

### Greeting Historic Saloon Car Fans

The final meeting for the season was at Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park, Taupo 7/8<sup>th</sup> April, this was the first time the group had attended this Great Lakes Taupo event run by HRC's Tim Hill and it proved to be a cracker, daylight saving just ended the weekend prior which reminded us winter is on its way, but the weather could not have been better, nice and warm. We finished the season of with a 15 car grid and the racing was fantastic, Sean McCaughan debut his new 71 XY Falcon and out of the box it was on the pace and looked fantastic, unfortunately Sean's son Micheal didn't have a very good start driving dad's old 71 XY Falcon dropping a piece out of an intake valve in practice, fortunately no other engine damage was done but Michaels weekend was over.



We trialed Tony Roberts 70 Corvette to gauge the interest in a Historic Sports and GT group. This invitation will only be at one or two events per season until enough vehicles can form a group. We also need someone to help run it so if this is you please contact us.

These cars must conform to Group 1 MSNZ Appendix 6 with a Schedule T&C COD, be front engine, rear drive and hardtop roof. Build dates will be between 1967 to 1972(which includes model run-ons) and will be subject to a strict criteria and come under HSC. No kit cars will accepted. Inquires in the first instance to Tony or Bruce.

Without a doubt performer of the weekend was Greg Goudies super-fast FIA BDG Mk1 Escort, this has been Greg's rally car used in Historic rallying, the car was lowered and Toyo DOT Road legal tyres fitted to meet the regulations. Lining up on outside pole for the first race Greg and Dennis McConnell's Escorts got around the outside on the 69 Boss 302 and they were gone with not enough straight for the V8 to reel in the Escorts, it was an 8 lap battle of who would make a mistake first but the Escorts took line honors pushing the Mustang back to third, a great battle appreciated by the few spectators and memories of days gone by in NZ Motorsport.



John Sampson's RS2600 Capri was on the back of the Mustang the whole race until he blew the gearbox, another was fitted for Sunday and proved the Capri was capable of running with the Escorts and V8's. Both Sunday's races were reverse grid handicaps with Tony Mexted in the beautiful 70 PDL Mustang taking his first ever win with Greg Goudies Escort hard on his heels, and although we don't put any enthuse on winning it was the only V8 to do so over the weekend. Dennis Mills drove his fantastic 69 P510 Datsun 1600 to a very well deserved last race win, well done to both.



The season was rounded off with an excellent Function and prize giving at the Wairakei Resort organised by Tania Allingham, the venue was perfect and this was a top effort by Tania, Bruce and their team and appreciated by all. Prizes given out for everything except track position, special awards were given for those that participated at every event and even supporters, Coordinators, Photographers and crew received recognition.



Tania even organised sponsors that donated prizes to give away and we thanked them very much for this(see below) no one missed out on receiving a prize. Glenn Allingham handled the Auction with added humour and Tony Roberts MC this function, the proceeds went towards funding this event. We would also like to thank the management and staff of Wairakei Resort for the wonderful job they did in catering and helping us with the organising of our stay in Taupo, all in all a great night. Thanks to everyone who made it to the Awards Function, I would like to thank everyone as you were all great and very easy to deal with. Everyone paid up I didn't have to chase anybody up. This made my job so much easier. So a special thanks to everyone as you all made the evening run smooth as. Big Thumbs up.



We would like to thank the following sponsors as below:.

1. New World Kumeu the main contributor to one of the raffles.
2. Repco Westgate
3. Jaks Trucks
4. Kumeu Cellars
5. BNT for supplied us an amazing amount of goods.
6. Extreme Automotive Parts Distributors thanks to Dave Graham
7. Falcon Print did all our door tickets and sponsors board at no charge.

**Directors Meeting:** Recently on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April the four directors, myself, Bruce Dyer, Tony Roberts and Steve Holmes held a meeting at Feilding's "Coffee to Go" conference room to discuss the past season, issues at hand and the way forward for the group. For additional support we invited Crunch Bennett(MSNZ Board Member) Natalie Campbell, Glenn and Tania Allingham.

Bruce set out an agenda to keep the meeting moving along and we managed to get finished early afternoon. One of the topics of discussion was personal liability amongst the directors and coordinators and from this we decided to form an Incorporated Society so the group can be affiliated to Motorsport New Zealand and come under their insurance package and have their support should any legal issues arise , we saw this as being important.

An operating budget was drawn up to see what our annual costing would be to run the group, these in the past have been covered by the directors personally and those that have made donations, now is the time to move on and formalize this which a Incorporate Society will do by way of membership.

We also talked about setting meeting dates and keeping alighted with other Historic classes at the same events and giving more to supporting clubs that run meetings that retain the Historic philosophy. Upcoming Newsletters will have more information as it comes to hand but our race dates will be similar to last season, we are still waiting for confirmation on all events but at this stage the MG Classic, Nov and Taupo GP, Jan are confirmed.

#### **Statistics from last Season.**

One of the interesting facts to come from the season is the following which was accumulated from the records that Tania collated for prize giving.

44 different cars raced in our season.

5 people contested all events.

134 total entries for our 6 race season.

22.3 entries on average per meeting.

Largest entry was MG Manfeild, 29 entries.

Smallest entry was Taupo Great Lakes, 15 entries.

#### **MG Classic, Manfeild, 10/11th November 2018.**

We have started the planning for this event. Manfeild have set aside 30 parking spaces for HMC/HSC in the Stadium as we had last year. We have no costings on this yet but as soon as

available I will notify you all. We have also booked the Manfeild Suite as well for the Saturday and Sunday.

We are also looking at holding a BBQ at the Rush Collection in Feilding (The details and Date to be confirmed). This is an amazing collection of race cars and Manfeild memorabilia. There will be a small cost of \$20 per person to view the collection and BBQ afterwards.

Friday night meal as usual once I can confirm a venue. Please advise Bruce if you want a car park in the Stadium, so let's not leave it to the last minute.



**Taupo GP, 19/20th January 2019.** Planning is also underway for this event. I know it's early, but if you liked Staying at Wairakei in April(most did) Tania has asked them for conference rates for our January 2019 meeting. Remember its Wellington Anniversary weekend and Taupo tends to get booked up this weekend so I suggest you get in secure your accommodation at a very competitive Price.

**NEW CARS:** While visiting New Plymouth a few weeks back I called in to see Phillip Macey, Phillip is building this beautiful XC Falcon Coupe for HMC, it will run a 351 Cleveland engine with a new Arrow block, 4V iron heads, Toploader gearbox and Ford 9inch Diff. He has everything to put the car together and finish it, he plans to be with us next season. This will be a great addition to the group as we need more Aussies cars, after all who doesn't luv a Falcon coupe or a Torana.



### **Tony and Rob Herbert's Alfa Rebuild:**

Tony and Rob have started the reconstruction of their 1963 Alfa Romeo Giulia Super. All new doors to replace the stripped out existing doors complete with all window winding gear. The whole rear boot area being replaced to repair the rear guards so that they are correct. Lights to be reinstalled and a few other items are being tidied up. This is the second car in HSC to undertake major corrections and is very pleasing to see. Well done Tony and Rob and the car will be ready for next season.



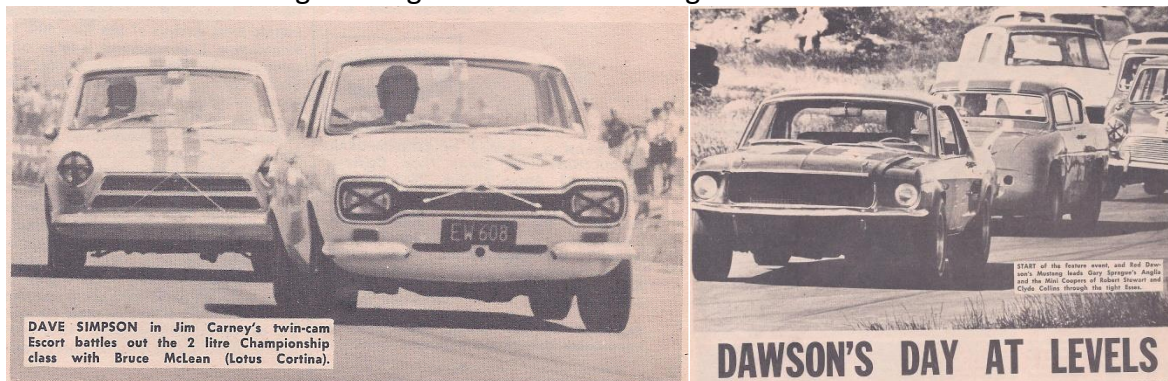
**Grant Sprague Mk1 FIA BDG Escort:** Another super-hot Mk1 Escort under construction is Grant Sprague's new build. Heres some sneaky progress pictures showing a couple of the goodies he now has for his Escort. A new crankshaft being built at the moment in the US so once that is here the engine can be completed. They are setting up a dummy exhaust system for the car. The others are period wheels and 4 speed gearbox from the UK. Maybe ready for the coming season and won't that be a car and driver combination to watch



**Finally,** Congratulations goes to Dennis and Adrienne McConnell whom have purchased from John Dennehy the Ex-Freighters Mk1 Escort, a very historic race car with fantastic race history for this country. Dennis is giving it a tidy to suit his needs and correcting the seating position to be on track next season. With Dennis behind the wheel it will be a rocket ship.



**A Blast from the Past:** This is a gentle reminder of why we go Historic racing. These cars have won all the races they're ever going to win, today we get to build and race them for FUN. This era was the golden age of Saloon car racing both here in NZ and around the world.



DAVE SIMPSON in Jim Carney's twin-cam Escort battles out the 2 litre Championship class with Bruce McLean (Lotus Cortina).

START of the feature event, and Red Dawson's Mustang leads Gary Sprague's Anglia and the Mini Cooper of Robert Stewart and Clyde Collins through the tight kinks.

DAWSON'S DAY AT LEVELS

**BREAKING** the Mustang domination in Group 5 Championship racing, Spinner Black powers the impressive Chevy Camaro out of Beach Bend with Red Dawson in hot pursuit. Fahey finished second in the Championship race with a slowly deflating tyre.



**EASTER** A NEAR-RECORD crowd saw one of the best race meetings of the season at Bay Park, Mt Maunganui, on 29 March. Apart from the stirring battles between the two Chev Camaros of Melbourne driver Terry Allan and Gisborne's Rod Coppin, each of the 14 races was closely fought, making this Easter Sunday meeting one to be remembered. The paid audience of 16,000 certainly got their money's worth and most stayed for the entire programme.



**BATTLE** of the giants. Start of the big capacity preliminary event, and Paul Fahey leads Rod Coppin, Red Dawson and Frank Bryan (all Mustang mounted) with a gap to Barry Phillips (Lotus Cortina) and Alan Woolf (Vitesse). Fahey won the championship event but the leading two Mustangs were later disqualified so Bryan won the class.



**LOCKING** up a wheel under braking for the Crow is Jack Nazer on his way to third place in the Dunlop Half Hour in his FVA-engined Escort. It went well, but badly requires suspension sorting.



**FORD CAPRI** 3000 V6 of Mike Fitzpatrick fends off BMW 2002TI of Paul Adams during second place dice in production Group 2. Adams finished ahead in one heat; Fitzpatrick was in front for the other.



**For Sale:** 1967 Ford Mercury Cougar project car, make a great Historic race car as they raced them in the USA Trans Am series, something different and all just Mustang underneath. No motor or gearbox, body and chassis is mint and not rusty, Bargain \$12.5K



If anyone else has a HMC or HSC race car or suitable project car for sale we are happy to advertise it in our Newsletter.

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