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All Classic Japanese Series at Taupo

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Auckland Car Club's Monthly Magazine – Race, Rally, Clubsport and more...

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well we have just completed our second Taupo event for the season and it was, as expected, a little light in numbers but February always seems to be one of our lightest meetings and the entry numbers were similar to what we would have at Hampton Downs on the same date.

We were assisted in the running of the meeting by the Taupo Car Club and apart from some different ways of doing things in the handicap starts than we are used to all went well and I thank Terry O'Brien and his fellow volunteers for helping us on the day.

Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park were also extremely helpful and provided their facilities to all who required them for camping out on the track and I thank Tony Walker and his team for that side of things.

The classes that attended put on a great show and everyone drove extremely well with very few, if any, incidents.

Unfortunately I do have some bad news about the Thunder in the Park Meeting. We had the date locked and loaded that had been vacated by Speedworks at the beginning of December 2020 which was proving to be popular one and fitted with all the class calendars.

Alas Speedworks have now taken the date the very weekend prior and, due to resource consent restraints, we are not able to run back to back two or three day meetings at Pukekohe and due to other commitments by the various classes no other date is suitable.

We are working hard though to get this iconic event back on the calendar and we have had discussions with MSNZ about ways of delivering this back to the Auckland Calendar.

Tim Hill from HRC is still working hard with our team to get things on track....good things take time I'm told.

We are still on the lookout for a sprint series coordinator as this is part of the sport we would like to encourage and what a great way to get into circuit racing.

We are also looking to start promoting the Auckland Heritage Race Class and will be trying to canvas more competitors to come and run in alongside the existing Production Muscle Car Class and I may end up with this job at this stage, but if you think you are the person to take this on then please contact us. To date we haven't been very proactive in recruiting for the Heritage class as we have had many other events and projects but I feel the time is now right.

Looking forward we have Pukekohe coming up (full back straight) and of course the rally which has shifted from September back into June to avoid clashing with the WRC.

We are also only a couple of months away to the MSNZ conference and as usual we will have two or three representatives in wellington. Although it is too late to put in remits there will be plenty of discussion topics so if you have anything you want us to discuss with MSNZ please send us an email with your thoughts or concerns.

Brett Davy
President

Welcome to our new members this month

Louis Fraysse

Carl McKee

Todd Mexted

Alasdair Dally

Gordon Lawton

Tiwen Tang

Jin Win Lee

Kenneth Leung

Liam Robinson (Youth)

Oliver Young (Youth)

Steve Grenville

Warren Chapman



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Rally Magazine

ALL CLASSIC JAPANESE SERIES – ROUND 4

Round 4 saw another excellent entry for a Taupo meeting of 20 cars. Grant Bennis, in a first for ACJS with his MX5 NB model, joined us a guest driver for the first time, and Dion Clerke switched allegiances from Production Race for the day.

For the November Taupo meeting, Chris Hillier had just collected his new series 6 Mazda RX7, but a couple of months later he was starting to get to grips with the power of the turbocharged rotary and took out Group 1 from Bryce Richards and Scott Curtis. John Harvey, Grant Richards and Jason Brown had a race long battle, finishing in that order just two seconds apart for Group 2 honours. Sean Midgen led Bryce Bindon over the line for Invitation, but a 10 second time penalty for Sean for a jumped start gave the win to Bryce with Rex Alder third.

In the first of the handicap races Linda Grey just managed to hold off Bryce Richards to win Group 1, with Brittany Sheweiry third. Brittany was first on the track, but broke out of her handicap, incurring a 10 second time penalty post-race. Handicap breakout penalties also affected the result of Group 2 and Invitation, with Rob Mullins and Scott Mills being penalised. John Harvey again took the Group 2 win with Rob Mullins and Jason Brown second and third respectively. In Invitation, Sean Midgen was going well to peg back a 1m 52s handicap before a throttle cable problem brought him to a halt coming out of turn 5. This left Bryce Bindon to cut through the field to take second overall and first in Invitation. Despite his 10 second penalty Scott Mills took second and Rex Alder third.

In the third race Bryce Richards reversed the result of race 2 to beat home Linda Grey by three seconds, with James Smith third. Rob Mullins took full advantage of his handicap to beat David Crook by just two seconds, with a hard charging Grant Richards less than 0.2 seconds behind. Sean Midgen had a meeting to forget, after not being able to complete the warm up lap. This allowed Bryce Bindon to take a clean sweep of wins for Invitation with Rex Alder and Scott Mills second and third respectively.



Group 1:			HD 1 Sep	Puke 6 Oct	Taupo 23 Nov	Taupo 8 Feb	
Pos	Driver	Car					TOTAL
1	Bryce Richards	Mazda MX5	56	44	41	84	225
2	Linda Grey	Honda Civic	46	50	44	79.5	219.5
3	James Smith	Honda Integra	41	45	43	66	195
4	Scott Curtis	Mazda MX5	41	20	54	61.5	176.5
5	Brittany Sheweiry	Honda Civic	27	45	39	60	171
6	Clint Harvey	Honda Civic	17	37	46	64.5	164.5
7	Josh Hookway	Honda Integra	46	41	35	0	122
8	Andrew Boyd	Nissan Pulsar	44	38	35	0	117
9	Allan Bindon	Honda Civic	40	0	34	0	74

Group 2:							
Pos	Driver	Car					TOTAL
1	Jason Brown	Nissan Pulsar	53	58	54	69	234
2	John Harvey	Honda Civic	54	43	51	82.5	230.5
4	Rob Mullins	Toyota Corolla	48	41	40	78	207
3	Grant Richards	Mazda MX5	32	46	55	73.5	206.5
5	David Crook	Mazda MX5	16	46	40	70.5	172.5
6	Jacob Simonsen	Honda Civic	42	53	29	0	124
7	Matthew Old	Toyota Corolla	43	14	40	0	97
8	Lexxie Inskip	Nissan Skyline	0	0	38	0	38

Invitation							
Pos	Driver	Car					TOTAL
1	Bryce Bindon	Honda Integra	55	58	56	90	259
2	Scott Mills	Mazda RX7	51	50	47	72	220
4	Rex Alder	Datsun 1600	52	0	31	75	158
3	Bruce Clothier	Toyota Starlet	49	51	34	23.5	157.5
6	Shaun Midgen	Nissan Silvia	0	1	21	29	51
5	Alec Newald	Honda Integra	1	19	15	0	35
7	Mark Collier	Mazda MX5	0	0	19	0	19

RACING SALOONS – ROUND 4



And that's a wrap Taupo, Round 4 done. How good was that last race, and last lap!

Also a big welcome to Phil Laird who joins our Racing Saloons team, you did well, and we hope to see you back again. See everyone at Pukekohe next for Round 5. Cheers, Rach.

Round 4 Points 8th February 2020 - Taupo Dry Meeting

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car Number</u>	<u>QR4</u>	<u>R4R1</u>	<u>R4R2</u>	<u>R4R3</u>	<u>R4T</u>	Season to date
3001+ Class	Adam Hood	21	1	20	20	21	62	226
	Keith Wallace	121	1	21	19	20	61	197
	Paul Duffet	572						106
	Steve Wallace	34	1	19	21	19	60	97
	Don Cates	7						83
	Tony Anderson	3						62
	Eric Hennephof	57						58
	Martin Day	135						58
	Blair McDonald	50						58
	Phil Laird	15	1	18	18	18	55	55
	Darren Swinburne	7						54
	Mark Taylor	78						45
	Tony Satherley	666						24
	Greg Holden	30						23
	Tony Galbraith	43						23
	Rick Van Swet	67						19
	George Sheweiry Jnr	12						5
	Robin Woolridge	357						3
Luke Hilhorst	83						1	
2001-3000 Class	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car Number</u>	<u>QR4</u>	<u>R4R1</u>	<u>R4R2</u>	<u>R4R3</u>	<u>R4T</u>	Season to date
	Brett Thomas	12						109
	Steve Robinson	24	1	21	21	0	43	76
	Alec Newald	145						9
Travis Moore	999	1	2	0	0	3	3	
0-2000 class	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car Number</u>	<u>QR4</u>	<u>R4R1</u>	<u>R4R2</u>	<u>R4R3</u>	<u>R4T</u>	Season to date
	Jason Feck	46						64
	Shiane Day	82						61
	Simeon Woolsey	151						7

NORTHERN MUSCLE CARS – ROUND 4

It's been dry so long no one even considered anything else and they were correct. We had a very small entry which got smaller after race one. Paul was back however with Pinky and the billet block which led the way in qualifying with a 1:41.0, followed by Kayton and Kevin.

Race 1

Paul got away well in the pink Torana with Kayton hard on his heels. Kayton made a deep dive to get past at the end of the back straight on lap 3 but to no avail. Pinky then had a slightly more comfortable lead until half way around the final lap when a power steering fitting broke causing great clouds of smoke on the inside and outside of the car and so that was the end of Paul's racing for the day. Chris Anderson's JPS replica Mustang stopped on lap 5 with internal engine issues and was not seen again.

Race 2

This was a handicap race which Kevin in the white Charger made the most of and won in the end quite comfortably after Colin who was gaining managed to spin his Corvette on the exit of turn 5 and then execute a perfect smoky donut to the delight of all those watching. In the finish, Kevin was the winner, with Colin second and Kayton third.

Race 3

Another handicap which was not witnessed as I was away commiserating with Chris Anderson and hearing about this very cool 64 Fairlane he is building. The results were another win to Kevin with Warren in the blue SLR Torana second and then Colin in the Corvette.

The current standings are:

Class A 1st Colin Schischka 1385, 2nd Tony Galbraith 860, 3rd Kayton Coughey 849.

Class B 1st Chris Anderson 1279, 2nd Kevin Burke 1179 3rd Mike Oldham 848



Class A

Pos	Driver	Round Points							Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Colin Schischka	140	415	391	439				1385
2	Tony Galbraith	451		409					860
3	Kayton Coughy	132	290		427				849
4	Veen Smith	397	370						767
5	Alan Pearce	141		406					547
6	Clarke Hopkins			409					409
7	Rick van Swet		280						280
8	Ross Graham		279						279
9	Dave Campbell	2							2

Class B

Pos	Driver	Round Points							Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Chris Anderson	379	352	427	121				1279
2	Kevin Burke	370	370		439				1179
3	Mike Oldham	418	430						848
4	Andrew Ross	400	268	2					670
5	Craig Horn			439					439
6	Warren Betts				427				427
7	Cameron Crawford		418						418
8	Michael Crawley	382							382
9	Bruce Dreadon			259					259
10	Paul Burnet				130				130
11	Greig Running		1						1



FORMULA JUNIOR – ROUND 4

Formula Juniors again made their way to Taupo for Saturday February 8th meeting. As we travelled south in convoy we remarked how neat it was to be on the road again and to see other competitors and cars heading north to the Leadfoot Festival and the Eilerslie Concours.

The race day was preceded on Friday by a track day put on by the Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park at Taupo. Messes Tolich (Jocko Special), Herrick (Lola Mk2, Sexton (Stanguellini) and Halford (Auto Sud) arrived throughout the course of Friday where they enjoyed the full International track for three 20 minute sessions in the morning and as many sessions as they wanted on the shortened circuit all afternoon...all for the princely sum of just\$150. This was timely with Neil Tolich keen to test the recent suspension and wheel alignment work done on the Jocko, Roger Herrick keen to try his Mk2 Lola's new 1100 cc engine and Michael Sexton keen to test the Stanguellini after an engine rebuild post the valve insert damage incurred at Timaru's Levels Race Circuit during the 2019 Southern Tour. The Stanguellini also having major work done to both its front and rear suspension.

Friday had its share of FJ ups and downs! First up the Jocko broke one of the front torsion bar mounts. However this was very quickly remedied by a local race car engineer and the Jocko went on to perform with great distinction. The Lola unfortunately had a cooling system issue which culminated in a blown head gasket much to all our dismay. The Stanguellini performed well, the new engine strong and sweet and the handling much improved with the back axle now turning into the corner under load rather than out as was happening previously, courtesy of wrongly set up rear link bars.

Allan Cattle (Volpini), Gary Langsford (Elva 100) and Tony Olisoff (Brabham F3) all arrived in Taupo later on Friday.

Race day brought a fine summers day with a lovely breeze and typical Auckland Car Club efficiency. Qualifying had the grid line up as Olisoff, Halford, Tolich, Sexton, Langsford, Herrick, Cattle. Race 1 had Halford being the first front engine FJ followed by Tolich, Langsford, Cattle and then Sexton, the latter just circulating to finish the race after a significant body part failure – this not being the 61 year old Stanguellini, but rather its 69 year old pilot! Having over tightened his belts at the start of the race, he managed to badly pull a shoulder muscle as he grabbed a gear during battle and this sadly ruled him out of any further racing for the day.

The Jocko, Auto Sud and Elva 100 put on a great display of very close FJ racing with the Brabham in the middle for much of the time and the Volpini not to far back at all. The finish order was the same for the following two races, but with the battle getting tighter and tighter.

Our next event is at Pukekohe on the 1st of March.

Kind regards

Michael

NZIGP – LEGENDS CLUB

I asked Brett Davy if I could put a small piece in the newsletter to tell you what the Legends Club has been doing and what its objectives are.

NZIGP had been thinking about forming a club to recognise the contributions made by individuals in all branches of motorsport and to use the group to help and mentor the young and upcoming drivers, mechanics, entrants and supporters starting in the sport.

The Club is backed by NZIGP but in the longer term it was hoped it would become self-funded. The patrons of the club Kenny Smith and Morrie Chandler, Legends themselves and two people who exemplify the spirit and objectives of the Club.

It will recognise those people who have made an outstanding contribution to the sport, those that have been successful but mostly those who have enjoyed their sport and the people involved and who because of their character brought enjoyment to followers of the sport.

We thought that members would enjoy the opportunity to get together on selected occasions, to mix and mingle, to share stories and to catch up with old friends.

We held our second lunch at the Motorsport cup meeting at Pukekohe in February (the first was at Hamptons at the same meeting in 2019). A feature of the gathering is the election of a group of people as legends of motor racing. This year we honoured our old friend Eric Mallard and a number of others.

Our object in the longer term is that the club will support all forms of motor sport - track, rally, bikes, speedway boats etc.

A website is being established and shortly we will be sending an invitation to our original contact list to join the club as an associate member. Membership will provide the opportunity to attend our annual function (held at the NZ Motor Cup meeting at the beginning of the year) and other events as the racing calendar allows.

We will be providing hospitality at the Historic Racing Club Paul Fahey meeting on 21/22 March and you are welcome to join us there. Tickets for the meeting and a simple lunch on the Sunday are available for \$35 each. Contact Cherie or Kim (below) to organise.

I know some of your members are already involved with this Club. If you would like to know more about our activities and joining as an associate, please make contact with one of the following.

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Deborah Day Deborah.Day@dayleitm.co.nz Willard Martin 4kiwimartins@gmail.com

We really look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards, Kim Fisher

CLUBROOMS HALL HIRE

Clubrooms (For hire)

Our Clubrooms are available to hire or lease for a wide range of events.

This could include but not limited to:

- Information Evenings
- Training Seminars
- General Function Hire
- Christmas Functions
- Personal Parties
- Corporate Meetings
- Other Motorsport based meetings, functions or parties

The clubrooms offer a wide range of facilities which include:

- A fully licenced bar which stocks alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (We can also provide the bar manager)
- TV / DVD set up
- Stereo System with surround sound
- Kitchen (for basic food prep, catering delivery is encouraged).
- Dancefloor
- Male and female toilets
- Off street parking

To hire or lease the clubrooms please contact us.

Email: clubrooms@aucklandcarclub.org.nz

Phone: 09 835 9515

Mobile: 021 278 9373



BAR STAFF REQUIRED

We are looking for part time and on call staff for the clubrooms bar for club nights and functions. Applicants must hold a current Duty Managers Licence or LCQ.

Enquiries to Craig Holmes 021 889 488 or secretary@aucklandcarclub.org.nz

SPRINT SERIES COORDINATOR WANTED

The club is looking for someone to be the sprint series coordinator. This could also be a shared role between a couple of people. Ideal person would be also participating in the sprint series. The role would involve assisting sprint competitors on race day (keeping them informed throughout the day) and helping to build the class, along with attending a race committee meeting once a month during race season - held at the clubrooms.

If you are interested in finding out more about this role please email

secretary@aucklandcarclub.org.nz

RACE DAY HELPERS REQUIRED

We are always looking for more helpers for our one day race meetings at Pukekohe, Hampton Downs & Taupo.

This is not necessarily flag marshals, but more administrative roles in the office

- Documentation, Timing Assistants, Timing sheet runners, Dummy grid assistants
- Race results copy assistant, Transponder hire out & return, Race Day photographers

Full training is provided, and you are not committed to attending all of the season's race dates.

Lunch and refreshments provided.

It's always a great day for all involved, you get to meet more members & make good friends 😊

If you would like more information about how to get involved, or if you have any questions please contact secretary@aucklandcarclub.org.nz, or Craig Holmes on 021 889 488 or call into the clubrooms on any Thursday night from 7.30pm to chat with any of the committee

ACC COMMITTEE

Are you a doer? A get on and get things done kind of person? That would like to get involved with a team of great people who are helping to drive this club and motorsport in the right direction? Then perhaps consider being nominated for a position on the general committee. We meet once a month at the clubrooms.

Contact secretary@aucklandcarclub.org.nz for more info

Do you have dates for the diary? We'd love to know – clubnews@aucklandcarclub.org.nz

LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Club	What	Where
Sun	15 th March	P.C.C	Rally Sprint	Glen Murray
Sun	29 th March	T.V.C.C	Rally Sprint	Matamata
Sun	5 th April	A.C.C	Round 6 ACC Summer Series	Hampton
Sun	19 th April	N.C.C	Street Sprint	Ruakaka
Sun	19 th April	S.A.C.C	Rally Sprint	Maramarua
Sat	6 th June	F.N.R	Far North Rally 2020	Far North

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Day	Date	What	Where
Fri-Sun	12 th -15 th March	V8 Supercars	Melbourne Super 400
Fri-Sun	12 th -15 th March	Formula One	Australian Grand Prix
Sun	15 th March	IndyCar	St Petersburg
Fri-Sun	3 rd -5 th April	V8 Supercars	Tasmania Super 400
Sun	5 th April	IndyCar	Grand Prix of Alabama
Fri-Sun	24 th -26 th April	V8 Supercars	Hampton Downs

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