## AUCKLAND CAR CLUB NEWS



#### Nov-Dec 2021

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R.I.P Graham "Hillbilly" Hill



#### Oct 2021

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#### **Nov 2021**

Bruce Everett Darcy McCusker James Smith

Paul Morrison Cadeyrn Alsweiler Bianca Bolintineanu

David Cremer Alex Jacobsen Calvin John Bray

Sam Cotterill



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays From Auckland Car Club

We will reopen on Thursday 10th Feb 2022, 7.30pm

We wish you & your families safe and happy holidays



## 2021 –2022 Summer Series Race Dates

Round 1 Sat 28<sup>th</sup> August Hampton Downs COVID CANCELLED

Round 2 Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Pukekohe Park COVID CANCELLED

Round 3 Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Hampton Downs COVID CANCELLED

| Round 4 | Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | February | Taupo          |
|---------|---------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Round 5 | Sunday 20th               | March    | Pukekohe Park* |
| Round 6 | Sunday 10th               | April    | Hampton Downs  |
| Round 7 | Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> | April    | Hampton Downs  |
| Round 8 | Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>   | May      | Taupo          |

<sup>\*20</sup>th March at Pukekohe we will be running the full back straight

The following classes will be attending at all or most of the rounds

- All Classic Japanese Series
- Production Race Series
- Production Muscle Cars
- NZ Rotary Racing Enthusiasts
- NZ Six, HQ's, Trophy Class
- SS2000

- Racing Saloons
- Northern Muscle Cars
- North Island Formula Ford
- Rhino SsangYong Ute Series
- 2K Cup Series
- Additional classes may also be in attendance

#### **Presidents Report Brett Davy**

So much has been and gone since I last wrote something for the newsletter so I will try to keep to the main points of interest.

The Clubsport Motorkhana series has been running at Pukekohe Park out in the grass parking area. This has become very popular quite quickly and has grown from a handful of competitors at our first event to around 30 at the third and final round. Young Caitlin Chubb has taken over the Clubsport portfolio for Auckland Car Club and is doing a fantastic job of running the series.



The winner overall for Auckland Car Club Motorkhana series was Ross McCorquodale and as an Auckland Car Club member will be eligible for the Bob White Memorial Trophy. This is a great form of motorsport as it caters for youngsters and newbies while also providing a competitive challenge to experienced competitors.

Our Summer series race meetings have proven to be very successful again this past season and we have had the pleasure of very full grids for the most part with a lot of good feedback from various groups as to the quality of the fields. This is something we are trying to grow, and Paul Burnet our Race Committee Chairman and his team are working hard to deliver more of. Amongst the groups we have run two of the NZ Formula Ford Championship Rounds and they have been quite spectacular to watch over the season.

A special thanks to Craig Holmes (our Club Secretary) for his organisational skills and efforts to enable us to run two race events under level two lockdown.

The Far North Rally will be run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July based out of the Copthorne Hotel in Paihia. The Copthorne have come on board again this season as one of the main sponsors and we are hoping to announce another major sponsor shortly. Don't forget each stage can still be sponsored as well for those business owners that may be interested.

Three of us from the executive went down to the MSNZ AGM and Conference in Christchurch recently and it was very constructive with new innovations looking to be implemented such as virtual safety car, online training modules for officials' licences and the pros and cons of electric vehicles. Elton Goonan has now been appointed as the new CEO – a role which he was previously acting as. Without going into too much detail I think the sport is heading in the right direction.

We also attended the Awards Ceremony, and I am pleased to announce that 9 award recipients are or were members of Auckland Car Club. Congratulations to Craig Holmes on receiving the Distinguished Service Award and Kevin Lancaster for Historic Heritage Award.

Very sad news though as we say goodbye to Bob Friend, a true friend of the sport "Friendly" was his nick name and he certainly was that by nature. I worked with Bob on many occasions over the years as a fellow Clerk of the Course. Bob hailed from the days of Bay Park and was well respected by many drivers and his final ceremony was a testament to that. "See ya cobber".

#### THE GREAT FORMULA ONE FEUD CONTINUED......

In November the Formula One Road Show moved firstly to Brazil on the  $15^{th}$  of November, this round was won by Lewis Hamilton then they moved onto Qatar for the Qatar GP on the  $22^{nd}$  of November, this round was again won by Lewis Hamilton. The  $6^{th}$  of December saw the penultimate round in Saudi Arabia and as he had in the last few rounds Lewis Hamilton won the round.

This set up a fantastic show down at the last round in Abu Dhabi on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Decemberwith the two protagonists equal on points going into the round. It could be anyone's championship.

Lewis Hamilton simply dominated the race and had an eight second lead until a safety Car deployment with six laps left in the race not only caused controversy but a change of the lead. Coming towards the re-start Max Verstappen simply appeared to have more speed and went on to pass Lewis Hamilton. Max Verstappen went on to take the chequered flag and the title of Formula One Champion for 2021.

The Mercedes team lodged two protests which were both subsequently declined by the FIA Stewards. Mercedes, who are now likely to take the case to the governing body's appeals court in adesperate attempt to strip Max Verstappen of the title, although many within the F1community have called for the German outfit to let the matter rest. Newly released audio reveals Hamilton, 36, sitting in his cockpit in disbelief as the 'miracle' played out in front of him, telling his race engineer that something was afoot.

"This has been manipulated, man," Hamilton said in anguish. The final moments of the race were hotly debated in the pitlane afterwards, with severaldrivers commenting on the outcome.

Mclaren's Lando Norris felt the one-lap shootout was for commercial reasons. "It was obviously made to be a fight," Norris said. "It was for the TV of course - it was for theresult.

Whatever the outcome, the only winner was the Television hosts. Will this damage the reputation of Formula One, only time will tell.

The only good thing to come out of Formula One since the weekend is that Club Member Liam Lawson is having his first test drive in a Formula One car with Alpha Tauri Formula One team in the next few days. Could Formula One be beckoning in the 2022 or 2023 seasons.

Only time will tell!

#### **MOTORSPORT NZ AWARDS 2021 – ACC MEMBERS**



#### **MSNZ AWARDS 2021**

The following members or associates of Auckland Car Club were awarded in recognition of their involvement and efforts to motorsport in NZ. Well done to you all, we are very proud to have you as members or associates of our club.

#### **Rally Founders Trophy**

The Rally Founders Trophy recognises the rally driver who performs with distinction during the rally season either nationally, internationally, or both, has a sportsmanlike attitude towards the sport and others, and displays the qualities of a true sporting ambassador.



#### Awarded to Ben Hunt

#### **Jim Clark Trophy**

The Jim Clark Trophy, in memory of Jim Clark, Tasman Champion 1965, 1967, 1968 who was killed at Hockenheim, Germany, in April 1968, is awarded annually to the New Zealand driver competing at a National or higher level who shows a sportsmanlike attitude to the sport and fellow competitors and natural ability in "putting up the most meritorious racing performance during the season".



#### Awarded to Scott Dixon

#### **Alistair Caldwell**

#### Of the United Kingdom

has been inscribed on the MotorSport New Zealand Honours Roll in 2021 with

#### **Historic Heritage Award**

Alastair Caldwell was born in the UK, but his family relocated to New Zealand when he was seven years old.

With a deep interest in motor racing, he moved back to the UK in 1967 and commenced employment with the fledgling McLaren Team where he remained for several years working his way up from cleaner to mechanic, engineer, and Technical Director. In 1979 Alastair moved from McLaren to the Brabham Team then later to the newly created ATS Team. Alastair worked with many drivers over his vast career including Bruce McLaren, Denny Hulme, Emmerson Fittipaldi, James Hunt, Jochen Mass and Nelson Piquet. He was also a consultant for the feature motion picture called "Rush" about the rivalry between Niki Lauda and James Hunt.

In recent years, Alastair has been competing in historic rallying events at the wheel of cars such as a Porsche 912 and BMW 700.

## Kevin Lancaster Of Pauanui

has been inscribed on the MotorSport New Zealand Honours Roll in 2021 with a

#### **Historic Heritage Award**

A stalwart of the Auckland Car Club, Kevin was one of the instigators and organisers for the early ACC Maramarua Rallies during the early 1970s. Working on these events was where he found his enthusiasm and flare of organisational adventure which became the start of the legend within the sport he is now.

This organisational ability was quickly identified by the then young and upcoming Masport Team engineer and junior driverJim Donald and they soon became a formidable team culminating in winning the New Zealand Rally Championship twice in 1980 and 1982. The duo also won the Rally of New Zealand in 1981 and became recognised as the Ford works driver combination for New Zealand.

With the changes brought about by the closure of the Masport Team, Kevin moved back to organising events, this time the Rally of New Zealand for 1983 and again in 1984.

Kevin has also contributed to the development of the sport when he spent a period on the MotorSport New Zealand Rally Commission where a lot of the sport as we know it today was developed and refined during that period.

Kevin's writing skills were refined during his organisational days and subsequently became the media manager for many race and rally teams and competitors in NZ.

## Jim Donald Of Picton

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#### **Historic Heritage Award**

As a talented mechanic and engineer, Jim's involvement in motorsport began when his skills were demand by several leading New Zealand race drivers and then by the fledgling Masport Rally Team. It was there where he quickly became established as the head of the expanding workshop before it developed into a leading car building and maintenance operation, one that was recognised by Ford's works rally team. Jim's team was tasked by Ford with developing new cars and conducting their operations with their World Championship efforts in New Zealand.

Jim and his team famously kept the wheels running on the Escort that a young Ari Vatanen challenged the might of the three-car FIAT works team in 1977. A drive that made Ari a world-famous name in rallying.

By now Jim had developed into a very successful competitor in his own right and was rewarded with Ford supported drives in both Australia and the UK. Jim became a National Champion in 1980 and again in 1982, he also won the 1981 Rally of NZ with his famous Escort JD780.

With the closure of the Masport Team, Jim was soon gatheredup by the Nissan works team for their rally events where once again he performed with distinction. Overall, Jim has been the first New Zealand driver home at the Rally of New Zealand five times.

## Willard Martin Of Auckland

has been inscribed on the MotorSport New Zealand Honours Roll in 2021 with a

#### Clerk of the Course D'Honneur

Willard Martin has a long and dedicated history in New Zealand motorsport. During his over 50 years of involvement, he has been a competitor, event organiser, event secretary, car club executive member, car club Secretary, NZIGP executive member and more recently NZIGP President, Rally NZ Secretary, Rally NZ event co-ordinator, route plotter and an FIA Certified WRC Clerk of the Course.

Willard has been a strong supporter of the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship and is currently the Secretary of the APRC Working Group, an important role in the development of Rallying in our region and a position he has held for some time. He has been committed to working with the Whangarei District Mayor, council, and community,

establishing a long relationship for the benefit of both the District and Rally Whangarei event. Willard's commitment was noted by our sport, and he was presented with the Ron Frost award in 2019. He has dedicated substantial time to motorsport and his long hours of work are truly recognised.

## Paul Adams Of Auckland

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#### **Historic Heritage Award**

Paul Adams rallying achievements started at the 1970 Silver Fern Rally where he won in his mother's BMW. From then on, Paul was always a front running competitor who had a personality that made him a media favourite the go-to driver for comments.

Upon realising that his mother's BMW was no longer competitive, Paul moved into the ranks of the Group 4 class, running first with a Mk 1 Escort and later a Mk 2 which culminated in his 1979 New Zealand Rally Championship win.

In 1980 Paul was invited to become the lead driver for the newly formed General Motors' dealer rally team which saw him take the car to every rally and rally sprint in New Zealand. At the start of the Group A era in 1982, Paul began working with the Toyota New Zealand team to build a very competitive 1300ccToyota Starlet which constantly punched above its weight. Paul'srelationship with Toyota continued when the Starlet was retired in 1984 and replaced by a 1600cc AE86 Toyota Corolla which alsobecame a leading rally car.

Once Paul retired from driving, he was often seen as a member of Possum Bourne's rally team where he was responsible for checking and improving pace notes. Paul is also a successful businessman and served as a Member of Parliament from 2002- 2005.

## Craig Holmes Of Auckland

has been inscribed on the MotorSport New ZealandHonours Roll in 2021 with a

#### **Distinguished Service Award**

In the early 90's Craig Holmes (along with his family) were greatly involved with the Cortina GT Car Club. He then became involved with the Cortina Club and eventually became the President.

Craig obtained his Clerk of the Course licence so they could run their own sprint meetings at Pukekohe Park and Taupō. The Cortina Club was a constituent of the Auckland Car Club and as such Craig sat on the executive of the Auckland Car Club.

In 2002, Craig became an official member of the Auckland Car Club Committee before being convinced later in 2003 to become the Secretary/Treasurer, a position he still holds to date. Craig's involvement with organizing motorsport events and Club functions is extensive. He does the event management for all the Auckland Car Club sprint & race meetings, Club events, as well as now taking on the role of secretary for the Far North Rally. The amount of time that he dedicates to the sport and the club is immense. His contribution includes managing the clubrooms, the accounts, development of the online entry system, online membership renewal and many other tasks.

#### **R.I.P GRAHAM HILL "HILLBILLY"**

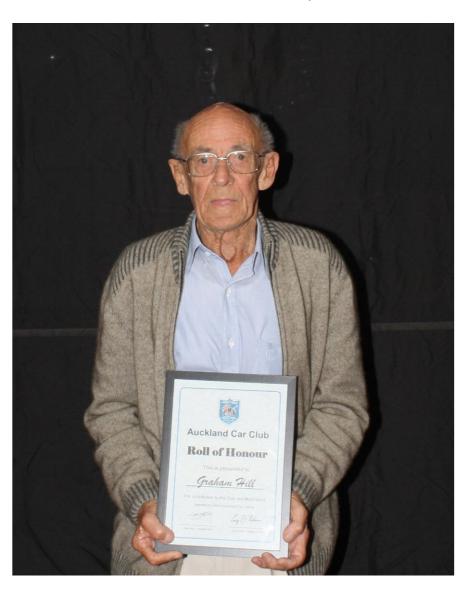
Long-time Member of the Club Graham Hill aka "Hillbilly" passed away recently after a long illness.

Graham was a high-profile motorsport volunteer who served the Auckland Car Club and the sport he loved for five decades.

Graham's love of motorsport also saw him spend long periods on the Executive Committee and volunteering at Pukekohe with track maintenance and repair work. He was also seen officiating at Hillclimb's and a variety of speed events particularly as a senior technical scrutineer.

Graham was rewarded for his dedication with a Life Membership of the Club and in 2016 was inducted onto the Club's Roll of Honour for his Services to the Club and Motorsport in general. He was also honoured by Motorsport New Zealand with an Award of Merit for his Services to New Zealand Motorsport.

The Club offers its sincere condolences to Graham's family.



#### **VALE GRAHAM HILL** by Kevin Lancaster

Graham Hill was one of the highest profile motorsport volunteers who served the Auckland Car Club and the sport he loved for five decades. His recent passing after a long illness has been met with sadness and some reflection on his outstanding contribution to motorsport. I wish to recall my association with him after we first met in 1972.

I came across Graham during various car trials and club meetings, etc. and noticed his keen interest in volunteering for various jobs. One Saturday night at the Clubrooms in 1973 we were discussing rallying over a few beers and came up with the bright idea of heading down to the Maramarua Forest to see if it would be possible to run a rally there. We headed down the next day and introduced ourselves to the Chief Ranger, a stocky burly guy called Jack Hoffman who just smiled at us and said: "We are surprised it has taken you so long!" and the Maramarua Forest Rally was born.

Jack couldn't do enough for us and the first closed Club special stage rally was plotted and announced after approaching the Executive Committee via Willard Martin and Arthur McWatt. Graham and I did lead car and had a whale of a time as he could push the big Holden around really quick. The rally was popular as it had a good line-up of drivers and cars such as Mike Marshall, Blair Robson, Rod Millen, Reg Cook, Peter Levet, Don Halliday and Paul Curin.

For the next several years two rallies were run with huge entries from top drivers and Club competitors alike with Graham either as Clerk of Course or in Lead Car roles. With the experience he had gained he also assisted other car clubs such as MG and Pukekohe in setting up their various club rallies. For various national championship rallies, Graham involved himself in several high-profile and organisation roles including what had to be the fastest HQ Holden to undertake Lead Car duties!

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Rest in Peace and thank you, old friend and to Graham's family we offer our sincerest condolences.

#### **GRAHAM HILL** by Brett Davy, President Auckland Car Club

Affectionately known as to us racing guys and girls as "Hillbilly" mostly on account of his attire, typically a cowboy hat and a flannelette shirt.

My first introduction to Graham was at an Auckland Car Club race meeting back in the 90's, this also was my first ever race meeting. Graham was the scrutineer and I had been warned by another competitor that "Hillbilly" was on the war path and was looking for me. He wanted to talk about an issue with my car.

Having never met Graham at this stage but with a good description of his trademark hat I went looking for him but couldn't find him. During my hunt for Graham, we were asked over the P.A. to line up on the dummy grid and I did.

I shouldn't have bothered to look for him as he was already there - waiting for me, looking straight in my direction with a stern look on his face. Already rather nervous I pretended not to notice him walking my way. Graham put his elbows on my driver's door and leant in my window but before he could say anything I blurted out "I'm new" Graham chuckled and said "I know" then told me I should put some tape over the glass headlights and walked away. I was so relieved. The moment has always stuck with me. Needless to say, my cars from that point always have tape over the headlights.

In the years that followed Graham and I got to know each other rather well and he would often ring me to discuss the future of the Auckland Car Club or motorsport in general. He never lost the passion for the sport and its people.

Even in very recent times and in poor health he would assist at the track with documentation and scrutineering.

Graham's last visit to the Clubrooms was his induction onto the Club's Roll of Honour where his name sits alongside many other great contributors, some of which are rather famous, names like Bruce Mclaren, Jim Richards and Paul Radisich so he is in great company.

On behalf of the Auckland Car Club, I would like to acknowledge Graham's contribution to the sport as a competitor and volunteer. We thank him for his dedication and support for the Club in many roles and over so many years.

We offer condolences to his wife Lorien and family and to all those he leaves behind.









#### **AN INTERVIEW WITH CRAIG HOLMES**

#### **Craig Holmes, Auckland Car Club Secretary / Treasurer**

Craig and his family moved to New Zealand in 1990 and as Craig himself comments, the family did not have a great interest in Motorsport back in Canada, although they would occasionally take in a race meeting akin to what we would call Speedway.



In time his oldest daughter Tracy would marry Ray Chubb and get involved with a family interested in motoring and it was through this association that Craig got involved with the Cortina Car Club.

One summer Craig and the family headed to Taupo to see what the Cortina Car Club did at their Summer Nationals.

As time went by Craig's interest in the Cortina brand started to grow and he saw an advert for a Cortina Ute that drew his attention. Craig went to have a look at it with his daughter Tracy and husband Ray and realised it needed a bit of work, but it was original and unique and soon it was parked in his garage. That was the mid 90's and purchasing it was the easy part. The ute was subsequently shipped off to a motor body company in Hamilton and a few months later it was repaired and, on the road, again.

Craig became President of the Cortina Car Club and got to know Bob White from Auckland Car Club. It was through this association that Craig started attending Auckland Car Club Committee Meetings. This was brought about because the Cortina Car Club was a constitutional member of Auckland Car Club and as such the President was invited to the meetings.

In 2003 Bob White encouraged Craig to stand for the Secretary/Treasurer Role. The incumbent at the time, Willard Martin, was wanting to step down and withdrew his nomination, thus Craig was duly elected and has been filling the Role ever since.

One of the first tasks Craig had to do was to get an accounting package up and running. Initially it was using Microsoft Money, and this was then migrated a few years later to MYOB.

As well as being on the Auckland Car Club Committee, Craig was also the Clerk of the Course for the Cortina Car Club, running their Sprint meetings in Pukekohe and Taupo. Over time the number of members in the Cortina Car Club started to dwindle and this allowed Craig to devote more time to Auckland Car Club.

Craig got his first taste of running an actual Race meeting at Taupo with Eric Mallard on the old Club Circuit. As Craig commented, his first introduction did not go well. His sole job was to push the button to change the lights from Red to Green. Unfortunately, the switch was faulty, no sooner had Craig pressed the button to change the lights they reverted back to Red. Some drivers saw the change and unfortunately some didn't, resulting in several rear end accidents on the grid. Craig was subsequently banned from the Start Tower for the rest of the season.

Another milestone project for Craig was the development of the specification and implementation of the online entry system the Club still uses today. Another of Craig's roles as Secretary/Treasurer is to be the Liaison person with the clients who rent the upstairs restaurant and working through all the major Health and Safety issues to maintain compliance for their business.

In 2017 Craig sourced the new Nem-Net Membership System that the Club uses today and spent many hours transitioning the old membership database into the new system.

Craig has been the Secretary/Treasurer since 2003 and shows no signs of slowing down, perhaps as Willard Martin said as he handed over the reins to Craig, "I did this job for 20 years" now it is your turn. Craig's immediate thought was "What have I let myself in for".

Craig is proud of the family's interest in motorsport and his Granddaughter Caitlin is continuing the family tradition and has joined the Auckland Car Club Committee as Clubsport Coordinator.

#### **BOB WHITE MEMORIAL MOTORKHANA SERIES 2021-22**

| Round | Date         | Day      | Venue                                 |
|-------|--------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1     | 4 Sep 2021   | Saturday | Pukekohe – cancelled due to Covid-19  |
| 2     | 9 Oct 2021   | Saturday | Pukekohe – cancelled due to Covid-19  |
| 3     | 6 Nov 2021   | Saturday | Pukekohe – cancelled due to Covid-19  |
| 4     | 4 Dec 2021   | Saturday | Pukekohe – cancelled due to Covid-19. |
| 5     | 12 Feb 2022  | Saturday | Pukekohe                              |
| 6     | 5 Mar 2022   | Saturday | Pukekohe                              |
| 7     | 3 April 2022 | Sunday   | Pukekohe                              |

If you are interested in participating in any of our future motorkhanas please contact Caitlin Chubb at clubsport@aucklandcarclub.org.nz

#### **ACC CLUBROOMS AND VACCINATION PASSES**

The Executive Committee can confirm that the ACC Clubrooms is now a Vaccination Certificate required venue.

The Club has an obligation, responsibility, and duty to provide for the welfare and best interests of all of its members. Sometimes there can be a conflict as to what is in "the best interests" of its members as some members may not perceive that the Club's position is in their best interests.

There can also be a conflict between what is perceived as in the member's best interests and the rights of an individual under the Privacy Act 1993 and the rights of an individual under the New Zealand Bill Of Rights Act 1990. In particular an individual has the right to refrain from seeking medical treatment (and to be vaccinated).

We live in difficult and uncertain times with Covid-19. As a society we have probably not encountered an analogous event since the Flu Epidemic in 1918.

The Committee must respond to act in the members and premises best interests even if that does not, and cannot be, in all the members' interests. The Committee has decided that as a condition of entry into the Club and surrounds (including the carpark) all members and guests must be double vaccinated and provide evidence of a current Vaccination Certificate.

The Committee believes the imposition of this condition is fair and responsible in the circumstances of the current pandemic which is designed to protect both fellow members and staff alike.

Members who do not wish to become vaccinated will have their entry rights to the entire Club property suspended until further notice.

Should a member not be able to be vaccinated due to medical grounds they must produce an Exemption Certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, to allow them to enter the Club while unvaccinated, the member will be required to wear a mask at all times while anywhere on the Club property.

We understand that this may be controversial to a small number of Members however it is necessary to ensure the health and wellbeing of the Club Members and Staff.

Club President & Committee



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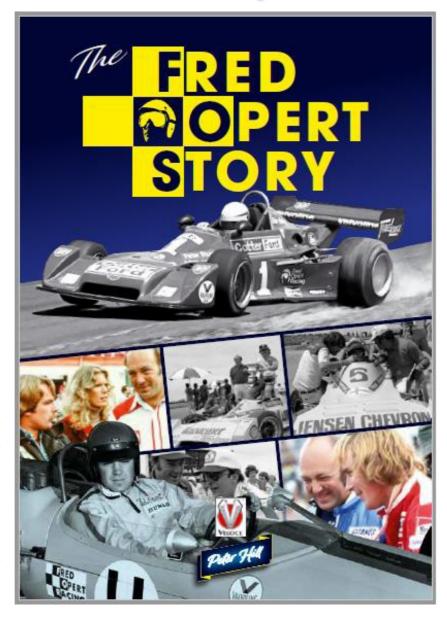


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Forewords by Nico Rosberg, Alan Jones MBE and Keke Rosberg.

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If you are a current club member you can advise your car or parts here for no cost. Spaces per issue are limited, so if you would like to list something please email details and photo/s through to <a href="mailto:clubnews@aucklandcarclub.org.nz">clubnews@aucklandcarclub.org.nz</a>

#### **AUCKLAND CAR CLUB – ROLL OF HONOUR**

The Roll of Honour ceremony for both 2020 and 2021 inductions has now been cancelled. We will be holding a combined ceremony in 2022. We will update you closer to the new date with details.

If you have any questions, or wish to nominate someone, please contact <a href="mailto:secretary@aucklandcarclub.org.nz">secretary@aucklandcarclub.org.nz</a>

#### ACC – 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Auckland Car Clubs 90th Anniversary is in 2022, we are already starting to plan a small event for this milestone. A dedicated committee will be assigned, and their contact details will be advised in due course. If you are interested in getting involved with this event, please contact the club secretary.

#### **FAR NORTH RALLY 2022**

The new tentative date for the Far North Rally is 2 July 2022 – more details to come.

The Paparoa Rally will be held on 10th September 2022

If you would like to become part of the organising team, volunteer for a position on the day or become a stage sponsor, please contact secretary@farnorthrally.nz

#### **CLUB INFORMATION**

#### Regular Club Night

The Clubrooms at 44 Stoddard Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland are open every Thursday night from 7:30pm until 10:30pm. Licence examiners are usually available to assist new Members with license exams. Several members of the Executive Committee are usually available to discuss any issues or provide assistance.

#### **Club Rooms Hire Rates**

The Members' Lounge is available for hire for special events such as birthday or anniversary parties, meetings, bingo/housie, quiz nights, training courses, etc. The Members' Lounge has a fully equipped bar and a small food preparation and serving area.

Special hire rates are available for Club Members. Commercial organisations and community groups receive discounts for multiple events or long-term commitments.

Please direct enquiries to Steve Morris <u>clubrooms@aucklandcarclub.org.nz</u>



#### YOUR STORIES - YOUR NEWSLETTER

The Auckland Car Club newsletter is about members for members. We want to share your news and talk about the stories that matter. Send your news and photographs to <a href="mailto:clubnews@aucklandcarclub.org.nz">clubnews@aucklandcarclub.org.nz</a>

Deadline for publication is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month's edition.

#### **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

There's a spot for you to learn more about the sport you love, and take your turn with those who put in their time to help you go racing. Contact <a href="mailto:secretary@aucklandcarclub.org.nz">secretary@aucklandcarclub.org.nz</a> for more information.

#### **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

#### **RACE DAY HELPERS REQUIRED**

We are always looking for more helpers for our one-day race meetings at Pukekohe, Hampton Downs and 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 the season's race dates.

Lunch and refreshments provided.

It's always a great day for all involved, you get to meet more members and make goods 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 <u>secretary@aucklandcarclub.org.nz</u> for more info



#### BECOME A MEMBER OF AUCKLAND CAR CLUB OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP

Step 1 Go to our website – www.aucklandcarclub.org.nz

Step 2 Click on the "MEMBERSHIPS" tab on the left side of the website

Step 3 Choose which link you need – "new member" or "renew membership"

Step 4 Follow the prompts

If you require assistance please email - <a href="membership@aucklandcarclub.org.nz">membership@aucklandcarclub.org.nz</a> and we will come back to you.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT

#### **AUCKLAND CAR CLUB ONLINE**

Web: www.aucklandcarclub.org.nz

Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/race.rally.clubsport</u>

Instagram Auckland\_Car\_Club
Motohub Auckland Car Club









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| Brett Davy  | President                     | 834 9300 | 027-250-1505   | president@aucklandcarclub.org.nz                            |  |
| Mark Sheehan  | Vice President                | 579 6611 | 021-112-9175   | vicepresident2@aucklandcarclub.org.nz                       |  |
| Craig Holmes  | Secretary/Treasurer           |          | 021-889-488    | secretary@aucklandcarclub.org.nz                            |  |
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| Steve Morris  | Club Rooms Hire               | 835 9515 | 021-278-9373   | clubrooms@aucklandcarclub.org.nz                            |  |
| Aaron Clarke  | Club Captain                  |          | 021-485-272    | ajcrace@gmail.com   |  |
| Natalie Waite   | Website/Facebook<br>Club News |          | 021-319-900    | natalie.waite@xtra.co.nz<br>clubnews@aucklandcarclub.org.nz |  |
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| Mike Dias   | Committee Member              |          | 027-483-5550   | mandm@xtra.co.nz  |  |
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| Northern Muscle Cars                                    | Paul Burnet      | 021 417 163   | info@northernmusclecars.co.nz |  |
| NZ Rotary Racing Enthusiasts                            | Brendan McGovern | 027 495 1905  | nzrre@outlook.com             |  |
| <b>Production Muscle Cars</b>                           | Natalie Waite    | 021 31 99 00  | productionmuscle@gmail.com    |  |
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