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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our last round was at Pukekohe using the old track configuration, now known as circuit two, and I finally managed to drag my old charger out and give it a shake down.

I thoroughly enjoyed the day despite a few minor hiccups that came along and did their best to put me back on the trailer.

A flat battery in qualifying meant I had to qualify with another class and then a flat tyre early in race one put an end to any attempt at putting down any great lap times.

Fortunately my fellow competitor and good friend Steve Nixon had some spare wheels off the front of his charger sitting in his transporter which allowed me to continue the meeting.

The tyres were many seasons old though and felt more like plastic than rubber therefore robbing me of any confidence to push, particularly in my first meeting back in nine years. Sadly that wasn't the end of my troubles as second gear gradually disappeared to become non-existent during race two. But, as I was having so much fun, I still put the car out for race three and completed all of my sessions for the day.

The old charger was received well at the circuit with many positive comments although more than a few people thinking I had rocks in my head to be racing such a car. They are probably right but in my opinion the car has always been a race car and I see no reason why it shouldn't continue as such.

I have always loved motorsport for as long as I can remember and have been a Mopar fan even longer, one of my first cars was a 1936 Dodge, and although realistically a fairly unmodified six cylinder charger racing against some of the V8 engine mods and performance parts available today is a little outgunned - I wouldn't swap for the world. I realised a long time ago that my love of the Australian Chrysler product was greater than my need to win outright on the track.

In other news Paul Burnet has been working hard on the next season's race calendar and we should have that to you soon, we are just waiting on a couple of the tracks to confirm dates.

The phone is still not ringing off the hook with volunteers to help out with race meetings or wanting to contribute on the executive committee but we think there are many of you that could be great contributors to what is probably the country's largest race and rally club and certainly one of the oldest with such a rich history. I promise you will get more out of it than you put in.

At the end of the day this is your club and long may it continue to be so.

That's all from me folks and I'll see you next time at the track.

Brett Davy
President

Welcome to our new members this month

Nathan Pilcher

Michael Cotton

Michael Allsopp-Smith

Elaine Rogers

Marc Stewart

Chopper Keen

Jason Prescott

Michael Wake

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ALL CLASSIC JAPANESE SERIES – ROUND 5

Once again ACJS had a great grid of 21 cars for the second meeting at Pukekoke. This has been an excellent season with more than 20 cars on the grid for every round.

Race one saw the continuation of the Taupo battle between Sean Midgen and Chris Hillier for the scratch race win, with Sean edging out Chris by just over a second at the chequered flag. Chris therefore taking out Group 1 with Scott Curtis and Bryce Richards second and third. In Group 2 John Harvey and Grant Richards had a race long contest with John prevailing by just one tenth of a second. David Crook came home in third, four seconds back. In Invitation Sean Midgen had a good win over Bryce Bindon and Rex Alder.

The first handicap race was going well until the unfortunate coming together of Scott Curtis and Bruce Hillier shortly after the hairpin saw Scott into the barrier on the outside of the circuit and Bruce into the barrier on the inside. Fortunately neither driver was injured but Scott's car was deemed to be a write-off on inspection after the meeting. The incident brought out the red flag on lap seven giving wins for John Harvey in Group 2, Alec Newald in Invitation and Josh Hookway in Group 1.

The final race again provided some very close racing, ending in a first ever win for Andrew Boyd, with Chris Hillier and Clint Harvey taking out second and third respectively in Group 1. Sean Midgen didn't quite manage to overcome a 30 second handicap over Andrew to get the overall win, but did complete a clean sweep of wins for Invitation with Rex Alder second and Bryce Bindon third. Group 2 saw a win for Jason Brown with Grant Richards and John Harvey second and third.

Time will tell whether this was our last meeting for the season, but irrespective of what happens, it won't change the fact that Bryce Bindon will be the Overall Winner of the ACJS Series in his first full year with ACJS. Congratulations Bryce.



	Group 1		HD 1 Sep	Puke 6 Oct	Taupo 23 Nov	Taupo 8 Feb	Puke 1 Mar	
Pos	Driver	Car						TOTAL
1	Bryce Richards	Mazda MX5	56	48	41	84	40	269
2	Linda Grey	Honda Civic	46	50	44	79.5	39	258.5
3	James Smith	Honda Integra	41	45	43	66	44	239
4	Brittany Sheweiry	Honda Civic	27	45	39	60	40	211
5	Clint Harvey	Honda Civic	17	37	46	64.5	41	205.5
6	Scott Curtis	Mazda MX5	41	20	54	61.5	19	195.5
7	Josh Hookway	Honda Integra	46	41	35	0	44	166
8	Chris Hillier	Mazda RX7	0	0	43	70.5	52	165.5
9	Andrew Boyd	Nissan Pulsar	44	38	35	0	47	164
10	Allan Bindon	Honda Civic	40	0	34	0	0	74

	Group 2							
Pos	Driver	Car						TOTAL
1	John Harvey	Honda Civic	54	43	51	82.5	56	286.5
2	Jason Brown	Nissan Pulsar	53	58	54	69	51	285
3	Grant Richards	Mazda MX5	32	46	55	73.5	50	256.5
4	Rob Mullins	Toyota Corolla	48	41	40	78	47	254
5	David Crook	Mazda MX5	16	46	40	70.5	45	217.5
6	Jacob Simonsen	Honda Civic	42	53	29	0	0	124
7	Matthew Old	Toyota Corolla	43	14	40	0	0	97
8	Lexxie Inskeep	Nissan Skyline	0	0	38	0	0	38

	Invitation							
Pos	Driver	Car						TOTAL
1	Bryce Bindon	Honda Integra	55	58	56	90	48	307
2	Scott Mills	Mazda RX7	51	50	47	72	47	267
3	Rex Alder	Datsun 1600	52	0	31	75	50	208
4	Bruce Clothier	Toyota Starlet	49	51	34	23.5	17	174.5
5	Shaun Midgen	Nissan Silvia	0	1	21	29	55	106
6	Alec Newald	Honda Integra	1	19	15	0	47	82
7	Mark Collier	Mazda MX5	0	0	19	0	0	19

RACING SALOONS – ROUND 5



Round 5 at Pukekohe was a great turn out for Racing Saloons who combined with Northern Muscle Cars, well done everyone and I look forward to doing it all over again.

Cheers, Rach.

Round 5 Points 1st March 2020 - Pukekohe (Full Back Straight) Dry Meeting

3001+ Class	Name	Car Number	QR5	R5R1	R5R2	R5R3	R5T	Season to date
	Keith Wallace	121	1	21	21	20	63	260
	Adam Hood	21	1	0	0	0	1	227
	Steve Wallace	34	1	19	19	21	60	157
	Eric Hennephof	57	1	20	18	18	57	115
	Martin Day	135	1	18	17	17	53	111
	Darren Swinburne	7	1	17	20	19	57	111
	Paul Duffet	572						106
	Don Cates	7						83
	Tony Anderson	3						62
	Blair McDonald	50						58
	Phil Laird	15	1	0	0	0	1	56
	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	Name	Car Number	QR5	R5R1	R5R2	R5R3	R5T	Season to date
	Brett Thomas	12	1	21	20	20	62	171
	Steve Robinson	24	1	20	21	21	63	139
	Alec Newald	145						9
	Travis Moore	999	1	0	0	0	1	4

0-2000 class	Name	Car Number	QR5	R5R1	R5R2	R5R3	R5T	Season to date
	Jason Feck	46						64
	Shiane Day	82						61
	Simeon Woolsey	151						7

NORTHERN MUSCLE CARS – ROUND 5

Another fine race day, it has been dry so long now I sure most drivers will have forgotten about wet race meetings.

We had a modest number of entries including guest Shane Wigston (who was after a sub 60 second lap on the real Pukekohe circuit). For this meeting we were combined with the racing saloons which gave an initial field of 20 cars for qualifying but unfortunately it was soon whittled down although we did gain Tony Galbraith as he was a late arrival flying in from Christchurch on the day. Special mention must be made of Chris Anderson who after engine issues at Taupo in the last round put his old 289 engine in the Mustang to be able to compete with us and maintain his points lead in Class B.

For the NMC cars Shane qualified quickest with a 59.996 (very well done) followed by Kayton on 64.3 and then Paul on a 65.5.

Race 1

We started with 16 cars but unfortunately lost Warren in the blue SLR Torana on lap 2 with gearbox issues. Shane lead the field home with a fastest lap of 59.773 with Tony G the next NMC car 4th overall then Kayton who had a best lap of 63.6 and then Paul who managed to hold off Colin in the Corvette. Craig Horn in the red LJ Torana managed a personal best of 68.5 but engine concerns meant that this would be the last we saw of him for the day.

Race 2

The overall numbers were down to 14 for this race but all managed to finish. Colin in the Corvette who had been working on the car and with new tyres managed to lead the field home from Tony G and Shane who managed another slightly better lap time of 59.698 Paul was fourth just keeping Kayton behind him at the flag by about a tenth of a second.

Race 3

Another handicap which was again won by Colin this time with Kayton 2nd and Paul 3rd this time just managing to hold Tony off at the flag by 3 tenths of a second. Shane had to retire on lap 2 after a tyre came apart at very high speed but fortunately managed to get the car stopped without too much damage.

The current standings are:

Class A 1st Colin Schischka 1815, **2nd** Tony Galbraith 1277, **3rd** Kayton Coughy 1255.

Class B 1st Chris Anderson 1685, **2nd** Kevin Burke 1429 **3rd** Mike Oldham 848





		Round Points							
Pos	Driver	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1	Colin Schischka	140	415	391	439	430			1815
2	Tony Galbraith	451		409		417			1277
3	Kayton Coughy	132	290		427	406			1255
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

		Round Points							
Pos	Driver	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1	Chris Anderson	379	352	427	121	406			1685
2	Kevin Burke	370	370		439	250			1429
3	Mike Oldham	418	430						848
4	Andrew Ross	400	268	2					670
5	Paul Burnet				130	451			581
6	Craig Horn			439		139			578
7	Warren Betts				427	1			428
8	Cameron Crawford		418						418
9	Michael Crawley	382							382
10	Bruce Dreadon			259					259
11	Greig Running		1						1

FORMULA JUNIOR – ROUND 5

Championship leader Callum Crawley and the fast youngster Billy Frazer were once again the class of the field at Pukekohe for the penultimate round of the North Island Formula Ford Championship. Following round's two and three, which were held at Manfield and Hampton Downs in conjunction with the ITM New Zealand Formula Ford championship, Callum Crawley was leading the series standings, but a hard charging Billy Frazer has been steadily closing the points gap heading into Pukekohe

With a welcome difference from the normal, the full, original back straight was in use, providing drivers with excellent opportunities to draft past their competitors, or attempt a pass in the tricky braking area into the hairpin

Billy Frazer started his title charge the best possible way, netting pole position, and the bonus point that goes with it, with a time of 1:03.065. Crawley's qualifying was not without drama, an off at turn 4 late in the session left him embedded in the tyre wall. Lucky to escape without damage, the series leader came home second. Cameron Tanner qualified third, looking to improve his form and luck after mechanical dramas left him pointless at Hampton Downs. Kim Crocker in his new Ray was fourth, class 3 competitor Dave Silverton fifth, Blair Brownlee in his Spectrum 010 was sixth and Peter Boel seventh, an unfortunate issue prevented Tony Graham from qualifying.

Race one saw a tight tussle at the front between the Spectrum duo of Frazer and Crawley all race long, trading the lead on multiple occasions, Frazer managed a last lap dive at the hairpin to cross the line only 0.060 ahead of Crawley. Kim Crocker, driving his freshly imported 2014 Ray GR14, came home a comfortable third. Tanner was fourth with Graham rounding out the top 5. After a lengthy absence from the class, Blair Brownlee came home in sixth place in the yellow Spectrum

Frazer once again held off Crawley in race two, yet the battle was even more intense. A more even start saw the pair pull away from the field from the get-go, however a determined Crawley stuck with Frazer once again, the gap only 0.045 across the line! Both drivers commented post-race that being in a two horse race, and without the chicane, the racing was even more intense than usual between the pair, allowing certain overtaking moves that would otherwise be impossible in a group of 6 cars!

Tanner got the best of Crocker and Graham this time around, the trio in an extremely close battle on the opening laps before Crocker had a half spin at turn 4 while dealing with brake pedal issues. Graham finished fourth while Crocker recovered to fifth. Silverton had a strong race to finish sixth and Boel seventh.

The final race of the day and Crawley managed to come out on top in the drag race to the line, only 0.028 in front of Frazer. It was yet another intense battle amidst the pair, showing superb driving skills and race craft, the lead once again swinging between each driver multiple times in the 10 laps.

Further down the track, an epic battle was taking place for Third. Crocker took charge off the line to while Tanner and Graham squabbled over fourth. It would stay like that for a few laps before Tanner managed to go around the outside of Crocker into Turn 1, securing his second podium of the day. Tony Graham, in the red RF94 Stealth, and Crocker continued to battle until the end, where Crocker would eventually get the best of Graham to finish fourth. Brownlee, who had repaired a teething car issue from race two, finished in sixth, from Silverton and Peter Boel.

While able to close the gap to first, hometown man Frazer still sits second overall, albeit only 4 points away from Crawley in the lead. With 20 points for a race win, Reigning champion Crawley will have his work cut out for him to keep hard charger Billy Frazer behind.

The North Island Formula Ford series concludes on April 5th at Hampton Downs after 5 rounds. With the winner being awarded the Stephen Gillard Cup, and the close proximity in points, it is shaping up to be one epic battle between Callum Crawley and Billy Frazer



Billy Frazer



Callum Crawley



Kim Crocker Leading Tony Graham



Cameron Tanner

PRODUCTION MUSCLE CARS – ROUND 5



Pukekohe Park Raceway -Pukekohe - 1st March 2020 Dry Meeting

PMC Points					PLACING			Season To Date	Placing
				Days Fastest Lap Time	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3		
1	Mike Oldham	Ford	Fairmont XE ESP	1.08.111	2	3	2	242	1
36	Steve Nixon	Chrysler	Charger	1.09.111	3	2	DNS	199	2
20	George Sheweiry Snr	Ford	Falcon Cobra XC	1.06.952	1	1	1	191	3
3	Natalie Waite	Holden	Commodore VC	1.19.014	DNF	DNS	DNS	149	4
33	Rob Wallace	Holden	Torana					125	5
32	Jason McGregor	Ford	Falcon XE	1.13.030	4	4	3	114	6
67	Ashley Sherlock	Holden	Torana					112	7
2	Russell Thomas	Ford	Mustang					110	8
7	Dion Thompson	Chev	Monza	1.16.226	5	5	DNS	35	9
Invitation Points					PLACING			Season To Date	Placing
					Race 1	Race 2	Race 3		
22	Matthew Walters	Ford	Falcon XA	1.11.908	1	1	1	253	1
91	Craig Grammer	Ford	Mustang GT350					186	2
49	Brett Davy	Chrysler	Charger	1.18.585	2	2	2	60	3



Humphreys Memorial Trophy

In Memory of Glenn and Lance Humphrey this trophy is awarded to the highest points taker at the Pukekohe Full back straight round

Congratulations to George Sheweiry
well done

Winner of the Round 5 Entry Draw

Natalie Waite

Thanks to Valiant Electrical



INTRODUCING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER – CRAIG HOLMES



We came to New Zealand in November 1990 on a three year contract as the Engineering Manager at Clear Communications Limited. At the end of the contract, not being great fans of snow, we decided to stay in New Zealand.

My eldest daughter's boyfriend had a MkIII Ford Cortina and was involved in the Cortina GT Car Club. Through that we heard about a 1973 original factory MkIII Ford Cortina ute and bought it from a guy who brought it with him from South Africa. That got us involved with the Cortina Club and I eventually became President. I got my Clerk of the Course licence so we could run our own sprints meetings, which we did at Pukekohe and Taupo.

The Cortina Club was a constituent club of the Auckland Car Club so that earned me a seat on the Executive Committee as an observer.

In 2002 I stood for a position on the Committee and in 2003 Bob White convinced me to stand as Secretary/Treasurer. I took over from Willard Martin who moved on to get more involved with rallying. Ross Henderson introduced me to his web site developer and I developed the specification for our on-line entry system and went on to be the administrator for the site.

We then looked at having a membership system web site developed, but due to costs opted for our current on-line system. I managed the transition from our Microsoft Access based system to the new system and I am still involved with the on-line system as we use it to manage all our email and mailing labels.

When Eric Mallard and the NZIGP office stopped supporting our race meetings, I took over event management since it was a logical fit with the on-line entry system. Recently I picked up the role of Secretary for the Far North Rally and remain involved with that.

In my spare time I look after the Club Rooms and our two tenants. I plan to stay in the position for a few more years before looking to transition it to someone younger.

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

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