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Toorace Trofeo Series at our Taupo Round

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

With Christmas just around the corner we are wrapping up for the year and really have nothing out of the ordinary to report other than we ran another very successful meeting down in Taupo with around 80 competitors spread amongst the various classes.

ACJS had a very large grid of cars, larger I would almost say than they usually have back home in Auckland, and they put on some very entertaining racing.

The other classes, being Production Race Series, Northern Muscle Cars, Racing Saloons and Alfa Trofeo also had very good fields and put on a great show. We also ran some dual car sprints, which a lot of the race cars cross entered into along with the dedicated sprinters.

The Taupo Car Club were employed to assist in running the meeting and did a fantastic job for us. They supplied all the marshals, chase vehicles, safety car etc, which made my life a little easier.

Thank you to Terry O'Brien and the team at Taupo Car Club and to Mal Clooney (the assistant Clerk of the Course) and his team.

Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park were as usual very accommodating and put on a great practise day for those who wanted to get their eye in a bit. They were very complimentary of the way the Auckland Car club classes organised themselves parking neatly throughout the pits and keeping the place clean and tidy.

We return to Taupo for the next round of the summer series in February then to Pukekohe in March using Circuit two (the full back straight).

Speaking of Pukekohe I finally got my old Charger to the track last Sunday and had a great day out punting around with the car behaving and handling extremely well. The driver was a little rusty but it wasn't long before some reasonable lap times started to come back to me. I had the ignition timing set conservatively so I couldn't get too carried away or rev the life out of it, but it was certainly showing that it was a capable car and I look forward to the balance of the season.

My thanks to all the competitors, volunteers and their families that have made our race season such a success so far and would like to make mention of two ladies that have come along this season to assist with the clubs racing activities.

The first is our newest series coordinator Rachel Moore. Some of you will know that Rachel's husband Travis is a regular competitor in the Racing Saloon series.

Rachel has very kindly taken the position as coordinator for the Racing Saloons and has done an excellent job with entrant numbers steadily increasing. This is the run anything class as there are no restrictions so if you want to run a more modified car or ex supercar etc then this is the class for you.

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The second is Tracey Melhuish (most of you will know her husband Steve) Tracey has been learning the timing side of things and has worked alongside most of the various time keepers around the place and is doing a fantastic job. Timing is often not thought of by most competitors yet the time sheets produced is of primary focus to them and it is certainly one aspect of the racing that we are desperately short of volunteers.

Have a great Christmas and catch you all in the New Year.

Brett Davy
President



For all the people that thought my car was a figment of my imagination.....which for a time I thought it may well have been myself. Please find attached the photographic evidence that it does.

If you look close enough you will see I have a lovely assistant in the car also. Many thanks for your assistance on the weekend Aaron Clarke - much appreciated.

Welcome to our new members this month

Bowan Anderton

Nicole Jackson

Brandon Stuck

Bruce Everett

Jason Herrold

Samuel Tweedie

Karl Shaw

Barry Brady

Brendon Austin

Douglas Kim Fisher

RACING SALOONS – ROUND 3



Round 3, and did Taupo put on the weather for us, getting up to 28' with nothing but clear blue sky and sunshine. A few issues in Race 2 with flag dropping and handicap order, we know how frustrating that was, but all in all a beaut day, shy a few sets of tyres due to the heat, but a lot of fun still had. Bring on Round 4 again in Taupo, where we should also have plenty of sunshine, and a long weekend to look forward to for those making the most of Waitangi Day on the 6th. And also wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, can you believe that is just around the corner, and a safe and Happy New Year. Cheers, Rach.

	Name	Car Number	QR3	R3R1	R3R2	R3R3	R3T	Season to date
3001+ Class	Adam Hood	21	1	19	20	19	59	164
	Keith Wallace	121	1	18	21	20	60	136
	Paul Duffet	572	1	2	2	0	5	106
	Don Cates	7	1	17	2	21	41	83
	Tony Anderson	3						62
	Eric Hennephof	57						58
	Martin Day	135						58
	Blair McDonald	50						58
	Darren Swinburne	7						54
	Mark Taylor	78						45
	Steve Wallace	34						37
	Tony Satherley	666	1	21	2	0	24	24
	Greg Holden	30						23
	Tony Galbraith	43	1	20	2	0	23	23
	Rick Van Swet	67						19
	George Sheweiry Jnr	12						5
	Robin Woolridge	357						3
Luke Hilhorst	83						1	

	Name	Car Number	QR3	R3R1	R3R2	R3R3	R3T	Season to date
2001-3000 Class	Brett Thomas	12						109
	Steve Robinson	24	1	21	2	2	26	33
	Alec Newald	145	1	2	2	0	5	9

	Name	Car Number	QR3	R3R1	R3R2	R3R3	R3T	Season to date
0-2000 class	Jason Feck	46						64
	Shiane Day	82						61
	Simeon Woolsey	151						7

NORTHERN MUSCLE CARS – ROUND 3

Round 3 Taupo Sunday 23rd November 2019

The forecast was for fine weather and that's what we got with the day getting hotter and hotter as it went on.

We had a smallish entry with 8 members including new club member Bruce Dreadon in his black 64 Mustang and a guest appearance by Russell Dunn in his XY Falcon. Qualifying went well and because it was cool and the tyres were not yet destroyed by Taupo's abrasive surface most drivers recorded their best times during this season. Fastest was Tony G in the Charger with a 1.37.1, followed by the very crisp sounding Torana of Clarke Hopkins at 1.38.2 and then Allan in his Commodore at 1:40.4

Race 1

The cars did not quite line up as they qualified; Tony G had to start from pit lane due to a clothing malfunction. Clarke roared off into the distance initially followed by Allan then Russell but rising oil temperatures in the Commodore caused Allan to slow being passed near the end by Russell. Tony meanwhile was charging through the field to ultimately finish second to Clarke.

In Class B however things were much more tightly fought between Chris Anderson, in his black 78 Mustang, Craig in his 72 XU-1 Torana and Andrew Ross in his 85 Pinepac replica XE Falcon, however Andrew began to slow on lap 3 retiring on lap 4 with what was later diagnosed as a broken rocker stud.

Race 2

This was a handicap race which was comfortably won by Craig in the XU-1 as the faster cars were unable to get anywhere near the times they set in qualifying Tony G for example being 5 seconds a lap slower and Clarke 3 seconds a lap slower and so it was that the two Class B cars of Craig and Chris lead the way home with Colin in the big block Corvette third.

Race 3

By our final race of the day which was combined with the Racing Saloons Tony G managed to get to the front on the last lap after bolting on some new tyres, again the best fought battle was in Class B with Chris just managing to get past Craig into the lead to then be swallowed up by the Tony's Charger, Chris however trying a very late braking move to repass the Charger only to spin at the very end of the back straight allowing Craig into second overall, Chris recovered quickly though and was able to hold onto third.

The current standings are:

Class A 1st Colin Schischka 946, 2nd Tony Galbraith 860, 3rd Veen Smith 767.

Class B 1st Chris Anderson 1158, 2nd Mike Oldham 848, 3rd Kevin Burke 740.

Class A

Pos	Driver	Round Points							Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Colin Schischka	140	415	391					946
2	Tony Galbraith	451		409					860
3	Veen Smith	397	370						767
4	Alan Pearce	141		406					547
5	Kayton Coughey	132	290						422
6	Clarke Hopkins			409					409
7	Rick van Swet		280						280
8	Ross Graham		279						279
9	Dave Campbell	2							2
10	Ross Golding								
11	Calvin Andrew								
12	Dean Hansen								

Class B

Pos	Driver	Round Points							Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Chris Anderson	379	352	427					1158
2	Mike Oldham	418	430						848
3	Kevin Burke	370	370						740
4	Andrew Ross	400	268	2					670
5	Craig Horn			439					439
6	Cameron Crawford		418						418
7	Michael Crawley	382							382
8	Bruce Dreadon			259					259
9	Greig Running		1						1



TOORACE TROFEO SERIES – ROUND 2

We had a great Weekend at Taupo. It was HOT!

Race One was our traditional Class scratch race and Trofeo Class cars were quickly lapped by the impressive GTA of Michael Abernethy. Race two was a handicapped race with GTA cars being required to pass through pit lane as a 'joker' lap to ensure most of the Trofeo class were able to complete their full laps. It made a busy and entertaining race to watch with good feedback from nearly everyone. Race three was our traditional Series handicap race, with most of the grid in the same part of the track on the last lap. There was lots of close racing in this one and all the spectators enjoyed watching the tussles people were having. A great finish to the day.

Congratulations to our Race Winners Michael Abertnethy (Race 1), Euan Smith (Race 2), Jules van Niekerk (Race 3) and Maurice Thomson who won our Prime Speed Sports Gift bag after an epic tussle with Steve Battersby in the battle of the Fiat brigade caught the eye of our sponsor Phil Hall from @Prime Speed Sport

Those that stayed the night went out to Dinner to an Italian Restaurant. Nice to meet some new faces and welcome partners, family and friends of our newer drivers.

A huge thank you to Auckland Car Club Officials and the Volunteer group who worked through extreme temperatures to run the meeting for us.

#Toorace #Trofeo #people #passion #greatracing

Photos thanks to Pam Thomson





NICK CASSIDY TRIUMPHS IN FIRST “DREAM RACE”

Nick Cassidy triumphs in first ‘Dream Race’ between DTM and Super GT

MotorNews.co.nz 10:36 am November 24, 2019

Lexus Team KeePer TOM’s driver Nick Cassidy converted pole position into a race one victory at the DTM/SuperGT ‘Dream Race’ at Fuji Speedway, ahead of Honda Keihin Real Racing’s Kudai Tsukakoshi and Honda Team Kunimitsu’s Naoki Yamamoto.

Drama before the grid formed as Audi Sport Team Phoenix’s Loïc Duval who was due to start from second spun on his warm up lap and suffered damage to the front of the car.

This left Cassidy with a much clearer run from the rolling start down to the tight Turn One. The New Zealand driver held on to his lead and swiftly sought about building a gap of around five seconds after around ten minutes of racing.

Audi Sport René Rast climbed from 14th into the top ten in the opening tours, and after 15 minutes of racing was locked in a three-car battle for fifth with Lexus Team au TOM’s Yuhi Sekiguchi and Lexus Team Lemans Wako’s Kenta Yamashita.

Audi Sport Team Phoenix’s Mike Rockefeller found himself slipping down the order from his fifth place on the grid, and was battling with BMW Team RBM’s Kamui Kobayashi for 11th position before the pit stops begun.

Rast started losing time, losing out to Nissan NISMO’s Ronnie Quintarelli and Lexus Team Zent Cerumo driver Yuji Tachikawa, and took to the pitlane with 33 minutes to go for his mandatory stop.

Race leader Cassidy was the last to pit, making his compulsory visit to change Hankook tyres with 22 minutes to go, but such was the pace of the 2019 SuperGT runner-up that he emerged from the incredibly long Fuji pitlane with a six second lead over closest challenger Tsukakoshi.

Marco Wittmann looked to have gained through the pit cycle, but a sudden drop in pace forced the BMW Team RBM squad to call him in for a second pitstop.

Cassidy looked to be managing a five second lead, but the race would turn on its head with eight minutes remaining as the safety car was deployed for the stranded Nissan GT-R NISMO GT500 of Team Impul’s Daiki Sasaki who stopped near the exit of pitlane.

The race would resume with two-and-a-half minutes to spare, and the charge down into Turn One following the Indy-style restart was relatively controlled as Cassidy held onto his lead.

Further back Audi Sport Team WRT Hitotsuyama driver Benoît Tréluyer battled through from 14th at the restart to finish sixth. The Frenchman executing several fantastic moves and benefitting from an incident involving Rockefeller, who was battling for ninth, being spun out at Turn 10.

Rast would finish the race in eighth place, only three tenths behind Tréluyer in a three-way battle to the line with Sekiguchi who split the two DTM drivers.

Incredibly, Honda Team Mugen’s Hideki Mutoh would finish the race in tenth place from last on the grid after a near complete rebuild of the car following a massive crash in qualifying.

Rockenfeller would cross the line in 13th place after that spin three laps from the end, less than two tenths ahead of Kobayashi in 14th and Wittmann would finish the race a lap down in 18th position after a second visit to pitlane.

BMW Team RBM's Alex Zanardi was forced to retire with an engine issue after half-race distance. The Italian driver gained positions at the start, but the mechanical issue brought about a disappointing end to Zanardi's race.

Race results – Top 5

POS	NO	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	LAPS	TIME	BEST	GD
1	37	Nick CASSIDY		Lexus LC500	35	57:45.326	1:31.346	1
2	17	Koudai TSUKAKOSHI		Honda NSX-GT	35	0.433	1:31.610	6
3	1	Naoki YAMAMOTO		Honda NSX-GT	35	5.862	1:31.636	3
4	6	Kenta YAMASHITA		Lexus LC500	35	6.974	1:32.259	11
5	19	Sho TSUBOI		Lexus LC500	35	9.966	1:31.226	9



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



CLUBROOMS

The clubrooms will reopen for 2020 on Thursday 30th January – 7.30pm

44 Stoddard Road, Mt Roskill. Auckland.

Licence examiners and scrutineers will be available should you need any assistance

ROUND 4 – TAUPO, SAT 8th FEBRUARY 2020

Round 4 of the Summer Series will be on Saturday 8th February at Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park, Taupo.

BMMP will be holding a test day on Friday 7th, please book for this directly with them.

This round pit garages are to be booked directly with BMMP, please also let them know if you are doing the test day on Friday or staying in Taupo on either the Friday night or Saturday night if you are wanting to drop your car off early or leave it there an extra night.

Camping is available at the track \$25 for 4 people per night, and \$5 for every additional person

Shower and toilets available

Book your camp site directly with the track – 07 376 5033



Please note – Pre Documentation at the Clubrooms for this meeting is on Tuesday 4th February, due to the clubrooms being closed for Waitangi Day on Thursday 6th Feb

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

TURANGI ACCOMODATION OFFER

Take time out in Turangi - family friendly

Sleeps: 7, Bedrooms: 3, Bathrooms: 1

2x queen and 2x singles plus a sofa bed

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Suitable for couples, families or groups seeking good affordable accommodation in this stunning region. This house is in walking distance to Turangi shopping centre, restaurants and bars. This house is in close proximity to -Whakapapa ski field (40 minutes drive), -Tongariro River, world famous for trout fishing (5 minutes drive), -Stunning hiking and biking tracks, -Tokaanu Hot Pools (5 minutes drive), -Boat launching ramp (6 minutes drive), -18 hole golf course (5 minutes drive), -Taupo (35 minutes drive)

If you are an Auckland Car Club member discounted rates are offered, phone/email us at Turangi.guesthouse@gmail.com or call/text Steve on 021 278 9373 rather than book through the book a bach to receive the discount

Book a bach - <https://www.bookabach.co.nz/holiday-accommodation/p7819323?noDates=true>

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

LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Club	What	Where
Thurs	30 th Jan	A.C.C	Clubrooms open for 2020	A.C.C Clubrooms
Tues	4 th Feb	A.C.C	Pre Doco Night for R4	A.C.C Clubrooms
Thurs	6 th Feb	A.C.C	Waitangi – Clubrooms closed	A.C.C Clubrooms
Sat	8 th Feb	A.C.C	Round 4, ACC Summer Series	Taupo
Sun	1 ST March	A.C.C	Round 5 ACC Summer Series	Pukekohe
Sun	5 TH April	A.C.C	Round 6 ACC Summer Series	Hampton
Sat	6 TH June	F.N.R	Far North Rally 2020	Far North

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Day	Date	What	Where
Fri-Sun	20 th -23 rd Feb	V8 Supercars	Adelaide 500
Fri-Sun	12th-15 th March	V8 Supercars	Melbourne 400
Fri-Sun	3 rd -5 th April	V8 Supercars	Tasmania Super 400
Fri-Sun	24 th -26 th April	V8 Supercars	Pukekohe 400

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- Step 3 Choose which link you need – "new member" or "renew membership"
- Step 4 Follow the prompts

If you require assistance please email - membership@aucklandcarclub.org.nz and we will come back to you.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT

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