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Welcome to the HRC July Newsletter



Photo Geoff Ridder

Mr Motorsport (Chris Watson) takes a step back....

Words by Simon Chapman:

After several months of planning and negotiations, New Zealand International Grand Prix (Auck) Inc (NZIGP) can confirm it will assume the running of Auckland-based motor racing event promoter HRC Events Ltd.

The changeover will take effect from June 1, 2023.

The brainchild of Hampton Downs Motorsport Park developer Chris Watson, HRC Events has been at the forefront of contemporary and historic race events promotion in New Zealand for over a decade.

From running the Whenuapai races and the Auckland Domain Hillclimb, to the hugely successful New Zealand Festival of Motor Racing – Chris Watson has done it all.

NZIGP aren't newcomers to the industry either. Formed back in 1953 they have been behind motorsport in New Zealand supporting the likes of the NZ International Grand Prix, the Benson & Hedges race series and the Wellington Street Race.

More recently, NZIGP has been behind the very successful Legends Club; a group of motorsport identities that have been recognised for their contribution and are now giving back by supporting the upcoming stars of the future.

With the announcement of Chris' intended retirement earlier this year, there was going to be a big hole in the market left by HRC Events.

Auckland Car Club, TACCOC, The Motorsport Club and NZIGP sought to work together to fill the demand by competitors wanting to continue racing, explained NZIGP Chairman Willard Martin.

With the closure of Pukekohe Park as a racing facility, the demands on Hampton Downs Motorsport Park and Taupo Motorsport Park for the 2023/24 season race dates has increased significantly.

Without HRC, motorsport does not have the capacity to accept the number of series that want to go racing without action being taken.

By taking over HRC Events, we continue the work that Chris has done over the years, along with maintaining the strong brand identity that HRC Events promoted race meetings have. Their ethos of supporting grassroots racing and providing pathways into the sport is also one NZIGP fully endorses, said Martin.

Day-to-day running of HRC Events will continue to be performed by Operations Manager Tim Hill with additional support from NZIGP.

Hill's first task has been to secure as many race dates as possible.

"I'm really looking forward to next season and encouraging more people to enter our events and enjoying themselves in motorsport," said Hill.

"We have been working closely with the other promoters in the area along with the Taupo and Hampton Downs circuits to ensure that all classes get a fair share of events to enter.

“The forthcoming race calendar will be released next week and we will then follow up seeking Expressions of Interest.”

2023/24 Race Calendar – Auckland Clubs

HAMPTON DOWNS		Season 2023/24		
Meeting Name	Venue	Date	Date	Date
		Friday	Saturday	Sunday
ACC Round 1	Hampton Downs	RCTD - TBC	2-Sep-23	
HRC Icebreaker	Hampton Downs	RCTD - 22/09/2023	23-Sep-23	24-Sep-23
ACC Round 2	Hampton Downs		28-Oct-23	
TACCOC Spring Classic	Hampton Downs			5-Nov-23
HRC Introduction to Motorsport Day	Hampton Downs CLUB Circuit			19-Nov-23
HRC OKCup Challenge	Hampton Downs	RCTD - 24/11/2023	25-Nov-23	26-Nov-23
TACCOC Christmas at the Downs	Hampton Downs			10-Dec-23
ACC Round 4	Hampton Downs			18-Feb-24
HRC Legends of Speed	Hampton Downs	RCTD - 22/3/2024	23-Mar-24	24-Mar-24
HRC 100 and 500 Endurance Races	Hampton Downs	RCTD - 5/4/24	6-Apr-24	
ACC Round 5	Hampton Downs			7-Apr-24
HRC Season Finale	Hampton Downs	RCTD - TBC	18-May-24	19-May-24

TAUPO		Season 2023/24		
Meeting Name	Venue	Date	Date	Date
		Friday	Saturday	Sunday
HRC Season Opener	Taupo	RCTD - TBC	2-Sep-23	3-Sep-23
ACC Round 3	Taupo			26-Nov-23
HRC Tasman Revival	Taupo	RCTD - 5/1/2024	6-Jan-24	7-Jan-24
Taupo Historic GP (By Invitation only)	Taupo	19-Jan-24	20-Jan-24	21-Jan-24
HRC Great Lake Taupo	Taupo	RCTD - 15/3/24	16-Mar-24	17-Mar-24
HRC Classic Single Seater Festival	Taupo	RCTD - 12/4/2024	13-Apr-24	14-Apr-24

Expressions of Interest forms have been sent out to all Class Co-ordinators with a cut off date of 30th June. Events will be confirmed by mid July.



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- Sponsor a table of loyal TMC volunteers for \$950 or;
- Sponsor one of our highly coveted, historic volunteer trophies for \$1,500.

Show our Kiwi motorsport volunteers just how much their contribution means! Get involved, email deb@themotorsportclub.com by 31/07/23.

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2023 - INTRODUCTION TO MOTORSPORT DAY

On 19th November, HRC will be running another Introduction to Motorsport Events at Hampton Downs Club Circuit. We would like to invite any interested parties to register their interest for this low key day - designed to help people who want to try Motorsport without the pressure of turning up at an event without training. At the event we will have experienced club members as well as tutors which may include Racing Ray Williams, Woman in Motorsport competitors Wendy Metcalfe and 2 liter BMW series driver Raewyn Anderson.



We start the day with an introduction to the team, then cover safety elements (Helmet, Overalls, FHR, 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.

Morning Session (8am – noon)

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

Typically we have 3 categories:

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

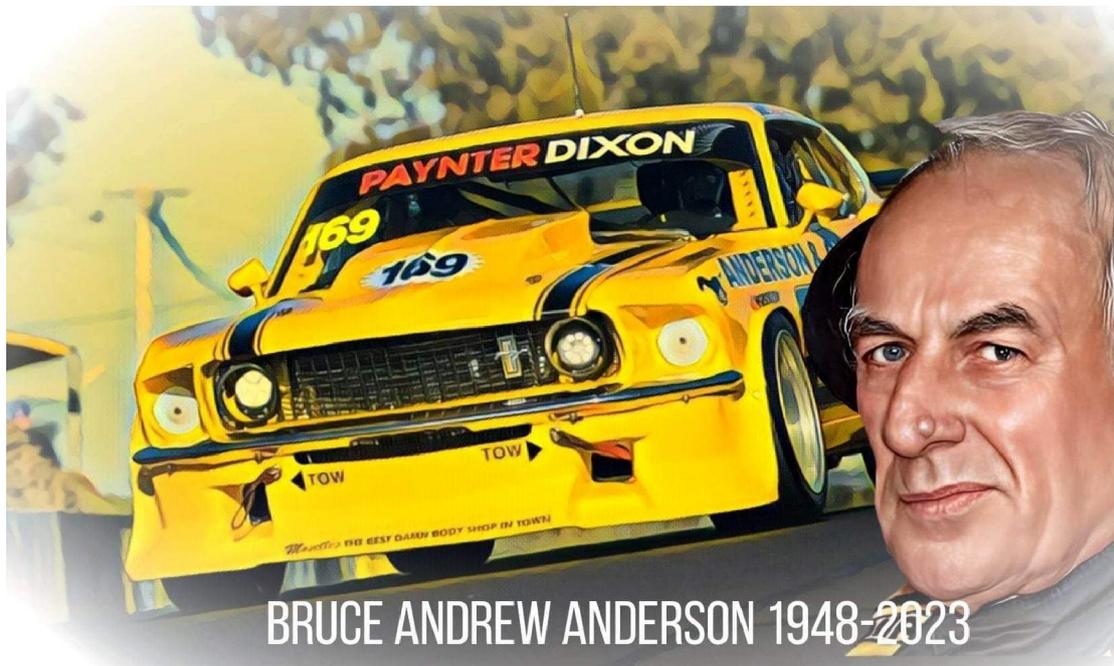
Cost for the event will be **\$225 per Driver**. Second Drivers \$50 and Passengers \$30.
Spectators FREE

This cost includes – HD H&S Levy, Marshals, Ambulance and Recovery, Professional Instruction, Helmet and Overall Loan if required.

How do I enter?

PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO tim@hrcevents.co.nz to register your interest.

Vale: Bruce Anderson



It is with much sadness that we report to you all that Bruce Anderson, so well-known and respected by all of us, has sadly passed away. 'A mighty totara has fallen'.....

A foundation member of TCM NZ and a wonderful and generous mentor to many. There would be no better example of the importance of family in life, than that portrayed by Bruce and the entire Anderson family. Motorsport, as a family endeavour, was there for all to see. Bruce was 'THE BOSS' and wore his principles and code on his shirt sleeve for us all to admire. Husband, father, brother, grandfather, fierce competitor and superb businessman, Bruce was a port in any storm.

Bruce had a long and distinguished motorsport career, from his early days in the '70's racing a series production Falcon GTHO against the Jimmy Richards, Leo Leonards and Robbie Francevics of this world, through to his time racing a later Group A Falcon, partnered on occasion with one Dick Johnson, then a Group A Mustang with brother Wayne, including two trips to Bathurst.

In the background, from early in this time, was also one 'Pinepac yellow' fastback mustang. Bruce and this car obtained well deserved legendary status over many decades, finally handing over the reigns to grandson Nathan. How proud was Bruce to witness first, son Andrew and then Nathan continue the mantle of such an honourable family tradition. Both Andrew and Nathan joining TCM's trip to compete at Bathurst and then on to Adelaide is likely to be a very moving occasion, and one that Bruce would be very proud of. It will be the 3rd time a certain Mustang will have been to compete at 'Mt Panorama', but this time with 'the boss' watching from above.

From all of TCM NZ and Australia, goodbye our friend, you will be severely missed and revered.

Our thoughts are with Jude, Andrew, Wayne and all of their family and friends.

The chequered flag has been waved one last time for one of our most supportive, encouraging, passionate and admired TCM members.

RIP Bruce.....after a life so wonderfully served.

Your TCM Family



Want to go motor racing?



Want a funded Scholarship season in a BMW E46 racecar? Do you have what it takes? Check out the details, FAQ and Application Form at - bmwraceseries.co.nz/scholarship-car and register for the BMW Scholarship Event, Saturday 26 August, Hampton Downs. Entries closing soon.



Hi all,

Sorry there has been no communication of late but I have been waiting on confirmed dates with regard to Hampton Downs and Taupo. The dates are listed below and this season we will have seven rounds and the highest six point scoring rounds count. I have endeavoured to include a couple of one day rounds with remainder being two day events with Friday being a practise day put on by the individual circuits. The exception being the Taupo Historic Grand Prix which is a three day event.

This season we will be doing two rounds at Manfeild, two rounds at Hampton Downs and three rounds at Taupo. The season finale this year will be special as it will be a dedicated single seater meeting at Taupo. The classes racing are likely to be

Superkarts, Formula Junior, Formula First, Formula Ford, Historic Formula Ford, Sportscars, Formula 5000 and Formula Open New Zealand. This will be a two day meeting so our prize giving will be held later in the year, probably around June. This will work out a lot better for everybody as we won't all be rushed to get to a venue after a race meeting. We will still be having a dinner on the Saturday night of each meeting which will be the prize giving for the previous round. Hannah Prendergast is going to continue organising these functions as well as taking over our face book page and web site (when I make one).

As proof the series is getting stronger there have been a lot of cars changing hands and more people buying cars to join the series. In fact Kenny Smith has purchased three FT40 TRS cars from "The Bend" in Australia as well as the one Tim O Connor still has for sale as well as Leo Francis car for sale as he has moved into an FT50 and Stuart Lush has his FT40 for sale as he is looking to purchase an FT50. So the Jim Palmer Cup is set for a big boost of young talent. But the really exciting news is the Formula Atlantic brigade has exploded with four definite additions in the shape of another Reynard, a Ralt RT4 (two possibly three more at a couple of rounds) and two more Swift DB4's with a third new one a possibility for later in the season but certainly the beginning of next season.

Because of the increase in the number of Formula Atlantics I have decided to create another class dedicated to them. This means we will have three separate classes each running for their own championship with the highest points scorer from the three groups taking the Formula Open New Zealand title and the Howden Ganley Cup.

With the creation of the Formula Atlantic/Pacific class I am pleased to announce that former New Zealand Grand Prix winner in a Ralt RT4 David Oxtan has agreed to have his name on this cup joining Graeme Lawrence on the FT50 cup, Jim Palmer FT40 Cup and Howden Ganley FONZ cup. So, I would like to extend my thanks to David for his support and look forward to having him join Graeme, Jim and hopefully at a couple of meetings Howden.

The reason I have asked these four gentlemen to be the names on our cups is that I think it is important that (a) They are past single seater champions and by honouring them with our cups recognises and celebrates their achievement's and (b) it will educate and give a sense of pride to younger drivers coming through the ranks following in their footsteps that they chasing something with meaning.

With the closure of Pukekohe there will be less events available and the flow on effect with less events means more race classes wanting entries so grid numbers will have to increase to justify acceptance by the promoters/car clubs. This means that this year the criteria to get a grid requires a minimum amount of cars (I'm waiting for an indication of numbers). Therefore, I will be sending out a confirmation of entry to

meetings and will require you to respond advising which meetings you are intending to run. I accept that there will be instances where unexpected things pop up that prevent you from entering, but as we currently have twenty nine cars available to race with twenty of those with nominated drivers available to run a full season I don't envisage we will have any problems meeting the grid requirements.

This season entry fees and other costs will rise - I know HRC and Auckland Car Club are doing their best to keep costs down but it is inevitable with the increase in charges from Hampton Downs and Taupo and to a lesser degree Manfeild that entry fees will rise. Likewise, I have had to increase the cost of series membership to \$150 as the cost of administering this is taking time away from my own business. I will be sending out invoices shortly for the coming season.

That is about all for now so make sure you are all geared up and ready to go. Most importantly make sure your engines and gearboxes are fresh and ready to go. The people I recommend on our Toyota engines are GER Engine Specialists 39 Cartwright Road, Kelston, Auckland 0602 <tel:098185352> info@ger.co.nz

Until next time Cheers

JT

From Angus Fogg Racing:

We're heartbroken to announce the sudden passing of our good friend, team mate, mechanic, and absolute key member of our race team. Paul has played a key role in running the J. A. Russell Ltd Mustang and has been tireless in his efforts within the team. Sending a heartfelt tribute to Paul Hinton (aka Weeman) - it just won't be the same without you!

Our sincere condolences to Paul's family and friends.

RIP Weeman.



Started by Raymond Duffton in late 2021, Motive is a motorsport racing team enabling disabled people to participate in New Zealand motorsport events. Formed with the initial goal of entering into the B&H Endurance race at Pukekohe in October 2022, the team has now entered its first events - The Taupo Car Club Winter Series 2023.



Our thanks to everyone who got us there, provided facilities, volunteer services and help to the team. We feel like our team had about a hundred members this weekend.

If you haven't taken part in a club meeting before we can highly recommend [Taupo Car Club Inc. Winter Series](#). In fact we think you should get your entry in now for round 2. Whatever the weather (they'll do their best to provide all conditions) the program offers a busy weekend of options to learn more about your race craft. Next round 22nd & 23rd July.

Training and Race reports to follow... and even more great photos on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/teammotiveracing>

Do you know someone who should be involved with our team? Please share our info with them and let them know that we are adding to the team.

Plea from the Team. Do you have any race gear which is no longer required (perhaps race suits that no longer fit) which could be donated to Team Motive for use at clubsport events (ride passengers, driver coaching and sprints)?

An Disability Access event is planned for 19 November 2023. If you can assist with gear (or are otherwise keen to help), please contact us at info@teammotive.co.nz.

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Here's the link to register for the meeting: <https://app.livestorm.co/p/17907c04-12a3-4527-862b-b8d7e22d8a31/live?s=5ee183a4-681b-4cef-b0bb-1864fca102da>

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Disclaimer - we still have rules, just not as many as before...

Best regards

Everyone at IPC



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2023 dinner and trophy winners

The Series had a great end of season dinner on 10 June 2023, with 66 attendees, including representatives from the Motorsport Club (many members of the Day/Scott family and Steve Collier) and Team Motive (of which more below).

Congratulations go to the trophy winners for Season 37 (2022-2023) who were revealed at the dinner:

Marque Awards

TOPS Jaguar	John Munro (410)
Jason Nicholl Porsche	Caleb Hartley (733)
Sutherland BMW	Phil Josephs (854)
TOPS MG	Dave Mallin (431)
Simon Mills Alfa Romeo	Bryan Collins (535)
John Tomlin Ford	John Honore (745)

Country Awards

Mark Rantin German	Ken Williams (906))
TOPS British	Todd Forsyth (846)
Italian	Brett Hickman (857)
Fast Frog	Frans Cronje (267)

Major Awards

BMC 4 Cylinder	Glen Thompson (615)
Top Saloon (Tracer)	Des Redgwell (898)
Modern (Post 1990)	Barry Hare (920)
Stephen Harris (Grp 2)	Shiane Rinkin (931)
Arrow Wheels (Grp 1)	Racing Ray Williams (903)
Most Sporting	Sheridan Broadbent

Those shown in bold were not present to receive their trophies and will need to get them from me later.

Season 38

The Series will continue to race as a single grid with Arrows Wheels, as the Series sponsor. The classes will revert to their former names, Arrow Wheels for the faster group and AES for the slower group (as they have continued to be referred to by everyone anyway).

With the closing of Pukekohe Park in 2023, getting grids at race meetings has become more difficult in the upper North Island, with fewer race days and more race classes looking for inclusion. There is also the danger of over-familiarity with HD. HRC, Auckland Car Club and TACCOC have conferred to allocate the available race days at HD and Taupo but, as class allocations have not yet been made, I do not have a draft calendar yet. There was a strong "show of hands" support at the dinner for including a Manfeild round. I will be aiming for 7 rounds again, with 2 TACCOC meetings at HD, 1 Manfeild round (if possible), 2 or 3 rounds at Taupo and the balance at HD.

To rejoin the Series for next season, please pay \$50 into the Series bank account (details above).

Team Motive call for assistance

Team Motive, supported by the Chasing What Matters Trust, aims to remove barriers preventing people living with disability from entering and participating fully in all aspects of motorsport. The aim is to assist with getting those with disabilities, but interest, into motorsport, whether as drivers, support crew or volunteers. Assistance is given with licence tutorials and exams. Tim Hill and Wendy Metcalfe are assisting. More information, including links to documentaries, can be found at teammotive.co.nz and below. The Team has one car and is planning to acquire a second to help ease people into the sport. It is hoped that some may race in ERC.

We have been asked whether any of us have race gear which is no longer required (perhaps race suits that no longer fit) which could be donated to Team Motive for use at clubsport events (ride passengers, driver coaching and sprints). An introduction event is planned for 19 November 2023. If you can assist with gear (or are otherwise keen to help), please contact them on info@teammotive.co.nz.

Team Motive videos can be seen at:

[Lee Warn from Wheelchair to Race Car Part 1](#)

[Lee Warn from Wheelchair to Race Car Part 2](#)

[Kurt's Ironman Journey - Man of Speed](#)



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