

Southland Sports Car Club Inc Newsletter, May 2006



CONGRATULATIONS

Several of our members have been racing very successfully around the country throughout the 2005/2006 motor racing season.

Glen Brazier and Wayne Tuffley both went extremely well in Kumho Pre 65 Saloon racing again this year.

Glen made a clean sweep of the Overall, Class A and Reverse Grid titles in the South Island Series.

At the end of the season he held the lap record at every South Island circuit plus the new Taupo Motorsport Centre where he raced as part of the North / South Pre 65 Challenge.

Meanwhile Wayne finished 2nd overall in the South Island Series and 3rd in his Class. He like Glen was part of a very successful South Island team that defeated the North in their inter – island challenge.

Alan Crawford of Invercargill contested two North Island meetings in his Mini in March and April.

The first event was at Manfeild where he grabbed a 4th and two 2nd placings in his class and a 11th, 9th and 3rd overall. He then moved onto the new Taupo Motorsport Centre and after finding his bearings on the circuit which was initially “totally confusing”, he managed to qualify a fine 2nd overall. He followed that performance up with a 7th, 4th and a 2nd place in the final race after coming through from 14th on the grid and leading the race until the final corner.

Congratulations to all our members who have achieved at various levels over the past few months.

DFAC CHALLENGE

Brendon Mitchell was the Southland Sports Car Club’s representative in the DFAC Challenge at the recent Silverstone Race To The Sky.

The DFAC Challenge involved six selected drivers competing in Dong Feng trucks on the Rallycross circuit at the foot of the famous hill.

As reigning Speed Champion Brendon was our club’s representative and he certainly did the club proud.

BAYVIEW HOTEL/PUB CHARITY WHERE THE JOURNEY BEGINS BLUFF HILLCLIMB

Ross MacKay of Ashburton won the inaugural Bayview Hotel/Pub Charity Bluff Hillclimb on Saturday 18 March.

The first local home was Steve Heffernan in his Van Diemen RF92.

The hill found favour with most competitors and plans are underway for a repeat with perhaps a sister event over the same weekend.

Thank you to all those who helped to make this event a reality.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy 50th Anniversary to
our good neighbours the
Eastern Southland Car Club
who celebrate on 16/17
June at the Scenic Circle
Hotel in Gore.

The club was a branch of
our club until 1956 when the
Eastern Southland Car Club
was formed.

Since that time the club has
produced several top class
competitors on the national
scene and several of their
members have contributed a
great deal to the sport both
locally and nationally.

ASCOT PARK HOTEL RALLY OF SOUTHLAND

Richard Clapperton and
Ross Taylor along with other
members of their team have
done a huge amount of work
towards the 2006 Ascot
Park Hotel Rally Of
Southland. This year should
see another superb event.

However a great deal of
manpower is required on the
day so if you or any friends
wish to assist please contact
Richard at ????????