



Newsletter November 2016

President's Note

The year is racing along with only 8 weeks till Christmas but there's still lots happening before that with the kick-off of celebrating the 60th year of Teretonga in November, and then the December Race Meeting including Santa.

Entering Teretonga Park, Russell has the grounds and facilities looking great. We are still continuing our ongoing improvements and our next project is to remove the flaxes between the scrutineers shed and toilet. This will give us more room for the January summer series, which is stacking up to be a ripper with 9 classes expected to turn up.

Then on to February where we celebrate 25 years of the Classic Speedfest.

Thanks to Downers, along with Oz and Noel, the spectator bank at the Sievwright Hairpin is looking great and continuing to expand, including improvements to our auto cross track.

One of the biggies for the club is the near completion of the elevator in the tower thanks to the generous donation from Jack Johnstone and time and hard work driven by Noel and Bevan, which we are hoping to have in operation by November meeting.

We have also upgraded our radio communications system by purchasing new hand-held radios and moving to digital. Our thanks to ILT Foundation and Community Trust of Southland for assisting us with funding to complete this project.

A big thank you to all - Norma, Executive, Race committee, volunteers and sponsors.

Cheers, see you at the November meeting.

Dean Maw
President

From the Race Committee

With Teretonga Park entering its 60th year of motorsport events this November, the next race meeting on the weekend of the 5-6th November will be a combined Clubsport event on the Saturday and a race meeting on the Sunday.

So if you have had any association with the Car Club or Teretonga Park over the years, come along and have a go at a standing quarter sprint or a few laps of the circuit on Saturday afternoon. If you could pre-enter before the weekend it would be appreciated however if you turn up on the day I am sure you won't be turned away.

Documentation & scrutineering will begin about 11.00am, with the standing quarter starting at 1.00pm. Circuit laps will start about 2.30pm. A BBQ will follow that will be free for entrants and a gold coin donation for others.

The Sunday race meeting will only have clubmans and sports & racing classes. We may split the clubmans class into 2 groups based on their practice times. At present there are about 26 entries for the clubmans but are a bit short on sports & racing cars, so if you have a car stashed away it would be a good time to give it a run.

See you all this weekend.

Bevan Gerrard

Chairman

Teretonga Race Committee

CLUB MEMBER CORNER

We love hearing about what our club members have been up to so please don't be shy, send us your stories! For example, it has been brought to our attention that Lawrie Knowler took out an unprecedented 5th OSCA championship at the end of last season. Awesome job Lawrie.

Meanwhile, some of our members popped across the ditch recently to run with the Central Muscle Car Class at the SuperCheap Auto Bathurst 1000. Below is a report from Steve & Joanne Scoles.

Central Muscle Cars @ Bathurst 2016

This project was 5 years in the making. June this year we finally got the go ahead, 25 cars, we decided to take 26 as we put 2 cars per container. Paul Clarke was the lucky number 26.

There was months of planning and organizing shipping, road transport, Carnets for NZ Customs & accommodation. Joanne was on the organizing committee and it took weeks of her time.

There were 4 South Island cars that made the road trip North in the first week of September to load containers in Auckland. That took 2 long days, Jo got the job of doing the MAF checks and Carnet checks of all the gear going in the containers.

Cars were shipped to Sydney and inspected by AQUIS, which is MAF in Australia. 8 of our cars got cleaned and then they all got trucked thru to Bathurst.

We arrived on Tuesday to unload containers and setup ready for first practice on Thursday morning.

Wednesday brought scrutineering, well that was an eye opener, and they went over our cars with a fine toothcomb, even our clothing down to sock & undies. At least 6 of our drivers clothing failed and multiple cars had to fix small issues.

No sticker – No racing, we all got there in the end.

Thursday morning brought drivers briefing – take it easy and have a good look around. That was the pinch yourself moment putting your gear on and lining up beside John Bowe, Jim Richards, Glen Seton & Steven Richards just to mention a few.

They didn't give us transponders until last practice and little did we know these times ended up being our qualifying times as Friday morning brought fog and our time slot got cancelled.

Everything is run to an exact minute due to TV coverage.

Race 1 was Aussie Rules – Aussies to the front & Kiwis to the rear.

My teammate (Ross Graham) blew his engine on the 4th lap.

Race 2 was Top 20 put to the rear. So Kiwis lead all the way. Paul Clarke led for the first 4 laps (don't think we will be allowed to forget that one).

The track was a lot faster than I thought – 200kph across the top of the mountain, 280kph down Conrod & 240kph going up the hill.

Didn't like the cutting but got used to it. Going down the Dipper was fantastic. The elbow could catch you out before you went onto Conrod Straight.

Turn 1 got me sideways, just missed hitting 2 of my teammates, made for a great photo, it even made the TCM Face book page.

Race 3 Was Aussies on the left and Kiwis on the right. This was the Trans Tasman Challenge won by the Australians – we will be back!

TCM put on a BBQ and presented some prizes and we all got a medal for attending.

Cars got loaded on Sunday afternoon and truck picked them up on Monday as we needed them back in NZ for next meeting Hampton Downs 101.

Steve & Joanne Scoles



NZ Touring Cars

Lining up in the NZ Touring Cars this weekend at the V8 Supercars round at Pukekohe Park are Liam MacDonald and Jamie Conroy. Both are running in the TL Category and we wish them all the best for this weekend as well as the rest of the season and look forward to seeing them here in January at their home track.

South Island Register Classes

As the season proper gets underway, we have a number of club members competing in the various South Island Registers. If you want to follow their progress in their respective classes through the season they are as follows –

South Island Formula 1600

Ethan Anderson – Class One

Jordan Michels – Class One

Steve Heffernan – Class One

James Dicey – Class Two

Robin Williams – Class Two

Joseph Oliver – Class Three

Dave McKenzie – Class Three

Pre 65 Saloons

Paul Clarke

Michelle Lindsay-Koni

Keith Macdonald

Roy Macdonald?

Pro 7 Saloons

Wayne Elliott

OSCA Super Saloons

Steve Ross

Adam Cullen

Pierre Neame

NZ Six Saloons

Russell Keeler

Apologies if we have missed anyone but the season has just started so will hopefully catch up with the rest of you over the next few months.

Newsletter items

If you have anything you want to share in the newsletter, whether you are a competitor, volunteer or spectator, please feel free to send it in. If you don't want to write it yourself give me a call and I'll be happy to talk to you and write it for you.

Just drop me a line at vroberts@actrix.co.nz or leave a message on 03 2130768, after 6 pm please. Due to the security on my email you will probably get a message saying your email couldn't be delivered, it will be there but I need to add you to the safe senders list so don't panic.

COMING UP

November 5 60th Year Celebrations

November 6 November Race Meeting

Featuring Clubman Saloons and Sports & Racing Cars

December 4 December Race Meeting
Featuring Pre 65 Saloons, Pro 7 Saloons, South Island Formula 1600,
Mini 7 South, and Clubman Saloons

January 20-22 MSNZ Summer Series
Featuring NZ Touring Cars, Toyota Racing Series, NZ Super Trucks,
NZV8 Utes, Mainland Muscle Cars, NZ & SI Formula 1600, Toyota 86,
NZ Six North/South Challenge, and OSCA Super Saloons.

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