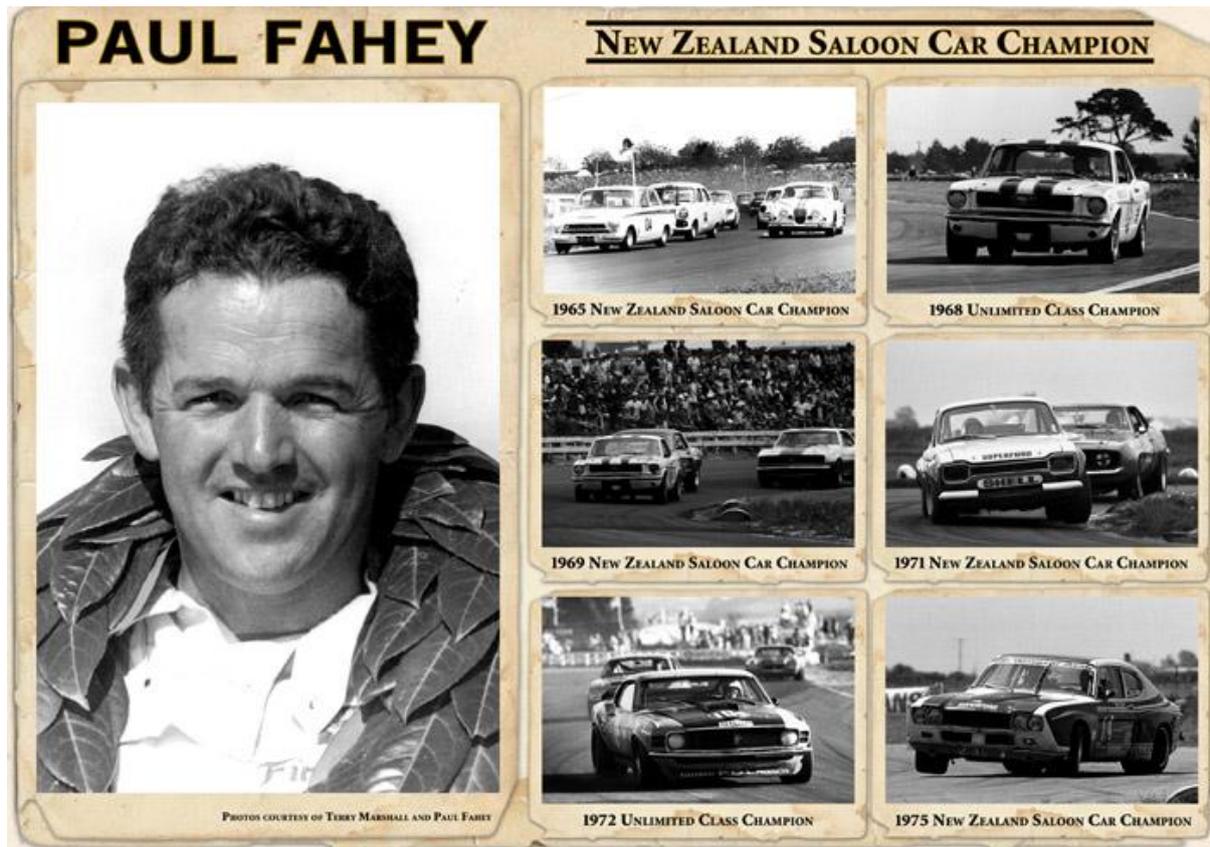


Photo – The Roaring Season

Named in honour of one of New Zealand's greatest Saloon Car drivers, the Paul Fahey meeting has some great historic and classic classes racing including ; Classic Trial, Historic Formula Ford, Arrows, AES, Formula Libre, BMW 2 Litre, Castrol BMW E30, BMW Open, Historic Muscle Cars, Historic Saloon Cars, F5000, Toorace Trofeo, Historic Sports Sedans and TRANZAM. We are also expecting a number of Paul's race cars to be either competing or on display.

At previous Legends of Speed Meetings, we used to award trophies named after Formula 1 Drivers, however this year we have decided to have NZ Motorsport Legends present trophies to classes that they were associated with.

As well as the Trophy presenters and Paul Faheys guests, we will also be joined over the weekend by the NZIGP Legends Club members.

If you would like to join them, for a small fee of \$35 per person you too can access the MONZA suite all weekend to view the racing and have somewhere to sit. Tea and Coffee will be available both days with a light luncheon provided on Sunday only. Other food will be available throughout the weekend from the food vendors in the Pit area.

Please RSVP to Tim at tim@hrcevents.co.nz with the number of tickets you require and how many will be attending the Sunday lunch.

Entries www.motorsportentry.com

Introduction to Motorsport Twilight Session

FRIDAY 20th March 2020



HRC are holding another of their popular Introduction to Motorsport sessions at Hampton Downs CLUB Circuit on FRIDAY 20th March – The day before our Paul Fahey Legends of Speed Meeting.

Designed to help people who want to try Motorsport without the pressure of turning up at an event without training. We will have experienced club members as well as tutors to help guide you through the sessions.

The event is also open to more seasoned competitors who would like some tracktime and/or coaching.

We start with an introduction to the team, then cover safety elements (Helmet, Overalls, Flags etc). There will then be a track walk to help you understand the “Racing Line” before we open the track for you to either circulate at your own pace, take race car rides with our instructors or receive instruction in your own car. There will be a maximum of 8 cars on track at any one time and you will be divided up into groups of similar ability.

- Sign On
- Safety Briefing / Track Walk
- Coaching Sessions / Tracktime

Typically we have 3 categories:

- Women in Motorsport
- First Time / Slower Drivers
- Faster Drivers

Cost for the event will be \$195 per Driver. Second Drivers \$50, Passengers are NOT Permitted at this event. Spectators FREE

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This cost includes – HD H&S Levy, Marshals, Ambulance and Recovery, Instruction and Helmet loan if required. FHR and Single Layer Overall Loan will be additional.

FAQ

What Safety Wear do I need?

To enter, you will need a single flameproof overall, a suitable helmet and a FHR device. We will have some overalls and helmets available to loan – please advise if you need one when registering.

Please note that you will need the following safety equipment (note this has changed from the last event):

Cars with regular lap and diagonal belts

- Helmet
- Fire retardant foam neckbrace (donut)
- Minimum single layer fire retardant race suit
- Covered in Shoes

4 point harness-modified cars

- Helmet
- FHR (forward head restraint HANS device)
- Minimum single layer fire retardant race suit
- Fire retardant gloves
- Fire retardant boots

What Car can I bring?

You can bring your everyday road car (Must be of Warrantable Standard) or a race car with MSNZ Logbook.

What Licence do I need?

Your NZ Driving Licence is all that is required. If you have a MSNZ Race or Clubsport Licence, these are also acceptable.

Can I take a passenger?

Not at this event. The only passengers will be our Approved Instructors.

Is it safe?

There will be Ambulance and Rescue facilities in attendance. Talk to your Insurance Broker to check if your cover can be extended to on Track Training activity.

Why can't we run it on the Big Circuit?

The reason for using the Club Circuit is to keep costs and speeds down. We want you to take your pride and joy home intact. The Club circuit is sufficiently challenging and you will have plenty of time on track.

How do I enter?

Please complete the form overleaf and buy a voucher online at <http://hrcevents.co.nz/shop.php>

ENTRY FORM

Introduction to Motorsport – FRIDAY 20th March 2020

DRIVER DETAILS:	
*Name	
Postal Address	
City	
*Email Address	I do not wish to subscribe to the HRC Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/>
*Telephone -	Telephone - Mobile
*Emergency Contact:	Phone:
*Drivers Licence Number	*Licence Expiry Date
VEHICLE DETAILS:	
*Vehicle Make	*Vehicle Model
Colour	REGO Number
Capacity in cc	Helmet Req? <input type="checkbox"/>
Group:	Overall Req? <input type="checkbox"/>
Beginner (Slow) <input type="checkbox"/>	FHR Foam Donut Hire? <input type="checkbox"/>
Advance (Fast) <input type="checkbox"/>	Instruction Required? <input type="checkbox"/>
Women in Motorsport <input type="checkbox"/>	

I verify that the vehicle being used is up to Warrant of Fitness Standards and / or has a MSNZ logbook

*Signature: _____

*Date: _____

How did you hear about us: _____

Payment

Buy a voucher ONLINE at : <http://hrcevents.co.nz/shop.php>

PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO tim@hrcevents.co.nz if you intend entering.

From Talk Motorsport [www. https://talkmotorsport.co.nz/](https://talkmotorsport.co.nz/)

Formula Open is a happening thing

Date:

[February 8, 2020](#)

The brainchild of Ken Smith and John Tomlin, Formula Open NZ (FONZ) aims to hopefully see the return of decent crowd sizes for historic club racing events. The championship, operated separately from Formula Libre, is a sole 'wings and slicks class' for some of New Zealand's historic and modern open-wheelers that no longer have any set series to race in.

Currently, the series has just completed its third round in a four-round championship at Hampton Downs last weekend. FONZ has also competed at Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park in Taupo and the BMW festival run on the International GT circuit configuration at Hampton Downs. Whilst field sizes in FONZ's inaugural season is relatively small, all the drivers and race organisers are satisfied with how Formula Open has launched.

The current grid is composed of some high speed, ground effect Swift DB4 Formula Pacific's, FT40 and FT50 TRS cars, a Formula Renault, and the more historic Formula Supervee's and Formula Suzuki's'. All drivers are happy to be able to race their special machinery against some iconic cars and names of New Zealand single-seaters, and unanimously agree that the series is dictated more out of enjoyment than being a fully serious campaign.



Ken Smith is campaigning the ex Marcus Armstrong FT50 Toyota Racing Series car Photo: Matt Smith

The most recent addition of FONZ at the Tasman Revival round at Hampton Downs witnessed some incredibly close racing up the front of the field between James Watson's fuel-injected Swift DB4, Sam McNeil's FT40 and Ken Smith operating Marcus Armstrong's 2018 NZ Motor Cup winning TRS FT50.

The class' first season currently only races in the North Island but is set in accordance with South Island series to promote drivers from down south to participate in what is a supposed national series. However, the possibility of FONZ racing in the South Island in the next few seasons are extremely likely, and race organisers would like to extend a large appreciation to the few drivers from the South Island who made the tireless commitment to a small series away from home at their expense.

Series coordinator John Tomlin (JT) told Talk Motorsport on the eve of the most recent round at Hampton Downs that he is confident that the second rendition of FONZ will bring about a myriad of more open-wheelers to race. Tim O'Connor of Challenge Racing has recently purchased nine FT40 chassis for public lease at affordable prices. Meanwhile, Ken Smith is near on completed restoring his 1990 New Zealand Grand Prix winning Swift Cosworth Formula Atlantic in what he aims to compete in next season.

JT also highlighted how the FONZ field all appreciate close, enjoyable racing compared to mere processions. People of the general public are much more content to pay \$40 to watch some brilliant, action-packed racing than pay a quarter of the price to see a few cars cruise around a circuit for eight laps. The roaring thunder played in perfect harmony with the incredible speeds of Formula Open machinery is the perfect recipe for gradually increasing crowd sizes of local historical race meetings.

Formula Open aims to be on par with the calendar of the NZ Formula 5000 and Tranzam Challenge in the foreseeable future in what would hopefully reignite interest amongst the public. Whether there is revenue to be generated or not, Formula Open is most certainly satisfied to be a central role in helping solve the dying game of New Zealand club motorsport.

Formula Open NZ will hold its fourth and final round at Pukekohe Park on the 22nd -23rd of February.

[Zane Shackleton](#)

Currently studying a Bachelor of Communications at AUT in Auckland, Zane Shackleton has always expressed an outgoing passion towards anything motorsport. Zane enjoys volunteering with The Motorsport Club as a flag marshal and continually learning about the rich history of New Zealand motor racing. An avid Formula One and open-wheeler fan, Zane combines his journalism studies alongside a casual day-job at Hampton Downs

HRC new classes



Improved Production Cars are starting to get reasonable numbers and is an ideal class for slightly modified saloon cars. Alan Greig is the class co-ordinator, so if you are interested on finding out more – please contact him on 021 190 8881 or email Alan@driveline.co.nz

This class fits between 2KCup and GTNZ. Classes are based on time groups

Hampton Times

IPC 1 1.14 to 1.18

IPC 2 1.18 to 1.22

IPC 3 1.22 and up

Next meeting Tasman Revival Pukekohe 22nd and 23rd February

Classic Touring cars next meeting Tasman Revival Pukekohe 22nd and 23rd February

Eligible cars and marques will include BMW, Porsche, Ferrari, Commodore, RX7, Corvette, Datsun, Group A and any pre 1994 British touring car. Each car will be considered individually and will be in the “Spirit” of a touring car from the eighties and early nineties. Contact chris@grandprix.org.nz 0274827542

Formula Open

Atlantics, TRS FT40 FT 50. Formula Renault, Formula Brabham, Formula Suzuki, Formula Super Vee, Formula Ford 2000, Formula Nippon

Great racing at the first two Meetings Little short of numbers in the first two meetings but lots of cars being prepared. By next year this class will have reasonable numbers
Contact Johntomlin@xtra.co.nz 021 759820

Advertising Opportunities

HRC can also arrange advertising in this monthly newsletter, the HRC annual wall planner, advertising in the events programs and on Face book

For further details contact Chris Watson on 0274827542

chris@hrcevents.co.nz

Competition Licenses and Authority Cards

The HRC office is always open to do Licence examinations and authority cards during office hours and evenings by prior appointment. You don't even have to be a member of HRC

The HRC team wish you and your families a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to bringing you more exciting Motor Sport in the New Year

Regards

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Formula Open News

Hi all,

My apologies for the delay in getting this to you but last week has been especially busy preventing me getting this out. It is however probably well timed since we had the new Tatuus FT60 TRS cars at Hampton this weekend and the times were quite a revelation with the fastest time being around a second a lap slower than last year's Tatuus FT50. So I think the times the FONZ guys were doing without full on team support the TRS guys get was not too shabby. In fact I wouldn't mind betting that if James Watson had thrown a new set of slicks at his Swift DB4 Formula Atlantic he may have set a slightly faster time.

It is good that Kenny Smiths outright lap record of the National track in the Lola T332 still stands at 59.445. Whilst a Formula 5000 is not eligible for our class, it is nice to see the old historic cars still have gas left in the tank.

Anyway, the Tasman Revival weekend a week earlier was a huge success despite the small grids, with racing being nothing short of superb. The differences between the Tatuus FT40 and FT50 and the Swift DB4 proving to be negligible. This is certainly encouraging for next season with a couple more FT50's recently being purchased and of course there are the FT40's that are now ready to be leased. In addition there are two more Swift DB4's and a couple of RT4's being readied.

With Classes B & C only fielding two cars each the racing in this division was a bit light but the drivers never the less enjoyed themselves immensely. Both of these classes will enjoy a boost in numbers next season.

Entries are now open on www.motorsportentry.com for the final round - the HRC Tasman Revival, at Pukekohe. It is a two day meeting.

Entries at normal fees close at 10 am on Monday, 17 February 2020. Late entries attract an extra \$50 fee. Full refunds will be paid to competitors who advise their withdrawal in writing (email: info@grandprix.org.nz) before 5 pm on Friday 21 February 2020.

There will be a race car test day on Friday, 21 February 2020 - book direct with Pukekohe Park. Documentation and scrutineering will also be available on Friday 21 February (12 - 4 pm) or Saturday 22 February 2020 (after 7 am). Drivers briefing at 8.20 and qualifying starts at 9 am.

Considering the series was only conceived in June 2019 with a four round series launched in January 2020 (just eight months) we had 24 drivers sign up straight away. I would like to thank those who have managed to get their cars out and also to those other 15 drivers indicating they are preparing their cars and want to race. It is totally understandable and impractical to think they are all going to have their cars ready in time. Next season, the series will be two rounds longer and spread over a longer period of time. With the FT40's becoming available, I have had a lot of enquiries from people wanting to have a go at these. The diversity of drivers considering this class is everything from Karter's and current Formula Ford racers to GT and Sports Sedan drivers. There also three more Formula Atlantics and two more FT50's being readied for next season.

I am also looking at a formula for awarding points next year that will still be on a class system only but each class will be weighted with the amount of cars competing. This will ensure everybody has chance of winning. We must remember this series is about having fun first and the competition second.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the current competitors for entering and also those who have indicated they are joining us. We have one round left to go at Pukekohe on the 22nd and 23rd February so please do your best to be there.

Hampton National 25/26 Jan 20														
Lap Record James Watson 1:03:76														
No:	Driver	Location	Year	Make	Model	CC	Color	a Class	Class	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Rd 3	
84	Adam Julian	NZ	Christchurch	2008	Tatuus	FT40	1998	Yellow	F / Renault	B	15	15	15	45
47	Paul Couper	NZ	Auckland	1975	Lola	T580	2000	Blue	F / Ford 2000	C	15	15	15	45
31	James Watson	NZ	Auckland		Swift	DB4	1600		F / Atlantic	A	15	15	14	44
19	Sam McNeil	NZ	Kapiti	2014	Tatuus	FT40	2000		F / TRS	A	14	14	15	43
15	Geoff Harriman	NZ	NI	1986	Ralt	RT 20	3800	Red	F / Holden	B	14	14	14	42
27	Gary Rush	NZ	Auckland	1990	Swift	DB4	1600	Yellow / Red	F / Atlantic	A	13	13	13	39
11	Kenny Smith	NZ	Auckland	2015	Tatuus	FT50	2000	Red & Black	F / Atlantic	A	10	10	1	21
44	Stan Benbrook	NZ		1973	Lola	T320	1600		F / Super Vee	C	1	14	1	16

No:	Driver	Location	Year	Make	Model	CC	Color	a Class	Class	TOTAL	
84	Adam Julian	NZ	Christchurch	2008	Tatuus	FT40	1998	Yellow	F / Renault	B	135
31	James Watson	NZ	Auckland		Swift	DB4	1600		F / Atlantic	A	134
27	Gary Rush	NZ	Auckland	1990	Swift	DB4	1600	Yellow / Red	F / Atlantic	A	103
44	Stan Benbrook	NZ		1973	Lola	T320	1600		F / Super Vee	C	88
19	Sam McNeil	NZ	Kapiti	2014	Tatuus	FT40	2000		F / TRS	A	84
15	Geoff Harriman	NZ	NI	1986	Ralt	RT 20	3800	Red	F / Holden	B	71
11	Kenny Smith	NZ	Auckland	2015	Tatuus	FT50	2000	Red & Black	F / Atlantic	A	62
33	Leo Francis	NZ		2002	Suzuki	FH20RNZ	1300		F / Suzuki	C	62
47	Paul Couper	NZ	Auckland	1975	Lola	T580	2000	Blue	F / Ford 2000	C	45
24	Tony Quinn	NZ	SI	1993	Reynard	RF93	1600		F / Atlantic	A	28
49	Josh Donohue	NZ	Wellington	1990	Swift	Mk31	2000		F / Ford 2000	B	15

Cheers
JT

NEW ZEALAND FORMULA 5000 ASSOCIATION

Press release

*** 2019/20 SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series
Rnd 2 Taupo Historic Grand Prix meeting
Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park Taupo
Sat-Sun Jan 18-19 2020**

EVENT REPORT 19-01-20



LYONS ROARS TO F5000 CLEAN SWEEP AT TAUPO HISTORIC GP

Visiting UK driver Michael Lyons (Lola T400) roared to an SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series clean sweep on the second day of competition at the annual Taupo Historic GP classic car race meeting today.

After claiming pole position in qualifying on Saturday morning then smashing category stalwart Ken Smith's F5000 class lap record on the way to a dominant win in the first SAS Autoparts MSC F5000 class race on Saturday afternoon, Lyons went on to win the other two races today, both again from fellow young gun – and Round 1 2019/20 series winner - Michael Collins (McRae GM1) from Christchurch.

“Not a bad weekend,” was how Lyons, whose father Frank and mother Judy, were also competing in the SAS Autoparts MSC series races, summed up his perfect start to what for he and his parents is the start of a three-round “busman’s holiday’ for the keen historic F1 and F5000 racing family from Essex.

Namesake Michael Collins (McRae GM1) edged ahead of Lyons at the start of the second race of the weekend, but that was as close as anyone got to unseat Lyons, the pair annexing the top two steps of the podium in all three races.

Third in the first race of the weekend went to David Banks (Talon MR1) from former series title holder Brett Willis (Lola T332) and local F5000 category stalwart Shayne Windelburn (Lola T400).

Series newcomer, and former New Zealand Formula Ford champion, Kevin Ingram (Lola T332) enjoyed one of his most competitive weekends since his return to the country's motor racing tracks, however, working his way through the field to claim a fighting third place in the second race, then fourth – behind a determined Grant Martin – in the feature race today.

Ingram ran comfortably in third early before Martin pressed his advantage to get past and go on to claim the final step on the podium behind Lyons and Collins.

Shayne Windelburn was again strong in the 10-laps feature final, ending up fifth after catching and eventually finding a way past David Banks on the fifth lap then inheriting fifth place when Brett Willis (Lola T332) slowed and retired to the pits with a recurrence of a gear selection issue which also forced him out of the second SAS Autoparts MSC series race in the morning.

David Banks soldiered on to finish sixth, again struggling for rear end grip, while seventh was expat Kiwi Warren Briggs driving Stu Lush's Lola T332.

UK-based businessman Briggs, who is originally from Ashburton, and has raced extensively in the Historic F1 and Can-Am categories in the United States, qualified 8th quickest before a universal broke late in the session, meaning he missed Saturday's race altogether.

He also only made it three laps into the second race on Sunday morning when he tangled with another car through Turn 2 and punctured a rear tyre.

Keen to actually finish at least one of the races on his NZ debut this weekend, he circulated cleanly in a mid-field battlepack with David Banks and Aaron Burson and looked set to cross the finish line in 8th place until Burson locked a wheel under brakes off the back straight as he tried to pass David Banks which gifted 7th place to Warren Briggs.

Tony Roberts (McLaren M10A) enjoyed a Michael Lyons-like record in the Class A race-within-a-race for older, pre-1972 cars. Roberts finished a weekend-best 7th in the second race of the weekend, beating fellow Class A competitor Frank Karl (McLaren M10B) three times and fellow McLaren driver Tim Rush (McLaren M22) twice.

Come the longer (10 lap) feature final, however, and Rush put in one of his best SAS Autoparts MSC series drives to date to not only catch and eventually find away past Roberts, but also to gradually pull away and cross the line in 11th place.

RESULTS

Qualifying

1. Michael Lyons (Lola T400) 1:24.179
2. Michael Collins (McRae GM1) 1:25.835
3. Grant Martin (Talon MR1A) 1:27.218
4. Kevin Ingram (Lola T332) 1:27.713

5. Aaron Burson (McRae GM1) 1:28.233
6. David Banks (Talon MR1) 1:29.358
7. Codie Banks (Lola T332) 1:30.036
8. Warren Briggs (Lola T332) 1:30.296
9. Brett Willis (Lola T332) 1:30.558
10. Mark Dwyer (Lola T400) 1:31.292
11. Shayne Windelburn (Lola T400) 1:32.728
12. Frank Lyons (Lola T330) 1:33.852
13. Tim Rush (McLaren M22) 1:35.599
14. Tony Roberts McLaren M10A) 1:36.168
15. Glenn Richards (Lola T400) 1:36.567
16. Frank Karl (McLaren M10B) 1:36.986
17. Judy Lyons (Begg FM5) 2:04.206

Race 1 (Sat 8 laps)

1. Michael Lyons (Lola T400) 8 laps
 2. Michael Collins (McRae GM1) +1.339
 3. David Banks (Talon MR1) +24.576
 4. Brett Willis (Lola T332) +25.086
 5. Shayne Windelburn (Lola T400) +26.523
 6. Codie Banks (Lola T332) +26.902
 7. Grant Martin (Talon MR1A) +28.932
 8. Tony Roberts McLaren M10A) +45.221
 9. Frank Karl (McLaren M10B) +56.237
 10. Tim Rush (McLaren M22) +1:07.848
 11. Judy Lyons (Begg FM5) + 1 lap.
 12. Glenn Richards (Lola T400) + 2 laps
- DNF: Frank Lyons, Mark Dwyer, Kevin Ingram, Aaron Burson.
DNS: Warren Briggs.

Race 2 (8 laps Sunday am)

1. Michael Lyons 8 laps
 2. Michael Collins +4.510
 3. Kevin Ingram +26.914
 4. Grant Martin +37.527
 5. David Banks +39.280
 6. Shayne Windelburn +39.595
 7. Tony Roberts +1:03.287
 8. Aaron Burson +1:03.480
 9. Tim Rush +1:06.055
 10. Frank Lyons +1:27.598
 11. Frank Karl +1:31.801
 12. Judy Lyons +2 Laps
- DNF. Brett Willis, Glenn Richards, Warren Briggs, Codie Banks

Race 3 Taupo Historic GP 10 laps Sun pm

1. Michael Lyons 10 laps
2. Michael Collins +9.605
3. Grant Martin +17.948
4. Kevin Ingram +24.233
5. Shayne Windelburn +39.043

6. David Banks +46.340
 7. Warren Briggs +46.815
 8. Aaron Burson +48.086
 9. Glenn Richards +49.307
 10. Codie Banks +51.189
 11. Tim Rush +1:20.945
 12. Tony Roberts +1:22.785
 13. Frank Lyons +1:23.155
 14. Frank Karl +1:31.094
 15. Judy Lyons + 2 laps
- DNF: Brett Willis

2018/19 SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series

Calendar

Rnd 4: 15 -16 Feb 2020 - Southland Car Club Classic Speedfest Teretonga Invercargill NZ.

Rnd 5: 21-22 Mar 2020 – HRC Legends of Speed Hampton Downs Waikato NZ.

NEW ZEALAND FORMULA 5000 ASSOCIATION

Press release

2019/20 SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series

Round 3 30th Skope Classic meeting

Mike Pero Motorsport Park @ Ruapuna Christchurch

Fri-Sun Jan 31- Feb 02 2020

EVENT REPORT

03-02-20



F5000 TRIO DRIVES HOME FELLOW KIWI GRAHAM MCRAE'S CATEGORY LEGACY AT SKOPE CLASSIC

SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series trio Michael Collins, Steve Ross and LeRoy Stevenson drove home the legacy of fellow Kiwi Graham McRae at the third round of the 2019/20 season's series at the Skope Classic motor racing meeting in Christchurch over the weekend..

All three were driving cars designed by Wellington-born McRae, who as well as being a talented engineer was also one of the greatest drivers of the original F5000 era. McRae won the Tasman Series (after which the current SAS Autoparts MSC Revival Series is named) three-times (1971, 72 & 73) and went on to win the Rookie of the year title at the Indianapolis 500 in 1973.

Cars of his design have won races as well as the Revival Series title before, but this year's Skope Classic was the first in which there were 1) so many entered - four – and 2) their drivers effectively dominated the meeting, culminating in a history-making podium lock-out (one-two-three) in the feature Stan Redmond Memorial feature race on Sunday afternoon.

Making the occasion even more special was the fact that all three cars, the Leda LT27 004 driven to victory in the second and third races by category young gun Michael Collins, the very first 'McRae'

F5000, Leda LT27 001 driven by LeRoy Stevenson, and the Trojan-built 'production' McRae GM1 of Steve Ross have strong ties now to the Christchurch circuit

Both the Leda models have been owned by Queenstown-based enthusiast Alistair Hey, and both were effectively rebuilt from the ground up by category specialist John Crawford's Motorsport Solutions business based at the Mike Pero Motorsport Park track west of Christchurch.

All three continue to be maintained and run by Crawford and a dedicated group of specialists as well.

The annual Skope Classic, now in its 30th year, is New Zealand's biggest 'classic' motor racing meeting and a round of the SAS Autoparts MSC F5000 series has been a popular drawcard for the organisers, the Canterbury Car Club, for over 15 years now.

This season the meeting hosted the third (of five) round with a (so-far) season high entry of 20 cars.

While 23-year-old local ace Michael Collins (Leda LT27) was quicker by over a half a second in qualifying on Saturday morning, three-time former SAS Autoparts MSC Series title-holder Steve Ross got the better of the rolling start and frantic first lap of the first race of the weekend on Saturday afternoon in his ex-Quicksilver Racing McRae GM1 009 to grab a lead which he then stoutly defended until the chequered flag came out.

Though he was competing in his first round of the popular New Zealand-based historic stock-block V8 wings-and-slicks single seater category race in almost a year, the Dunedin ace looked like he had never been away.

Both Collins, and Michal Lyons (Lola T400), got close; but neither could find a way past the determined Ross.

Behind Ross, Collins – who had the consolation of setting the fastest race lap – and Lyons came Aucklander Grant Martin (Talon MR1A) then a Lola T332 'train' of Kevin Ingram, Brett Willis and Australian driver Paul Zazryn.

LeRoy Stevenson and expat Kiwi Warren Briggs (Stu Lush Lola T332) both qualified higher (Stevenson third and Briggs sixth) but both spun and though each was able to continue it was further down the field.

McLaren M10B driver Frank Karl, meanwhile, was unchallenged on his way to 15th place and first Class A (for earlier model cars) entrant home, after usual rival Tony Roberts was a late scratching thanks to an engine mount issue discovered after the qualifying session.

A cool nor-easter kept the ambient temperature under 20 degrees C on Saturday but it was a case of 'all-change' on Sunday as a classic hot, dry Canterbury nor-wester blew in overnight, elevating the day-time temps to a furnace-like 30+ degrees C, and the track temperature higher still.

The result in the second SAS Autoparts MSC MZ F5000 of the meeting on Sunday morning was a real spin-fest, albeit one which – incredibly - didn't result in any contact.

First to be affected by the change in track heat - and thus grip levels - was Race 1 winner Steve Ross who lost his opening lap lead when he speared off the track exiting the last infield right-hander (Turn 7) and chose a cross-country route to return to the track between Turns 8 and 9.

As he was doing that Grant Martin also went off, this time at Turn 8. Both were able to continue, Ross only losing two places - to eventual race winner Michael Collins and fellow young gun Michael Lyons, and Martin able to work his way back up to 7th place by the time the chequered flag came out.

Behind the leading trio Brett Willis was next to lose control - again - between Turns 7 and 8. LeRoy Stevenson was quickly working his way up through the field before he too, spun; then two laps later Glenn Richards and Warren Briggs pirouetted off in unison exiting Turn 7.

Up front Michael Collins was stroking away, however, setting the quickest race lap on his way to his first race win of the weekend by a margin of 7.6468 seconds to Michael Lyons who in turn had a fast closing Steve Ross filling his mirrors.

Kevin Ingram was next in fourth with Aaron Burson (driving his ex Cuddy Racing/Jon Woodner McRae GM1 008) enjoying his best finish of the weekend in fifth.

Michael Collins then went on to complete a memorable weekend 'McRae' hat-trick with a close (1.199 seconds was the margin at the flag) final 12-lap feature race win over Steve Ross and LeRoy Stevenson. This time Stevenson quickly worked his way forward from his 7th place starting spot to get to third by the fourth lap and set the fastest race lap as he chased down Collins and Ross.

His mission was aided, early on when the Safety Car was called out to hold the field while Brett Willis' new Lola T332 was retrieved (after Willis stopped when 'something went bang' in the engine).

Aaron Burson also paid a quick visit to his pit early on to see if anything was amiss with his car's front left corner after contact at Turn 1 with Grant Martin.

The resulting flat right rear tyre put Martin out on the spot but Burson was able to continue and finish 12th.

After issues with his car's crown wheel and pinion (which were sorted out when competitor Peter Burson shipped a replacement part from Auckland to Christchurch overnight) saw him miss qualifying and the Saturday race David Banks (Talon MR1) finally got to finish a race in the feature final, making maximum use of all 12 laps to work his way from the back of the grid to an impressive fifth place at the flag.

For much of the distance he was shadowed by the similarly-liveried Stu Lush-owned Interstate Lola T332 of Ashburton-born, UK-based expat Warren Briggs, the pair crossing the finish line just over 2 seconds apart.

Visiting Australian driver Paul Zazryn was next, followed by the closely-matched Lola T400s of Auckland pair Glenn Richards and Shayne Windelburn.

Each year at the annual Skope Classic meeting in Christchurch the Stan Redmond Memorial Trophy is awarded to a member of the SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival series fraternity who displays the same 'all-round good guy' qualities those who knew him recognized and admired in Redmond.

The trophy was put up by regular series visitors from the UK and after the final feature race, one of those visiting drivers, Frank Lyons, presented it to this season's recipient, Aucklander Grant Martin.

“It was an honour for me to present the trophy to a well-deserved winner in the true spirit of our sport,” Lyons said.

Also at the meeting one of the SAS Autoparts MSC F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series’ family of sponsors, RAMCAR Australia & New Zealand, confirmed its on-going involvement under a new brand, Supercharge Batteries.

“Supercharge Batteries are proud to announce their support for the NZ F5000 Association,” said company National Account Manager, Grant Withers.

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The series now heads south for another feature spot on the programme of one of New Zealand’s other major classic motor racing meetings, the new-look George Begg Classic Speedfest at Invercargill’s Teretonga Park Raceway from Friday Feb 13 to Sunday Feb 15.

Qualifying

1. Michael Collins (McRae GM1) 1:18.533
2. Steve Ross (McRae GM1) 1:19.151
3. LeRoy Stevenson (Leda LT27) 1:19.383
4. Michael Lyons (Lola T400) 1:19.632
5. Grant Martin (Talon MR1A) 1:21.130
6. Warren Briggs (Lola T332) 1:22.455
7. Kevin Ingram (Lola T332) 1:22.523
8. Paul Zazryn (Lola T332) 1:22.786
9. Codie Banks (Lola T332) 1:22.831
10. Brett Willis (Lola T332) 1:22.937
11. Glenn Richards (Lola T400) 1:22.995
12. Aaron Burson (McRae GM1) 1:23.064
13. Shayne Windelburn (Lola T400) 1:28.257
14. Mark Dwyer (Lola T400) 1:28.938
15. Tony Roberts (McLaren M10A) 1:29.763
16. Tim Rush (McLaren M22) 1:30.508
17. Frank Lyons (Lola T332) 1:31.989
18. Frank Karl (McLaren M10B) 1:32.047
19. Judith Lyons (Begg FM5) 2:05.824

Race 1 8 laps

1. Steve Ross (McRae GM1) 10:5.926
2. Michael Collins (McRae GM1) +0.138
3. Michael Lyons (Lola T400) +0.871
4. Grant Martin (Talon MR1A) +12.922
5. Kevin Ingram (Lola T332) +27.185
6. Brett Willis (Lola T332) +27.925
7. Paul Zazryn (Lola T332) +30.690

8. Glenn Richards (Lola T400) +31.283
 9. Aaron Burson (McRae GM1) +35.015
 10. LeRoy Stevenson (Leda LT27) +41.348
 11. Codie Banks (Lola T332) +49.692
 12. Warren Briggs (Lola T332) +1.03.115
 13. Shayne Windelburn (Lola T400) +1.04.706
 14. Frank Lyons (Lola T332) + 1 lap
 15. Frank Karl (McLaren M10B) +1 lap
 16. Judy Lyons (Begg FM5) + 2 laps
- DNF: Tim Rush
DNS Mark Dwyer, Tony Roberts.

Race 2 (8 laps)

1. Michael Collins 10:55.073
 2. Michael Lyons +7.468
 3. Steve Ross +9.202
 4. Kevin Ingram +32.080
 5. Aaron Burson +34.813
 6. Paul Zazryn +40.317
 7. Grant Martin +40.320
 8. LeRoy Stevenson +44.580
 9. Brett Willis +46.965
 10. Codie Banks +48.209
 11. Glenn Richards +54.092
 12. Warren Briggs + 55.630
 13. Shayne Windelburn +55.692
 14. Frank Lyons +1:23.698
 15. Frank Karl 1:34.274
 16. Judith Lyons + 2 laps
- DNF: David Banks Tim Rush

Race 3 (12 lap feature)

1. Michael Collins 16:19.771
 2. Steve Ross +1.191
 3. LeRoy Stevenson +2.159
 4. Michael Lyons +16.658
 5. David Banks +50.944
 6. Warren Briggs +53.191
 7. Paul Zazryn +1:03.623
 8. Glenn Richards +1:19.828
 9. Shayne Windelburn +1:20.181
 10. Frank Lyons +1 lap
 11. Frank Karl +1 lap
 12. Aaron Burson +1 lap
 13. Judith Lyons +3 laps
- DNF: Codie Banks, Kevin Ingram. Brett Willis, Grant Martin

2018/19 SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series Calendar

- Rnd 4: 15 -16 Feb 2020 - Southland Car Club Classic Speedfest Teretonga Invercargill NZ.
Rnd 5: 21-22 Mar 2020 – HRC Legends of Speed Hampton Downs Waikato NZ.

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HRC Calendar 2019/20

Meeting Name	Venue	Date	Date
2KCUP Festival Races	Pukekohe	16-Feb-20	
Tasman Revival	Pukekohe	22-Feb-20	23-Feb-20
Paul Fahey Legends of Speed	Hampton Downs	21-Mar-20	22-Mar-20
Great Lake Meeting	BMMP Taupo	28-Mar-20	29-Mar-20
Jack Nazer Classic Meeting	BMMP Taupo	25-Apr-20	26-Apr-20
Season Finale	Hampton Downs	2-May-20	3-May-20

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