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JULY 2020 Newsletter

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Motor Racing has been affected by the Covid 19 virus and I am sure a lot of businesses are feeling the pain. Motor Racing events that have been held so far have attracted few entries and this is very concerning for the forthcoming season. To run a race meeting, most costs are fixed so a minimum level of entries is required before the event can proceed. Only a certain number of races can be done in day and fields of less than fifteen cars make a meeting very marginal. Of course entry fees could be increased but HRC considers this would be counter productive.



Photo Credit – Matt Smith

For 19th July at Hampton Downs HRC tried, but with only ten entries thirteen days out from the event HRC were not able to take the risk or cover a hefty loss so we had no choice but to cancel. This meeting addressed the concerns of drivers that entry fees were too high but certainly did not fix the entry problem. Event was widely advertised on the net with a total of 8000 views

Entries can be transferred to Winter Series Round 2 on the 23rd August or HRC will make a full refund

We were probably a bit optimistic in expecting a reasonable entry when our survey results showed we could only expect 50% of our competitors to start racing again. Other factors are, competitors facing unemployment, cold wet weather and perhaps Chris Watson being Clerk of the Course !

23rd August Winter Series Round 2 Hampton Downs

This is another budget race meeting with a low entry fee of \$295.00 plus the reduced MSNZ levy of \$39.75. No HD Health and Safety levy for this meeting either. To make this meeting work we need entries and plenty of competitors in each race. This means no hanging around and probably 4 races and a practice session. To achieve this, we will run time groups so you will be running against cars which you would normally compete against and cars that have a similar lap time. The groups are by lap times (plus 82 sec, 78-82 sec, 74-78 sec, 69-74 sec and 64 sec or less). Single seater and racing sports cars will be in a separate group. Super Lap will also be having the last round of their 2020 championship at this meeting. Enter on line www.motorsportenty.com.

HRCEvents Awarded Small Business Driver Initiative Prize



After a nationwide call for applications, 100 small businesses from Invercargill to Kaitiāia were chosen from a total of 4000 entries to receive the free lease of a Toyota Highlander for 12 months. We are delighted to say that HRCEvents was one of the businesses chosen. Look out for our Highlander acting as a Course Car on a racetrack near you soon !



The Small Business Driver initiative was conceived by Toyota New Zealand and partnered by MediaWorks, to help small businesses keep moving after the sudden economic shock of COVID-19. Applications from businesses who had received Government wage support and employed fewer than 20 people were received in June and assessed by an independent panel of judges.

Toyota New Zealand Executive, Andrew Davis, said the response to the offer of 100 Highlanders was well beyond Toyota's expectations and highlighted the need for all New Zealanders, businesses and consumers, to support small businesses.

"Many small businesses are doing it tough following the lockdowns and border restrictions. We heard amazing stories from business owners up and down the country who were doing all they could to keep their businesses going and keep their people in jobs," Andrew said.

While there were many accounts of hardship, Toyota also received many examples of innovation as businesses adapted to the changing needs of their customers. One example was First Table in Queenstown, an online booking service for restaurants, which moved swiftly to set up an online takeaway directory for restaurants that were also switching from dine in to delivered take outs.

In choosing the 100 businesses the selection panel wanted to include a diverse range of industries and a wide geographic spread of businesses, so recipients ranged from fashion designers and wool buyers, tour guides and restaurants, electricians and builders, physical therapists and podiatrists, shopkeepers and beekeepers. The list goes on.

“We were heartened by the stories we received,” says Andrew. “From the garden centre in Christchurch that had to give away most of its plants in the days before the Level 4 lockdown, to the zipline operator on Waiheke Island who was just about to open a new business in Kaikōura that would have employed 30 people.”

Andrew says it was a humbling experience to read the entries and an honour for the team to call the 100 businesses which had been chosen to receive a Toyota Highlander for a year as well as a share of a \$1 million radio advertising fund provided by MediaWorks.

He thanked his Toyota colleagues and MediaWorks for throwing their support into the programme and the selection panel for giving up their time to read hundreds of entries.

The panel was Kirk Hope, CEO of Business New Zealand; business owner and Toyota Ambassador, Marc Ellis; Tim Lockhart, Head of Direct Sales at MediaWorks; and Isobel Kerr-Newell of Saatchi & Saatchi.



HRCEvents have partnered with **GR Garage - Powered by NS Technical** (Part of North Shore Toyota) to run the car for the year. NS Technical are the first in New Zealand to be awarded the prestigious GR Garage title. Service Manager Joseph Hirst and his team are very proud of their achievement. It has taken many months of planning and preparation before revealing their new branding and title, **GR Garage - Powered by NS Technical**. GR stands for Gazoo Racing, Toyota's motorsport and performance arm, tasked with leading innovation both on the track and on the road.

Joseph says, “This is the culmination of countless hours of hard work by everyone involved, and without our awesome customers supporting us over the past 18 months we wouldn't be able to achieve this huge milestone.

For our existing customers, it is business as usual! We will still continue to provide the same great service and expertise we always have. For new customers, we are now far more identifiable and easier to find, along with the confidence that we are part of a select few workshops worldwide that Toyota has chosen to hold the GR Garage mantle. As always, we are just a message or phone call away”.

The meaning of GAZOO:

Today, “GAZOO” refers to the word “Garage”, a very intimate place where people work together to improve the smallest details, with the aim of delivering ever-better cars and services for each customer, in each garage. As such, the name embodies the spirit that drives TOYOTA GAZOO Racing.



Joseph Hirst - Service Manager

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Events coming up are **the Ice Breaker** meeting on the 26-27th September at Hampton Downs and will have the traditional classes.

B & H Returns

Sunday 25th October 2020 - Pukekohe Park Raceway



Photo Credit – Terry Marshall

On 25th October HRC will stage the **B & H 500 (miles)** on the old Pukekohe circuit. Not the loop but straight through on the back straight. 100 mile race for modified cars and the 500 mile for standard cars.

HRC are keen to continue to foster Historic and Classic racing as long as the cars are as they ran in period. We are also keen to foster more modern classes that are easy entry level classes like 2KCup and IPC (Improved Production Cars).

To provide an event that combines the two, HRC have decided to bring back the B&H races of the past.

The B & H 500 race will be over 500 miles (or 6 hours - whichever comes sooner) and there will no limit on the number of drivers per car and pit stops will also be un-limited, no minimum times or limits to when you stop.

As part of the this meeting we will also run a shorter 100 mile race for cars that comply with the IPC rules which allow more modifications though with a minimum lap time of 1.14sec on Hampton. These endurance races are for the slower cars, the 500 in completely standard trim and the 100 for the modified production cars.

Entries are open at www.motorsportentry.com and will be on a first come, first served basis. Maximum of 46 entries in each race.

Entry Process:

- Decide which race you want to enter - 100 miles or 500 miles
- Make sure that your vehicle is eligible by reading the rules

Standard Production Car Rules (B & H 500 and B & H 100)

Improved Production Car Rules (B & H 100 only)

Enter the event at www.motorsportentry.com and pay entry fee.

Please read the Regulations Carefully as entries will only be accepted when paid....

Once we have received your entry, you will receive a Declaration of Compliance that you must sign and return to HRC - acknowledging that your vehicle meets the rules.

For further Information and rules, please see <https://www.hrcevents.co.nz/categories.php>

Season Calendar – Still Provisional

Calendar 2020/2021		
Hampton Downs	23-Aug	HRC Winter Series 2
Hampton Downs	26-27 September 2020	HRC Ice Breaker
Pukekohe	25-Oct-20	HRC B&H 500
Hampton Downs	22-Nov-20	HRC 2K Cup Challenge
Taupo	9-10 January 2021	HRC Tasman Revival
Hampton Downs	15-17 January 2021	BMW Festival
Pukekohe	13-14 or 20-21 or 27-28 Feb	HRC Tasman Revival
Hampton Downs	20-21 March 2021	HRC Paul Fahey Legends of Speed
Taupo	11th April 2021	HRC Great Lake Taupo (Jack Nazer)
Taupo	1-2 May 2021	HRC Jamie Aislabe
Hampton Downs	15-16May 2021	HRC Season Finale

IMPROVED PRODUCTION CAR series:



A competition vehicle derived from a registered production automobile, with limited modifications to improve performance and reliability in race or speed events on circuits or other licensed tracks. To be eligible, the models of vehicles must be or have been mass-produced touring cars.

IPC is for normal production cars (think 2K Cup) that have been “improved”. The engine block must have the same number of cylinders/rotors and the same configuration as was standard or available as a manufacturer’s option for that particular model (eg, in line, horizontally opposed).

The block must be from the same manufacturer (eg, Ford, GMH, Nissan) as the original car. (ie BMW e30 could have any 6 cylinder BMW engine) and the car must run on road legal tyres. No space frame cars.

RACE FORMAT

The two 30 minute races have been very successful for 2K Cup and it is intended to replicate this format.

Easy to be winner without spending a fortune

Classes being defined approximately as follows:

IPC1 1.14 to 1.18

IPC2 1.18 to 1.22

IPC3 1.22 and up

If this is of interest to you, please contact Chris at the office further details.

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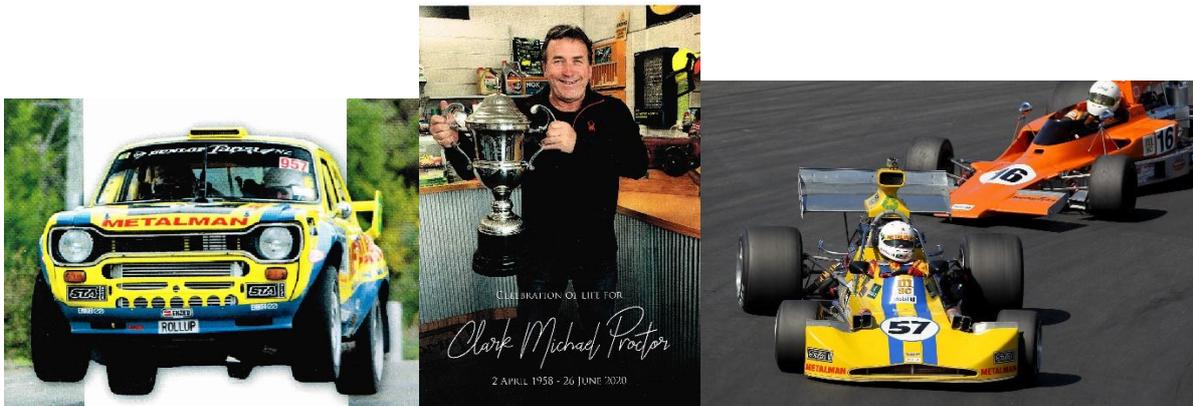
Saturday 18th July 1 pm Pukekohe Circuit

Amongst the events planned Eric who never raced, will do circuit of the Track.

Vale

Clark Proctor

Great supporter of Motorsport and Great Competitor. Will be missed



See Herald article below by Eric Thompson discussing changes within MSNZ. He notes the formation of a Rally Group. HRC is lobbying for a track group comprising of the circuits and promoters to help with circuit racing. The FIA are currently doing a survey of the impact of Motor Sport on the economy. This should be interesting as any work HRC has been involved in shows the economic impact of motorsport is considerable. At Hampton we had a professional survey done which said that the NZ Festival of Motor Racing events bought in \$11,000,000 into the Auckland Waikato region.

Governing body are taking the initiative

Motorsport

Eric Thompson Comment

Motorsport New Zealand (MSNZ) has had its fair share of criticism over the past decade – a lot of it deserved.

The most recent saw a fiasco over the sale of Motorsport House in Wellington, and a public hissy fit from then-chief executive Simon Baker, saying he had no faith in president Wayne Christie.

Baker was gone after this latest public spat within MSNZ and many observers were waiting to see what would happen next.

In a surprise move, at least for MSNZ, they got on the front foot and became proactive, after years of knee-jerk reactions and lurching from one chaotic decision to another.

The announcement a rallying working group has been set up indicates the pendulum is swinging in the right direction and the governing body is starting to consider potential problems before they happen.

All credit to them and in particular Christie who realises there has to be more transparency and communication around the machinations of MSNZ and its people.

“We thought it was a good time to take a bit of a step back with a group of pretty experienced people in the sport and see what we can build on. We’ve initiated the rally working group to help draw on a wider pool of experience and ideas to support the work of our Rally Advisory Commission,” said Christie.

“We also want to find out what’s working for the organising clubs because they are the ones taking the risks of running a rally.”

New Zealand’s only World Rally Championship round winner Hayden Paddon has always had rallying’s best interests at heart and was one of the first to put his hand up and contribute to the working group.

“Rallying has been through its peak and that’s the problem,” said Paddon. “We have to have a bigger vision as we’re falling back into what

it was like five or six years ago. I wouldn’t say it was my idea. I enjoy helping and reached out to MSNZ to offer my support to what the rally group is trying to do.

“There are no new cars being built and no incentive to get new people involved. It’s not only about the national championship, it’s very much about the structure from grass roots all the way up to national level. There’s not enough support at the lower levels and it’s all over the place.”

This is good news and shows that MSNZ is willing to acknowledge not everything is rosy in motor racing but the 800kg gorilla in the corner is the voting structure of MSNZ. A car club with three octogenarians and no interest in racing has the same voting weight as something like the Auckland or Canterbury car clubs.

“We are raising that very point as a discussion item this year with a view of how to balance things out,” said Christie. “It’s a hard one and what we really need to do is get the member clubs to start thinking about what is good for the organisation as a whole. And whether the model we have now is the right one for the future.”

Another suggestion would be to look at circuit racing in this country. That has been a basket case over the years, especially around the V8 championship. It would be good if this category was shunted towards the top of the to-do list.

“We are looking at circuit racing. We did look at it a few years ago but we probably didn’t publicise it as well as we should have. Things have moved on since then, and somehow we have to rebuild the hype and professionalism around that top-level stuff,” said Christie.

“We were hoping TCR would help with that, but Covid-19 and a fear of a recession has put a hold on that.”

It would appear MSNZ is becoming more self-aware and realise that times are changing. For the sport to survive, let alone grow, Christie and company have their work cut out – but it looks like they’ve made a good start with the rally initiative.

Hampton Downs Race Car Test Day

18th July



This Saturday we are hosting a race car test day and there are still some spots available!

RACE CARS ONLY!

The vehicle must be roll caged and have a MSNZ log book. Please bring it along with your race/drivers license for registration.

www.hamptondowns.com to book your spot!

TIMETABLE:

Gates will open at 7.00 am registration will be from 7.30 am upstairs in the podium lounge. Please remember to bring your log book and race license. We will hand out a written drivers briefing once registration is completed. Then first group are on track at 9.00 am, you will get six 15 minute sessions throughout the day with a half hour lunch break form 12.00 to 12.30 pm.

GROUPS:

Slow 1.22+

1.15-1.22

Under 1.15

Open wheelers/sportscars

SAFETY GEAR:

FHR, helmet, fire retardant race suit, fire retardant shoes, fire retardant gloves.

ADDITIONAL DRIVERS:

\$50 per driver. You can add additional drivers at time of booking or on the day.

PASSENGERS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON RACE CAR TEST DAYS.

INDEMNITY FORM

If you have already booked your spot, you may have received a link in your confirmation email to fill in your indemnity form ahead of arrival. This will speed up your registration process on the day. If you missed the link, you can fill in your indemnity form by [CLICKING HERE](#).

If you have any further questions at all, please don't hesitate by calling us on 09 280 6504 or email admin@hamptondowns.com.

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday!

Hampton Downs



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FORD'S MOTORSPORT HERITAGE TO BE CELEBRATED AT TAUPO HISTORIC GP MEETING IN JANUARY

The fifth edition of the Taupō Historic GP next January will continue the now annual tradition of celebrating a marque of car each year – and for 2021, it will be Ford. The idea of a marque celebration was the suggestion of Jim Barclay and Tony Roberts, directors of the annual Festivals of Motor Racing that ran from 2010 to 2016.

Ford had been in their long-term thinking for some years so, in conjunction with Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park owners TMP Ltd, the decision was taken to test the appetite for celebrating the marque that is, without doubt, the most synonymous of all with New Zealand motorsport.

The New Zealand arm of the famed Dearborn, Michigan manufacturer has supplied and supported Ford cars and teams for more than 70 years, both on the country's motor racing circuits with the likes of the Ford Dealer touring car team of the 1980s and '90s, and the famous Masport Escort team that contested selected rounds of the World Rally Championship in the 1970s and '80s.

Ford New Zealand has also supported the careers of single-seater champions like World Touring Car title winner, Paul Radisich with their famous Ford-Cosworth 1.6 litre BDA engine in his Formula Atlantic campaigns in the 1990s.

Persuading now-retired Ford Motor Company senior executive Garry Jackson to join the 2021 organising committee was a major coup for Roberts, Barclay and the TMP team. With many years' involvement in Ford motorsport dating back to the Masport Escort team, then as manager of Ford's involvement in Touring Car,

Formula Atlantic, Formula Ford, and the Escort Sport and Laser series, no one was better qualified than Jackson to identify and locate the historic cars that could truly celebrate Ford motorsport.

Garry remains as active as ever in Ford motoring affairs through his role as president of the Canterbury Mustang Owners' Club that this year hosts the National Mustang Convention. He believes the 2021 Taupō Historic GP will be a hit.

"For years motorsport enthusiasts have, at some time or another, leaned on a farmer's fence beside a rally stage or sat in a grandstand or on the grass at race track identifying with their favourite Ford. Whether it was the RS1600 Mk 1 Escorts, the Mustang notchbacks of the 1960s, the PDL Mustang Fastbacks of the 1970s and '80s, or Paul Fahey's giant-killing RS2600 Capri, enthusiasts everywhere can think of their favourite Ford" says Jackson.

"And the older generation can even recall the 'Specials' of the 1950s and early '60s, many of which featured Ford power".

One of the most famous examples of the "Specials", the Ford-powered GeeCeeEss designed, developed and driven by Auckland's George Smith between 1951 and 1957, will make its appearance at the Taupo circuit in January after a meticulous re-build to 1951 specification by current owner Roger Herrick.

Herrick's affinity with the GeeCeeEss dates back to his days as a child, staring through the window of his father's central city office across the road from Smith's workshop on St Benedict's Street. Herrick clearly recalls watching with interest the GeeCeeEss and other "Specials" coming and going from the shop.

"When the opportunity came up to buy the car from then 'caretaker' Bill Clark, I leapt at it" says Herrick.

Included in the iconic Fords models and Ford-powered cars expected to appear at the 2021 Taupō Historic GP is an example of the last Formula One car raced by New Zealand's only World Champion, the late Denny Hulme; the Ford-Cosworth DFV-powered McLaren M23 now owned by the Giltrap family.

Ford races and on-track demonstrations will feature the numerous models of Zephyrs, Anglias, Cortinas, Mustangs, Escorts, Capris and Falcons that have graced race tracks and rally stages around New Zealand for over 60 years.

The single-seater races will include 1967 to 1988 examples of the world's most successful junior category, Formula Ford. It was in Formula Ford that some of New Zealand's most successful international drivers including Scott Dixon, Earl Bamber, Shane Van Gisbergen, Greg Murphy and Craig Baird honed the skills that took them to numerous championship and race titles around the world.

As well as grids for iconic Fords and Ford-powered cars over the three-day event, racing at the 2021 Taupō Historic GP will include:

- Formula 5000s, the iconic stock-block 5-litre V8 single-seater category that dominated single-seater racing in NZ, Australia, the United States and the UK from the late 1960s to 1976;
- Historic Muscle Cars and Historic Saloon Cars, the FIA Group 2 and Group 5 touring cars that contested the New Zealand Saloon Car Championships in the late 1960s and early 1970s;
- Formula Juniors and Sports Racing Cars from 1958 to the late 1960s.

Qualifying for the 2021 Taupō Historic GP meeting starts on Friday 22nd January with racing getting underway at 9:30 on Saturday the 23rd. The racing re-commences at 9:15 on Sunday the 24th with the Historic GP title race for Formula 5000s scheduled to start at around 2:30 p.m.

General Admission adult prices are \$20.00 Saturday, \$25.00 Sunday and \$40.00 for a weekend pass. The souvenir programme featuring comprehensive histories of the categories racing costs \$10.00. Included in General Admission is car-parking and access to the Pit Lane Complex First Floor Tauhara Suite and rooftop viewing areas, the pit/paddock, and all usual GA spectator areas.

As a special “thank you” to the Ford-owner clubs organising displays and track tours by their members, special parking and display areas will be reserved for cars bearing Ford’s famous “Blue Oval”.

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