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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our second newsletter under the NZIGP Events banner. You may have noticed from our recent social media posts that we are slowly transitioning from HRCEvents to the NZIGP branding. The good news is that HRC (Historic Racing Club) continues to thrive and both Chris and Tim are still involved with that.

Club Membership for HRC is available from the [HRC website](#) at a very reasonable \$75 per annum.

As well as the updates to our Facebook pages, we are working on the NZIGP website so that we can include more details of the events we are running as well as linking directly to the NZIGP Legends Club.

Formed in 2019, the NZIGP Legends Club aims to bring together the legends of our sport and recognise their contribution to our sport, celebrate their success, and raise funds for the next generation for the MotorSport New Zealand Elite Academy. You will probably spot one or two of our alumni at our events.

To the most part, they are still contributing to the sport in one way or another – be it nurturing young talent, helping out in a technical capacity, sharing their knowledge and passion – or just taking in the atmosphere of the race meeting and catching up with old mates.

A list of our Wall of Fame Legends can be found here: <https://www.nzigp.co.nz/legends/>
As we head into the new race season, we welcome the news that MotorSport New Zealand has found a new promotor. MotorSport New Zealand has appointed National Racing Group Promotions (NRG) as the official promotor of its Premier Race Championship. The company, part of the Tony Quinn stable of motorsport and entertainment companies in Australasia, brings a wealth of expertise, strategic resources, commitment and enthusiasm to the series.

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“Their experience and vision align with our goals for the Premier Race Championship, and we are confident that this collaboration will lead the championship to new heights.”

Looking towards our own events, this newsletter contains lots of hints and tips to make your race preparation easier – both beforehand and on the day. We are looking forward to seeing how the season develops, certainly the entries for our Icebreaker event are looking very healthy.

Finally, don't forget that we are available to help you with Motorsport Online entries, transponder setup, licence tests and we can also arrange initial Safety Audits and safety cage inspections by prior appointment.

Cheers

Tim

General Manager



Chris is overseas at the moment – enjoying the sights in Europe.

According to his Facebook posts, Chris is touting his racing CV around the major manufacturers. The first stop was Germany and a visit to Mercedes HQ. They did mention he was probably over qualified for the job, however Chris decided to try at Porsche the following day. As it's Porsche, Chris thought he would probably use Ray Williams CV's with the height deleted! No luck I'm afraid but he did enjoy the Museums at both companies.

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Back home in France, Sacre bleu, their favourite café that was called the Café de Commerce is now the Bridge Pub. The bridge was built by the Romans in 100 AD and Chris' place is built on the bridge. I guess that you probably have to expect some changes after 1900 years in Sommiers.

After a few weeks R&R, Chis visited the UK and attended the Goodwood Revival. Photos are yet to be posted but texts from him indicate that he thoroughly enjoyed it and so did wife Penny. She even got her hair restyled.

Thoughts are we include a salon/barber shop at the NZIGP Legends of Speed meeting in
January...
À bientôt

Chris Watson.



NEXT EVENT

NZIGP ICEBREAKER

21-22 SEPTEMBER 2024
HAMPTON DOWNS MOTORSPORT PARK

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Season Opener: Icebreaker – September 21-22

The NZIGP Events season is gearing up to start with our much-anticipated Icebreaker event on September 21-22. This year, we're excited to showcase a diverse lineup, including the BMW Race Driver Series with the NEXEN E46 Class, 2 Litre Class, and Open Class, Arrow Wheels ERC Series, the Carcolors Classic Trial, OK Cup, Formula Open New Zealand, NZ Sports Cars, Formula Junior, Historic Formula Ford and SuperKarts.

Entries are open, and flying in! Yet to enter?

Jump onto MotorSport Online now:



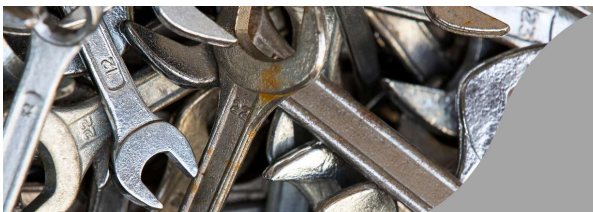
Initially a workshop facility for the preparation and maintenance of competition cars, Allport Motorsport expanded into sales in 1999 when they were appointed as New Zealand's first official Stilo distributor.

Today we are proud to have been appointed distributors for most of the leading Motorsport brands across the globe! Allports have a purpose built Motorsport showroom, as well as the online store – www.allports.nz and we stock vast range of quality motorsport & tuning products.

Our knowledgeable, friendly sales staff are on hand to offer customers assistance and advice. Being enthusiasts ourselves you can be confident that you're talking to the right people, we are ideally placed to help you through any technical issues you may have. A diverse range of products are dispatched on a daily basis from our headquarters in Auckland.

The Allport Motorsports team are coming along to NZIGP Icebreaker next weekend, and will bring with them a wealth of knowledge, and even some safety gear for those not-so-organised competitors!

Go and check them out near the Scrutineering Shed.



TECH TALK

Safety Audits: The pit stop before the Podium!

it's your first time on the grid, understanding this process is essential to ensuring a smooth and safe event.

What is Scrutineering?

Scrutineering is a safety check performed by licensed officials before and during events.

Their goal?

To ensure your car meets all safety standards, allowing you to race confidently. Scrutineers are your allies, not obstacles—they'll help identify and address any issues with your car so you can get on track.

When will I be Audited?

While any vehicle can be selected for a safety audit, certain circumstances guarantee an audit:

- Vehicles without a MotorSport NZ logbook.
- Vehicles not audited at the last two events or within the past six months.
- Vehicles competing for the first-time.
- Vehicles with outstanding defects in their logbook.
- Competitors who request an audit.
- At least 15% of the vehicles at any event.

Scrutineering Etiquette

To make scrutineering smooth for everyone, ensure:

- Your car is race-ready: no loose items, tools, or clutter.
- The car is clean inside and out.
- All your personal safety gear is with you - yes, every time.
- Your logbook is ready.
- You stay with your car; if you leave, remove it from the queue.

What's checked during an Audit?

The Chief Scrutineer creates a checklist before each event covering three categories:

- Safety Critical Items
- Safety Non-Critical Items
- Non-Safety Items

Audits focus on these categories, with results submitted to MotorSport NZ. If any issues are noted in your logbook, they must be addressed and signed off at the next event.

"Scrutineered" sticker on your car—no sticker, no track access.

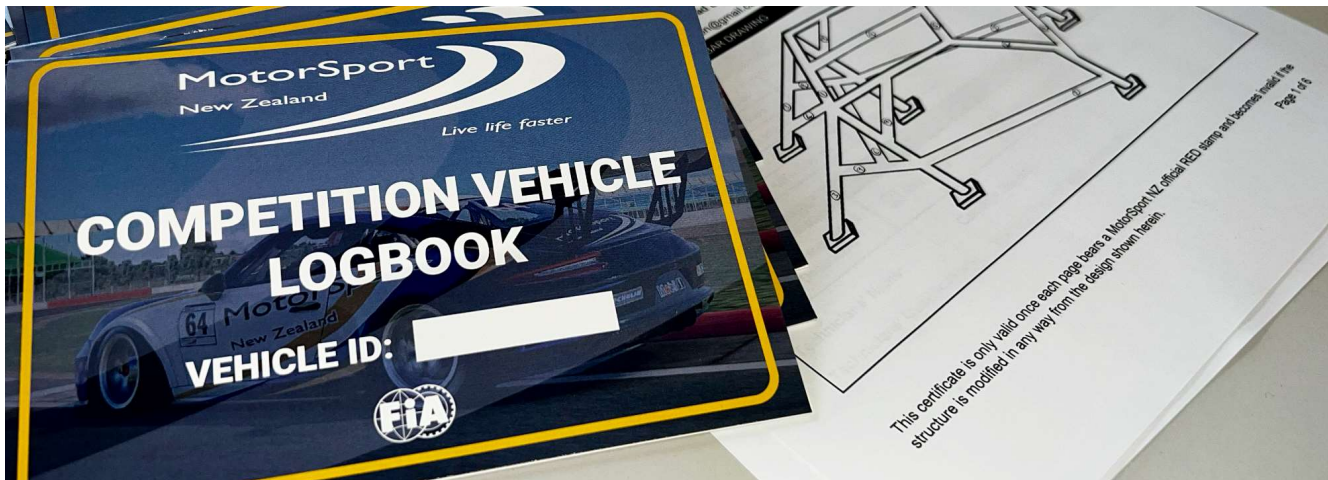
Common Audit Failures

These are the most frequent issues that cause cars to fail audits:

- Expired or improperly secured fire extinguishers.
- Unsecured batteries or unprotected live terminals
- Worn or expired belts and gloves
- Non-flame-resistant overalls – karting overalls are not fit for purpose.
- Helmets with missing or damaged labels and fittings, or in poor condition.
- Improperly installed or missing tow straps
- Inadequate race numbers
- Missing or outdated logbook photos - now is the time to ensure the photo is up to date.

Key points to remember

- New safety cages must be inspected before your first event
- After an accident, it's your responsibility to present your vehicle and logbook to the Chief Scrutineer.



MotorSport New Zealand Log Books

Here's a quick reminder about your physical logbooks. Be sure to bring them along to every event, as they may still be required upon request.

While MotorSport NZ is transitioning to digital logbooks, some scrutineers may still rely on the physical versions and may need to update them manually if they're not yet fully integrated with the MotorSport Online system.

logbook with you at each event.



Transponder Placement

To ensure problem-free timing, here are a few reminders about transponders:

Make sure you've **renewed your subscription**, and your transponder is fully charged!

To ensure no issues, please ensure that you've mounted your transponder correctly as follows:

- For saloon cars, transponders shall be fitted to the inner guard rearward of the front axle centre line by up to a maximum of 200mm and within 500mm off the ground.
- For single seaters, transponders shall be fitted to the bodywork rearward of the front axle centre line by up to a maximum of 100mm and within 200mm off the ground.
- The transponder must have a clear view to the track, with no metal or carbon fibre beneath it.
- Ensure that the transponder cannot make contact with either the wheel assembly or the ground.



CLASS CHRONICLES ARROW WHEELS ERC SERIES

As the European Racing Classics (ERC) heads into its 39th season for 2024-2025, this much-loved series continues to thrive, offering unique racing opportunities for both pre and post-1978 European saloons, sports cars, and GT cars; with the newer European vehicles approved to fit the competitive spirit of the group.

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through its signature handicapping format. This allows a diverse range of cars - both old and new, small and large, fast and agile - to race on equal terms.

Every competitor, regardless of their vehicle's power or handling capabilities, has a fair chance to secure a win. A win usually requires a series of near perfect laps and the pressure remains on all drivers from the first flag drop to the chequered flag.

The ERC caters to both a "speed-challenged" group and a faster group, making it a home for a wide variety of European classic and thoroughbred cars. This invitation-only series seeks to foster friendly yet competitive racing, with a focus on preserving the integrity of classic vehicles. While pre-1978 vehicles are at its core, the series welcomes newer cars that can race harmoniously within the group. Importantly, the handicap races are designed to ensure that no competitor is at a disadvantage based solely on the performance of their car, and to keep the results unpredictable and exciting.

The ERC's goal is clear: to offer enjoyable, fair competition in a sporting and structured environment. Winning takes a back seat to the pure joy of participation, camaraderie, and showcasing the craftsmanship of classic European cars. With its inclusive philosophy and focus on driving standards, the ERC is a space where drivers of all skill levels can compete, confident that the experience is about much more than just taking home a trophy.

If you're interested in joining this class, please contact Chris Browne

convenor2@ercrace.nz

021 617 007

[Check them out on Facebook](#)

<https://ercrace.nz/>

ERC Calendar:

22 September 2024 – NZIGP Icebreaker, HD

19 October 2024 – TACCOC Spring Classic HD

8 December 2024 – TACCOC Christmas at the Downs, HD

5 January 2025 – NZIGP Tasman Revival, Taupo

16 March 2025 – NZIGP Thunder at the Downs, HD

3 May 2025 – AROCNZ May Madness, Manfeild.

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Introducing G & A Automotive, a brand-new establishment run by Graham and Aldy Ball, well-known figures in the racing community.

Located at 61 Creek Street in Drury, Auckland, they have branched out to set up their own shop, bringing their expertise and passion for automotive care to the local Franklin area.

As an MTA Assured business, they guarantee top-notch service and peace of mind. Offering a full range of services; routine maintenance, engine diagnostics, brake and suspension repairs, and wheel alignments, just to name a few.

Whether it's a family car, 4WD, or race car, the team at G & A Automotive are there to keep your vehicle running.

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61 Creek Street in Drury, Auckland



A message from Scott, Shannon & the GER Team

It's the end of an era, but also the start of an exciting new chapter for GER!

After 36 years in business, we are bringing our business ownership journey to an end, and it's only fitting, that we'd look to join forces with another long standing business in the industry, and as of 2nd September 2024, GER Engine Specialists and Taylor Automotive are amalgamating.

Scott, John & the team will be heading across to their Grafton location in the coming weeks to join the Taylor's team under the ownership of Harley Taylor & Paul Brooker.

This will mean increased experience, a wider range of machinery and equipment, and an increased capacity to continue to deliver top quality service!

We'd like to thank our customers for their continued business over the last 36 years and we hope to continue working with you, just from a different location!

We'd also like to say a massive thank you to our team: Dan, Frank, Jordan & Matty - without you, we wouldn't be where we are today and we are so grateful to each of you! It's awesome that we'll continue to work together going forward.

And finally to John & Rachel - AKA Mum & Dad - without your hard work and dedication for a huge part of this 36 years - we would never have had the opportunity to do what we've done - Thank you

From September onwards, feel free to contact Taylor Automotive direct:

10 Auburn Street

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Many thanks
Scott, Shannon & the GER team



2024-2025 SEASON CALENDAR

NZIGP ICEBREAKER
21-22 SEPTEMBER 2024
HAMPTON DOWNS MOTORSPORT PARK

NZIGP OK CUP CHALLENGE
23-24 NOVEMBER 2024
HAMPTON DOWNS MOTORSPORT PARK

NZIGP TASMAN REVIVAL
4-5 JANUARY 2025
TAUPO INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORT PARK

NZIGP LEGENDS OF SPEED *CELEBRATING DAVID OXTON*
25-26 JANUARY 2025
HAMPTON DOWNS MOTORSPORT PARK

NZIGP THUNDER AT THE DOWNS
15-16 MARCH 2025
HAMPTON DOWNS MOTORSPORT PARK

NZIGP GREAT LAKE TAUPO
29-30 MARCH 2025
TAUPO INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORT PARK

NZIGP SINGLE SEATER FESTIVAL
26-27 APRIL 2025
TAUPO INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORT PARK

NZIGP SEASON FINALE
10-11 MAY 2025
HAMPTON DOWNS MOTORSPORT PARK

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