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A summer of great motorsport rolls on, The Kenny Smith festival was well supported with 253 entries and wide variety of cars. Great to see Kenny win all his races ,must be world first for a meeting honouring a 76 year old driver were his wins all the races in 3 classes.

For a clip of highlights of the Kenny Smith Festival, please see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWauK9f9OaE>

This weekend is something different with Rumble in the Park at Pukekohe. Only 2 classes running, 2K Cup and Mini Racing series but still well 100 entries. The 2K Cup and Mini racing is on the Saturday between 9.30 am and 3pm with rest of the weekend packed with other exciting activities including Roll up drag Racing, Power Cruise, Hot Rod Open testing , Classic car displays and a Tiger Moth Display. Be interesting to see planes using the runway in the centre of the track again.

Also happening this weekend on Sunday 12th is the Ellerslie Concours. HRC has a stand at the Ellerslie Concours so come along and meet the team and see some interesting cars. We will have a McLaren, a Corvette, a Lightweight E Type Jaguar and a couple of other cars representing some of the classes that race with us on a regular basis.

For the weekend 18th 19th February HRC has the final round of the Tasman Revival Series at Pukekohe

Feature classes at this meeting are Alfa Trofeo, AES, Arrows, Historic Formula Ford, BMW open , BMW E30, BMW 2 litre, Classic Trial (Sat only) and Formula Libre. Enter on line www.motorsportentry.com

Entries are also up on www.motorsportentry.com for the ever popular Legends of Speed weekend and our Great Lakes meeting at Taupo. The Great Lakes meeting has had a name change to Barry Algie Memorial Meeting and Historic Sports Sedans will be the feature class. Barry had a long history in Sports Sedans and was a great supporter of HRC. The Algie family have presented a cup for annual competition at this meeting.

HRC has now moved into the book retailing business with a number motor racing titles available on the www.hrcevents.co.nz website, press "Shop" on the home page.

HRC will be approaching classes over the next two months to book classes for next season's race meetings. Competitors should give some thought to race formats as a number of classes are looking at new formats. 2K Cup have had a lot of success with their two 33 minute format. Historic Sports Sedans are looking at shorter races but more of them and a variation on starts, standing, reverse standing, handicap and rolling. The Hooters Vintage Series is looking at a 2 lap sprint then stopping and doing another 2 lap sprint.

Hooters Vintage series is now gaining momentum. For those of you with an eye on NZ Historic Motorsport, the first 2 rounds have been a great success with several iconic NZ cars joining the action. If you remember the Roycroft Bugatti, Ralph Watsons BSA Special, Harold Heasley's Humber 80 that won the NZ Saloon car championship in 1959, the RA Vanguard etc, then this is the series for you !

At Leadfoot last weekend, Hooters Cars crowded out the Pre 1960 Top 10 Shootout.

2017 10 SHOOT-OUT 1960 QUALIFIERS

1. Ray Fener 63.86
2. Robert McNair 64.12
3. Steve Day 64.83
8. Terry Roycroft 70.61
9. Paul Stichbury 70.92

The Formula Libre series over the Tasman Revival Series and Ken Smith festival was very successful and was oversubscribed and entries had to be rejected. Has been great to see the revival of Formula Pacific/Atlantic . Read the class coordinator (John Tomlin johntomlin@xtra.co.nz) report below
Congratulations to David Glasson the winner of the famous Ken Wharton trophy and Carl Wall winner of the Ultimate Trophy. Both these trophies which date back to the Grand Prix at Ardmore and have many famous Formula One names on them have been made available to HRC Inc by The New Zealand International Grand Prix Association.

A number of members have enquired about MSNZ settling court action bought by V8 Supertourers and the effect it will have on MSNZ finances. HRC have written to the Chief Executive Officer Brian Budd requesting what the total payout was and the amount that was covered by insurance.

On Facebook recently there has been talk of where the New Zealand Grand Prix should be held as this the last year of the current contract which was awarded to Manfeild. For purely commercial reasons the Grand Prix should be held at Pukekohe or Hampton Downs as both tracks have the largest population with driving distance of the track and if you want commercial sponsorship/ corporate guests this is where MSNZ have to have it. Very few companies are going to take guests further south for a weekends entertainment. At present Pukekohe has better grandstand facilities but the track is too bumpy for the NZ Grandprix. Plans are under way to remove the bumps and reseal the track. Until that happens that just leaves Hampton Downs and with the addition of a few temporary grand stands it is an obvious venue.

Has Motorsport in New Zealand become a participant sport as opposed to a spectator sport?

Looking at traditional motor sport events this is definitely the case. To quote Eric Mallard from NZIGP and who has been involved since the great Ardmore days “ Pre 1960 championship meeting drew crowds of 30 to 40,000 spectators , by the seventies this had dropped to 30,000 spectators, early eighties 15,000, Late eighties 10,000 and by the nineties it had dropped to an average of 5000 spectators “ Over the last few seasons it has been a lot less.

The events drawing the big crowds have been Supers Cars (Australian Super Star drivers), Classic meetings like Skope, MG Meeting Manfeild, NZ Festival of Motor Racing, Whenuapai Wings and Wheels. Other events that are or have been successful are Nissan Mobil 500 (overseas series and overseas drivers) , Hampton Downs & Highlands 101, Leadfoot (overseas stars and big variety of vehicles) , Ellerslie Car Show, CRC SpeedShow, Beach Hop and Kumeu Car Show.

This shows if you want a crowd you need overseas stars or a wide variety of activities with a reasonably large promotions budget.

Women in Motorsport

We are running another couple of Women in Motorsport sessions. 3rd March at Hampton Downs and 6th April at Taupo. Please see the article in this newsletter for further details.

Last but not least like us on face book so you can get instant updates on coming events.
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SUNDAY (GATES OPEN 7.30AM)

POWER CRUISE BREKKIE & LAPS (BOOK ONLINE)	7.30AM - 11AM
HOT ROD OPEN TESTING (BOOK ONLINE)	12.30AM - 4PM
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Formula Libre Series

So ends the eighth Festival of Motor Racing this time celebrating Kenny Smith. What a fantastic meeting as the Hampton Downs team did a great job. All the classes racing were full and I don't think anybody can deny the racing was the best we have seen in New Zealand this season. Now I know I am biased but the Formula Libre turned on the best racing of any class not only at the Festival but anywhere in New Zealand all four races were outstanding for the close racing right through the field but particularly at the front. More on that later but first a big congratulations to the series winners and place getters. Carl Wall from Christchurch took out the Ultimate Echo Trophy for single seaters with 463 points followed by a very deserving Garry Rush on 401 points. Both guys completing all three rounds. It gave me great pleasure to present the 3rd place to Geoff Harriman on 277 points having only competed in two rounds. Hopefully this result will encourage all the formula Holden's out of the garages next season.



Carl Wall



David Glasson

In the Ken Wharton Trophy for Sports Cars 1st place went to David Glasson in the Juno with 483 points from a very happy Mike Limbrick in the Mallock U2 on 402 (big congrats Mike nobody can remember the last time a front engined car finished that high) and final place went to Tony Carruthers on 357 points. This is a particularly sweet result as you may remember Tony's car was completely burnt out on the first day of practice for last year's festival and this was Tony's first drive of it since.

Back to the racing and if it wasn't exciting enough that we had a capacity grid of 38 cars for the first time ever for Formula Libre, when the lights went out it was nothing short of outstanding with single seater new comer, James Watson out qualifying Kenny Smith and putting his Swift DB4 on the front row alongside Pole sitter Andrew Higgins. Unfortunately for James, Kenny had other ideas and he slipped into second place at the start and then took Andrew for the lead at the Porsche Dipper. At this stage it looked like business as usual and we all expected Kenny to run away and hide. However James Watson wanted to prove a point and tucked in behind the Maestro and slipped past Higgins at the same time. What then ensued was a spectacular dual as Kenny found he a real fight on his hands as James Watson drove around the outside of Kenny at Kev's Carousel (Turn 3) this battle continued

for about 3 laps until lap 4 when Watson was a little over enthusiastic coming off of the Double B corner in attempting a run on Smith into Hire Pool Hairpin and lost all the front aero as he was in the wash off Smiths Swift DB4's rear wing and ended up well of the track parked on the grass. Kenny went onto win from David Glasson in the Juno and a well-deserved 3rd for Garry Cooper in the ex-Craig Baird Reynard. Andrew Higgins came in next with a misbehaving Swift DB4 followed by eventual series winner Carl Wall in the John Sloane Engineering entered RF93 Reynard and rounding out the top six was Brett Willis in the Lola T332 Can Am car this entire group covered by less than 10 seconds.

The second race for the Libre's turned out to be not only the best Libre race it was arguably the best race of the entire festival with an epic six way fight for the lead! Once again this saw Kenny Smith eventuate as the winner after having to deal with an early charge by Watson. But the biggest threat came from David Glasson in the very fast 3.7 litre Zetec engined 2015 Juno sports prototype. Through the tight stuff Glasson was swamped by the Formula Atlantics with Garry (Green Tea) Cooper, Carl Wall and Andrew Higgins all getting past only to be repassed on the two fast straights from the Porsche Dipper back to the Start/Finish line. Higgins got by again to tuck in behind his good mate Smith. But yet another threat then appeared in the shape of Greg Thornton who somehow managed to get the officials to allow him onto the grid in the Lola 190 (two seater) Formula 5000. Not being allowed to run as an F5000 we are not sure this thing had a legit 5 litre stock block in it as it was an absolute rocket ship in a straight line. Like the Juno in the corners the Atlantics were too fast for it but on the straights Thornton got them back.

From the commentary position both Michael Clarke and myself were exhausted after calling this race as it was such an epic battle.

Amongst the other 30 competitors out there were some great battles going on all weekend especially between the Formula Fords, Andy Drummonds Alfa Ermoli & Tony Carruthers Swift sports car. Also there were some intense scraps going on between Geoff Harriman in the Ralt RT20, Garry Rush in the Swift DB4 and Travis Engen from the USA in his Ralt RT1 Formula Atlantic. Unfortunately Sundays weather and a few mechanical gremlins didn't produce the intensity of the previous days racing (just as well with a couple of late 50yo old commentators we may not have been able to handle it) but there were still some great dices going on.

It has to be said at this point with a massive amount of respect and admiration I give huge congratulations to Kenny Smith. Think about this not only did he win all four Formula Libre Races, He won all four Formula 5000 races and three of the Four Formula Ford races, finishing second in one of the after a clutch issue and winning the last one after starting from Pit Lane. Forget Kenny's age because as he says it is just a number, but the sheer talent to achieve this result is quite outstanding itself.

Well that is wrap up of the three round series for formula Libre and if this last three meetings is anything to go by next season is looking brilliant. We have formed a working group to plan meetings for next season with a more structured points system that will be class orientated to encourage more cars out of garages. We already have several additional Formula Atlantic drivers keen to get involved.

In the short term there are 4 meetings coming up that will have races for Formula Libre so please let me know if you are interested (no points) these will be:

Pukekohe 18th 19th Feb, Hampton 25th 26th March, Taupo 8th 9th April, Hampton 6th 7th May

In closing I would like to extend my personal thanks to each and every competitor, their teams and their families for entering and competing in Formula Libre over the last three rounds.

JT

John Tomlin

PS Final Points below

Ultimate Echo Trophy For Single Seaters

1st	68	Carl Wall	463
2nd	6	Gary Rush	401
3rd	5	Geoff Harriman	277
4th	11	Travis Engen	260
5th	79	Keith Mainland	257
6th	69	Martin Lucas	256
7th	33	Andy Drummond	252
8th	55	Gavin Aleksich	245
9th	31	James Watson	228
10th	72	Ron Wilkin	217
11th	117	Chris Watson	208
12th	2	Ken Smith	200
13th	98	Steve Sharp	167
14th	1A	Greg Thornton	164
15th	111	Gary Cooper	163
16th	4	Andrew Higgins	137
17th	1	Poul Christie	136
18th	44	Royden Smart	126
19th	8	Will Oxley	115
20th	23	Jeff Sharp	112
21st	110	Grant Tolley	111
22nd	32	Michael Clark	104
23rd	40	Peter Boel	104
24th	10	Anthony Olissoff	101
25th	38	Chris Fraser	100
26th	23	Malcolm Oastler	100
27th	71	Robin Longdon	98
28th	82	Codie Banks	96
29th	35	Peter Avery	86
30th	82	David Banks	65
31st	147		49
32nd	29	David Heron	46
33rd	24	Matteo Ferrer	43
34th	12	Blair Brownlee	34
35th	144	Gerald Duncan	29
36th	911	Vic Clarke	18

Ken Wharton Trophy for Sports Cars

PLACE	No:	Name	Points:
1st	118	David Glasson	483
2nd	7	Mike Limbrick	402
3rd	13	Tony Carruthers	357
4th	29	Nicholas Barker	248
5th	73	Richard Kelly	245
6th	22	Anton Aalders	243
7th	48	Robert Hulme	233
8th	97	Peter de Joux	232
9th	181	Alan Hyndman	152
10th	24	Dean McCarroll	132
11th	17	Brett Willis	120
12th	46	Nick Rae	116
13th	6	Anthony Barker	112
14th	57	Barry Bates	112
15th	721	Chris Chiles	108
16th	26	Alan Service	72
17th	321	Richard Wright	72
18th	38	Chris Fraser	41
19th	35	Peter Avery	28
20th	98	Steve Sharp	0

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The session is being run by women for women and will be a fun filled couple of hours where you can experience the thrills of driving on a racetrack with a female instructor alongside providing instruction.

The session will start with Sign on and an introduction to the team. There will be a brief safety talk followed by group rides around the track to show you the best way to negotiate the corners etc. We then have the option of you taking "hot laps" as passenger in a race car, taking your car out on track with an instructor, taking controls of a proper "race car" with an instructor alongside or just taking your own car out on track.

There is no racing allowed and no pressure to compete. You are free to circulate at your own speed and feel comfortable.

To enter, you will need a single layer cotton overall and a suitable helmet. We will have some overalls and helmets available to hire – please advise if you need one.

The cost for the session is \$70 plus \$12.50 H&S Levy – **Total \$82.50**.

Please enter online at www.motorsportentry.com or email tim@hrcevents.co.nz for an entry form.

Women in Motorsport NZ are an advisory group to MotorSport New Zealand, Women in Motorsport New Zealand (WiMNZ) supports women who compete, volunteer, work in and are passionate about motorsport in New Zealand.



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Summer Social and Track Session

RCIS Admins would like to invite RCIS members to a Summer Social and Track Session to be held at **HAMPTON DOWNS** Club Circuit on **Friday 24th February 2017 from 4pm**.

The session is being run for us by HRCEvents – an experienced organiser of race meetings and track days, providing you with a safe and controlled environment to drive your cars. There will be medical and recovery facilities in place and the event promises to be a fun filled couple of hours where you can experience the thrills of driving on a racetrack and meeting fellow RCIS members. We will also have Race Brakes and Stocks (STOCKS are New Zealand's leading importer and distributor of automotive workshop and tyre shop equipment) in attendance should you wish to talk to them with any technical questions that you may have.

The event will be open to RCIS members' saloon cars, sports cars, GT cars (no single seaters) and will be the same format that HRCEvents have successfully run in the past with - where possible an open pit lane - the only restriction being the number of cars on the track at any one time. Keen drivers could get up to 2 hours track time.

The Motorsport Club will be holding a BBQ – all proceeds will go to the Motorsports Club who provide the Marshals to race meetings. Please come along and support this worthy cause.

Requirements are:

- Cars must be of WOF standard or have a MSNZ Logbook
- Helmets and overalls to be worn (Single layer 100% cotton overalls OK)
- Fire extinguisher recommended
- Passengers permitted at the organisers' discretion. Please refer to MSNZ Manual 35, Appendix Five, Part One, Schedule C, Article 6 (If in doubt, please ASK)

<http://www.motorsport.org.nz/sites/default/files/motorsport/manual/Live%2035%20App%205.01%20Sch%20C%200.pdf>

One on One Coaching:

There will be 15 minute 1 on 1 driver coaching sessions available with guest drivers. There are 6 sessions available and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis via your entry for an extra \$50.

Format:

The session will start with Sign on and an introduction to the team. There will be a brief safety talk followed by a convoy run around the track to show you the best way to negotiate the corners etc. Pit lane will open at 5pm and depending on the mix of entrants, we may run as open session or either by ability / road car / racecar. Either way, you will get plenty of track time.

The cost for the session is \$100 plus the \$28.75 Hampton Downs H&S Levy. Additional Drivers are \$50 each, passengers only (in suitably prepared cars and subject to the above requirement) \$28.75).

Please enter online at www.motorsportentry.com or complete and return the entry form below.

Timetable

16:00	Registration and Documentation Opens <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check entry forms• Verify Driving Licence• Sign Indemnity Form• Helmet and Overalls Check / Issue
16:45	Drivers Briefing and introductions
17:00	Track Open
19:00	Pit Lane Closes

ENTRY CLOSING DATES & ENTRY FEES

The entry will be limited to 75 vehicles. We will run a reserve list. Closing date at normal fees is 10:00am on Monday 20th Feb. Entries must be PAID for (by either Bank Transfer, Credit Card or Cheque) and all monies to be received by HRC before Monday 20th February.

Entries or payments received after the normal entry closing date of 10:00am on Monday 20th February (including ALL pay on the day) will be subject to late fee of \$20.

If you need to cancel your entry for any reason, please advise HRC in writing (via email to tim@hrcevents.co.nz is OK) before 4pm on Thursday 23rd February for a full refund. This gives us time to contact those on the reserve list.

Refunds will not be paid for late cancellations and No Shows.

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Coming Events

HRC Classic and Historic Series

18th 19th February 2017

Tasman Revival Pukekohe

Classic

AES, Arrows, Alfa, , Historic Formula Ford, BMW x3, Classic Trial, Libre,

25th 26th March 2017 **NB Note Change of Date**

Legends Of Speed Hampton Downs

Classic

Formula First, AES, Arrows, Alfa, , Historic Formula Ford, Historic Muscle/ Saloon Cars, Libre, BMW E30, BMW 2 Litre, Historic Sports Sedans, Classic Trial

IRC and NZRDL Meetings

18th 19th February 2017

Manfield Manawatu Car Club IRC

IRC/HRC Classes

Sports Cars, Formula First, NZ6, Mini, Pro 7, SS2000, Pre 65, Honda Cup,

15th 16th April 2017

Taupo Car Club Taupo IRC

Bruce McLaren Motor Sport Park at Taupo

IRC /HRC classes

Formula First,NZ6, Minis, Pro 7, SS2000, Pre 65, CMC

8th 9th April 2017

Barrie Algie Memorial Meeting Track 2 HRC

Bruce McLaren Motor Sport Park at Taupo

Classic HRC/ IRC

2K Cup, Super Lap, Sports Car/ Libre, Hooters Vintage Series, Historic Sports Sedans

6th 7th May 2017

Season Finale Hampton Downs HRC

Classic HRC /IRC Classes

International Track TBA

2K Cup, Super Karts, BMW Enduro x2 , Sports Cars Libre, Super Lap, Pre65, Honda Enduro, Rotary Enthusiasts, NZ6

NZIGP Events

Rumble in the Park

Pukekohe

11th February

IRC/ HRC classes

2K Cup, Mini Race Series

Auckland Car Club

11th February 2017 Hampton Downs

12th March Pukekohe

9th April Hampton Downs

HRC & NZRDL

Twilight Practice Days

3 Feb 2017	Hampton Short Track
24 February	RCIS (Racecars in Sheds) Summer Social and Track Session
3 March 2017	Hampton Short Track includes Women in Motor Sport
3 rd April 2017 Monday	Hampton Short Track
7 th April 2017	Women in Motorsport Event Taupo

North Island Endurance Series 2017

20 th May 2017	Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park
24 th June 2017	Hampton Downs International Motorsport Park
22 nd July 2017	Pukekohe Park