

# *Southland Sports Car Club*

## *Newsletter*

### *November 2010*

THE CIRCUIT 1957

#### **Pre Race Brief**

Well, well, well, it appears that the man in the big red set of size 20 race overalls (no Rodger or Heff not you) is about to give Rudolf and his red nosed mates, a jolly good grease and oil change. Tune up the old sleigh, and make sure the fancy red racing stripes are facing the right way. Then when all is tickety boo, he will put the pedal to the metal and do a few laps. Let's hope race control don't see him dropping a pressie or two, otherwise the buggers might black flag him.

Seriously though, the Southland Sports Car Club is getting a pretty flash present itself. I am talking about the brand new control tower that is emerging from the ashes of the old one. For those that haven't taken a peak already, I recommend setting aside some time to come and have a look. It really is racing ahead in leaps and bounds. Plus it's quite amazing how quickly something this substantial, is to construct.

I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved for all the hard work that has been done so far. This includes the team that initially got the ball rolling, (then kept the bugger going), along with all the other club members and supporters that have had input through labour, skills or services. I have said it before, but it really is a credit to the club, and just shows what we can achieve when we put our minds to it.

Also, while talking about things that are racing up, we actually have plenty of racing coming up (now that's a mouthful). The December meeting should be a cracker with Mr Claus making an appearance afterwards for the kids (see ad in Upcoming Events), while the lovely Wendy will no doubt be whipping up some gastronomic delights on the barbecue.

Then after a wee break, the V8's and their supporters are in town. All this is washed down in February by the Evolution Motorsport Classic Speedfest which should be a pearler. Phew what a line up – I'm sure the race committee can do with all the help it can get. So if you are a non racing member at any of these meetings and would like a chance to join the dark side for a change, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the club and executive I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season, Santa comes to the party, and the new year brings hot laps and fast times.

Happy Christmas Everyone

Cheers

The Teretonga Tattler

#### **Check out "Checka"**

NZ Classic Car, NZ Performance Car and NZV8 magazines have launched a new website called Checka that allows people to check vehicle information before they purchase and we now have an affiliate account with them. If you want to check vehicle histories and get vehicle reports and help the Southland Sports Car Club earn some money along the way then go to the Links page on our website [www.teretonga.org.nz](http://www.teretonga.org.nz) and click on the Checka link.

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## **President's Report**

What a thrill! After many years of discussion and planning our new control tower is happening. Donaldson Construction, our successful tenderer started on site on 27<sup>th</sup> September and are on target to deliver the completed building to us on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, all going well! (It is looking spectacular)

While there are one or two financial hurdles, to overcome we have the finance in place to complete this stage of Teretonga Park re development.

I am sure all club members will join with me to express their thanks to the I.L.T. Foundation and the Community Trust of Southland for their continued financial support. Without their help the scale of this project would not be achievable. Employing Southern Quantity Surveyors to help us run a successful tender process has proved to be a very good move, with David Main and his team going the extra mile to assist our club.

I would like to thank the board for having the confidence to accept the recommendations of the executive on this important project.

This new facility should be a great help for future proofing Teretonga Park for generations to come. I would like to think that we could start planning stage two, whatever direction it may take, as the vision I have for Teretonga Park has four or five stages to bring us up to a level equal to any circuit in New Zealand.

If the weather is kind to us during construction and all goes according to plan we hope to have Wayne, Sharon and Bevan and their associated teams required to run our meetings working from our new building for the January National meeting.

The dismantling of our old tower is going very well as a club project and a huge thanks to the many helpers on this difficult job.

There has been some disruption and inconvenience over the recent meetings but I am sure we will all accept these as a means to an end.

Our catering group excelled with a great effort to cater for 260 + hungry Silver Fern Rally participants at the Bill Richardson Truck Museum. This venue is a great asset for our city and huge thanks for its use goes to the Richardson Group.

Our annual fire training night will be held on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm at Teretonga Park. All are welcome! We will be helped by the Fire Service with extinguisher use and the safe method of car fire fighting. We will be burning a car, supplied by Parts World, Thanks Phil!

All our committees are fully manned and geared up and ready to go. We are looking forward to completing a successful season. To all our many volunteers thanks

Cheers Noel

## **Clubsport Report**

The third round in our Clubsport Championship was held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November. After a wet start to the day, we carried on with the weather improving as the day went on. There was a good turnout of competitors, with 17 taking part in both the Motorkhana and the Sprint. Included in these numbers were a few under 18's and people sharing cars. It was encouraging to see so many club members taking part as well as a few new faces.

I can't thank my helpers enough in running these events as it just would not happen without them. Anyone interested in helping at future events please do not hesitate to contact me. I'm especially looking for people to do track marshalling etc at our next Public Track Day which is on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Following that is Round 4 of the Clubsport Championship on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Why not come along and take a look or better still have a go! I have really enjoyed watching the competitive spirit of all who take part in these events and on a final note, it just goes to show that motorsport doesn't have to be expensive to be enjoyable as clubsport is based on driver skill rather than who has the fastest car.

Cheers

Robert

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Do you want to get closer to the action?

We are always looking for volunteers to help at the various events we run.

If you are available to help or would like more information, please phone Norma on 03 2130522 or email [info@teretonga.org.nz](mailto:info@teretonga.org.nz)

# Race Committee Report

Well my first race meeting as Race Chairman has come and gone (literally). They say a picture is worth a thousand words – so here it is!!!!!!



This photograph was supplied by one of the SIERDC Competitors, Peter van Eekelen who also sent the following email –

<b>From:</b>	Peter van Eekelen
<b>Sent:</b>	Sunday, 19 September 2010 12:06 p.m.
<b>To:</b>	info@teretonga.org.nz
<b>Subject:</b>	SI Endurance Meeting

Morning Norma,

We made it out of Invercargill....just, and it continued snowing all the way past Balclutha.

I would just like to say thanks to your team. Considering the conditions and what we were faced with they did an outstanding job showing the commitment in turning up and doing what could be done to make it happen.

Fridays testing session was exactly that ...testing. I have never had the chance to run in rain hail and sleet before and whilst terrifying at times, exhilarating, and only two minor offs with no damage. Whilst Saturday was a no show it was still a lot of fun and you could tell that whilst we were disappointed, we were in good spirit and HIGHLY impressed at the level of dedication your team brought to the track to try and make it happen.

I was one of the drivers that took a lap of honour round the track towing the transporter as we left and it was impressive to see that black stripe of tarmac disappearing into the gloom.

So, in short, thanks to your team and I enjoyed your hospitality and look forward to an opportunity of coming back and doing it for real.

Kind Regards Peter van Eekelen  
GT3 189

I'd also like to add my thanks and that of the Race Committee's for all your dedication over that weekend – your support against those odds was truly appreciated.

The Endurance Round did finally take place after the two false starts it had and congratulations to those who performed with distinction in Timaru, not least of all Allan Dippie & Grant Aitken who took out the podium of the 3 hour race.

Clubmans racing finally got underway in October and all our Drivers & Teams showed that they have been working hard over the offseason. Sorry for the short notice but we were in catch up mode after September and I believe everyone enjoyed the low key ½ day of racing to shake out the cobwebs.

November was a great day out, from a COTC perspective the drivers performed well, (first meeting I hadn't had to show a red card in a long while). Well done Guys & Girls, plenty of race room was given with some very keen challenges throughout the fields. Was challenging for some of our officials with the temporary premises for Timing and Race Control but thanks to those teams who had to make do but as you can all see with the new tower, it's going to be worth it.

December is fast approaching and I want more Cars! So if you're still thinking about it, come on give it a go, can't let the guys with the points have it all their way.

Cheers

Wayne Shieffelbein

## **Club Captains Report**

It is exceptionally pleasing to be able to report on the positive attitudes of members and the many great things that are happening within the club.

### **CONTROL TOWER DEMOLITION**

The original tower was constructed in the late 1960's in the infield and moved over to its present location in 1973 so after forty odd years it has lasted pretty well even if it is a bit past its "use by date".

When viewed in its entirety, the thought of demolishing the old tower looked a pretty daunting task, however, in the words of "Sneaky Meat" How do you eat an elephant? – one bite at a time! So the process was begun and after only six or seven working bees, with the help of many members, volunteers the results have been amazing. At the time of writing, the basic steel structure has been exposed, the top two floors have been gas axed, craned off the majority of the cladding and timber framing removed and the steel framing on the time keepers portion about ready to be removed - unbelievable!

All those who have been receiving Noels emails with photo updates and seeking volunteers for the working bees will be aware of the impressive amount that has been achieved in such a short space of time. So as the new tower continues to grow at an astounding rate the old tower is being reduced at an equally rapid pace.

***Special thanks to all that have participated in this project!*** Thanks also in advance to the volunteers that will no doubt continue to be part of the future working bees as there is still a fair bit of the elephant to be eaten.

### **NEW CONTROL TOWER OPENING**

Over the years the chance to get to the top of the old control tower was limited to a very small percentage of Club members (for which most are thankful).

When completed, this project will represent a major milestone in the history of the Club and should be celebrated as such. To this end the executive are in the process of sorting out an appropriate date to give all members (past and present) the opportunity to view, visit and tour through the new facility, hopefully this will be associated with various events all adding to the celebration. Due to the tight time frame with our major race meetings, building sign off by the ICC, hand over etc. a suitable date has yet to be identified. ***You will all be advised of the date etc. to make this an occasion of note.***

### **TERETONGA PACE CAR**

Many of you will have heard rumors of a dedicated Pace Car being donated to the Club. The generosity in terms of financial assistance and time given by individuals, companies, community funders etc. continues to amaze me. In this case it is generosity of Rick Michels/Evolution Motorsport and John Sievwright/Siewwright Auto that deserves recognition. These guys (and no doubt wives etc.) have supplied a car that will be used to promote various events and will be our permanent pace car for all future race meetings, it will be decked out with all the appropriate lights and fittings and really be a major asset, all this at no cost to the Club. At this stage I don't want to give too much away as you will find details for the "unveiling" elsewhere in this news letter. ***Many thanks to these people for their generosity, initiative and foresight.***

Cheers, Clive

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

*Ewan MacPherson*

*Joseph Oliver*

*Stephen Harper*

*Tony Mann*

*Lloyd Phillips*

*Ashley Hooper*

*Ian Richardson*

*Chris Gifkins*

*Gray Mitchell*

*Cameron Richardson*

*Justin Heffernan*

*Regan Lindsay*

*Eric McPherson*

*Andrew Weir*

*Jacob Bradshaw*

*Troy McGee*

*Paul Fairweather*

*Chris Thompson*

*Graham Russell*

*Tony Meechang*



## Round 1 New Zealand Formula Ford Championship 2010/11 Pukekohe

Hi Sponsors and Supporters,

My first season in Formula Ford has finally arrived and I raced at Pukekohe at the weekend in Round 1.

Thursday: We were supposed to test all day Thursday but when we arrived at the track there was work being done getting the track ready so we only got 2 x 30 minute test sessions. The E H Ball ITM Stealth was performing really well while I spent time learning the track. Pukekohe is really fast and I loved driving the high speed circuit.

Friday: On Friday we woke up to heavy rain so my first session was on a wet track. Dad and Louise my race engineer set the car up for the wet track and I went out being really careful not to make a mistake while I was getting used to the wet fast flowing circuit. Once I got used to the wet track I put in some quick laps. I ended up 6<sup>th</sup> fastest for the session and everybody else was really surprised.

In the afternoon session the weather had cleared up and the track was dry. I started pushing the car really hard trying to put in some quick lap times. About half way through the session I was following another car when its engine blew out all its oil in front of me. I braked as usual but the car went straight ahead and ended up in the tyre wall. This resulted in smashing the left front suspension of the car and me getting a ride in the ambulance. When we got back to the pits Dad, Lou and I worked hard to get the ITM Stealth back on the track for qualifying on Saturday morning.

Saturday: We went out to qualify on Saturday morning and the track was fully dry. I was still building up my confidence after the crash on Friday. I qualified on grid 10 out of 14.

Race 1: I lined up for race 1 on Saturday afternoon beside racing legend Ken Smith (the youngest and oldest in the field on the grid beside each other). As the lights went out I got a great start and went up to 8<sup>th</sup> place. We headed round the circuit the whole pack was

in a line and as I went to brake the back wheels of the ITM Stealth locked up and I lost 3 places. I worked my way back into 10<sup>th</sup> place at the finish. I told Lou and Dad that the car had a mid corner under steer. We adjusted the suspension to cure the problem.

Sunday:

Race 2: I was back on grid 10 again as no one had set a faster lap time than my qualifying time. Once again I got a demon start and got my way into 9<sup>th</sup> place going through to turn 1. I was sitting on the rear of the front group of cars for the first 5 laps until the car in front of me went sideways in front of me and I had to drive off the track to avoid T- boning his car and putting both of us out of the race. I got back on the track and finished 10<sup>th</sup> again. With the changes we had made to the car it felt really good and easy to drive.

Race 3: I started this race on grid eleven because someone had bettered my qualifying time in race 2. I got a good start and joined onto the back of the front bunch. After a really hard race with lots of slip streaming and passing I ended up finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place. This puts me in 7<sup>th</sup> place in the championship heading to round 2 in Christchurch in 3 weeks.

Thank you for your help and support, without it I wouldn't be racing.

Kind regards

Brendon Leitch



# The Track



## Trader

### HELLO, HELLO, HELLO, HELLO, HELLO.

The Buy, Sell, and Exchange section appears in each newsletter. If you have anything you wish to include, feel free to contact Norma at the office Phone (03) 213 0522 or email [info@teretonga.org.nz](mailto:info@teretonga.org.nz). Please include a brief description, along with your contact details. This service is open to anything motor sport related.

**To Lease** Falcon Super Six Competitive Car, Contact John Christie, 0274 340911

**For Sale** New set of Kumho V700 205/50/15 tyres - \$900.00. Car Trailer - \$3500 ono.  
Contact Shane Crosbie, 0272809193 or 03 2182666

**Wanted** Parts for 1984 FX GT Corolla – Pair of front headlights, Rear Seat and Carpets  
Contact Nick Hamlin, 0292340362

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## Upcoming Events

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010  
7.00pm

### **Teretonga Pace Car Launch**

Evolution Motorsport Workshop  
40 Leet Street, Invercargill  
*BBQ & Drinks available*

4/5 December 2010

### **December Race Meeting**

*Motor Racing presented by Downer*

Classes – Super 6 Saloons, Sports Saloons, Mini 7's, Pre 65 Saloons, OSCA, Pro 7 Saloons, Clubmans Saloons and Sports & Racing Cars

### **Christmas BBQ**

*At the conclusion of Sunday's racing  
All Volunteers, Club Members, Competitors & Crews Welcome  
(Santa Claus will be dropping by so if you have littlies can you supply a gift of up to \$10 & drop it into the Secretary's Office)*

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010

### **Fire Safety Training Evening**

7.00pm at Teretonga Park  
All Volunteers and Club Members Welcome



# CLUB DIRECTORY

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (New Members only)

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Costs include Joining Fee (where applicable) & GST  
 The Club Championship/Financial Year is 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### MEMBERSHIP TYPE (Please Tick)

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|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Full Member</b>   | <b>\$85.00</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Allows member to compete in all events  |
| <b>Social Member</b> | <b>\$45.00</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Members who choose not to compete in any events   |
| <b>Junior Member</b> | <b>\$35.00</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Any member 12 to 18 years of age. Allowed to race after competing in 5 previous speed events. |

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ (required for funding purposes)

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

If elected to membership I agree to abide by the Southland Sports Car Club Inc. Rules and duly authorise the Southland Sports Car Club Inc. to provide information concerning my membership to MotorSport New Zealand Inc. if requested by them.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Joining Concession

If joining within 3 months of the end of the financial year, you can join for those month's at a cost of \$10.00 per month PLUS the next years membership, i.e. Join in February – ADD \$30.00; in March – ADD \$20.00; in April – ADD \$10.00.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_