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Class A protagonists Tony Roberts - HRC President (McLaren M10A) and Dave Arrowsmith (Lotus 70) battle for track and class position during the ITM Supersprint at Pukekohe in Nov 2017.

Photo credit: Fast Company/Geoff Ridder

Happy New Year from the team at HRC Events and welcome to our January newsletter. With four events this month, the HRC office has been very busy and we have some big events coming up. HRC are very excited about the joint promotion with Speedworks NZ for the Motorcup meeting. This event is must see for all enthusiasts, however, before that, we have the second of our Tasman Revival Series – this time at Hampton Downs.

Since our last Newsletter, we have been involved with the TR Club / TACCOC / HRC Breakfast run to the Salty Dog Café. Some photos of the event are here:

<https://www.facebook.com/thesaltydoginn/photos/pcb.1814664538575709/1814664071909089/?type=3&theater>

The first weekend in the New Year saw the HRC Tasman Revival Series visiting Taupo. There was a large entry and many classes running including NZ Tranzam Series and Formula Libre.

For a taster of NZ Tranzam and Formula Libre, please see The FastFiles videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUGBGF3f6oE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LI7n2VmZEbY>

Sir Stirling Moss to Retire



A message from Stirling's son:

To all of his many friends and fans around the world, who use his website for regular updates, my father would like to announce that he will be closing it down.

Following his severe infections at the end of 2016 and his subsequent slow and arduous recovery, the decision has been made that, at the age of 88, the indefatigable man will finally retire, so that he and my mother can have some much deserved rest and spend more time with each other and the rest of the family.

The entire and extended Moss clan thank everyone for all their love and support over the years and we wish you all a happy and prosperous 2018.

MSNZ Entry System

It has come to our attention that Motorsport New Zealand now has an entry system on their website www.motorsport.org.nz HRC will not be using this system and will not accept entries from this site. Use only our site www.motorsportentry.com for entering HRC events. HRC are amazed that MSNZ would introduce a new system in the middle of a busy race season and also provide no information to the users of how the system works. One of our team tried to use the MSNZ system and it charged him a \$710 entry fee, let him enter an event without viewing the regs and has no facility for us to be able to send you final instructions. Clearly there are a few problems.

Transponders



HRC are NZ agents for MyLaps transponders. We buy in bulk and have stock here in our office for immediate dispatch. To buy go to <http://www.hrcevents.co.nz/shop.php>

If you are having problems getting the transponder to work do not hesitate to contact Chris Watson 0274 827542 chris@hrcevents.co.nz . We have sold many transponders over the years and have only had one faulty one that we could not get working and this was replaced FOC by MyLaps

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TASMAN REVIVAL - HAMPTON DOWNS

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st January 2018



Photo of Bill Ritchies Alfa Romeo – Taken from the roaringseason

The Tasman Revival Meeting at Hampton Downs features

- Historic Formula Ford Racing NZ
- NZ Sports Car Racing/Formula Libre (non series round)
- ERC Classic Race Series (NZ)
- PPG Classic Trials
- Pre 65 Racing
- Classic Touring Cars

This meeting has a reduced number of fields so we have increased the length of some the races and are running two 45 minute warm up sessions on Sunday morning. One for single seaters and one for saloon cars - More track time for the same money....

The following weekend

MOTOR CUP 2018 - OPEN WHEEL HEAVEN

January 27th and 28th at Hampton Downs



The stars of tomorrow and the thunderous cars of yesteryear are set to provide New Zealand motorsport fans with a unique double header in January at the Hampton Downs Motorsport Park. The New Zealand Motor Cup meeting on January 27 and 28 will be a joint promotion between Speedworks Events and HRC Events and will have a distinctive single seater flavour with the Castrol Toyota Racing Series and it's up and coming global single seater stars fighting it out for the Motor Cup and the spectacular F5000 series making its only visit to the Hampton Downs circuit of the forthcoming season.

There will also be Formula Ford and Formula Libre single seaters on the card for the two day event, which should bring together more single seaters at a single race meeting than for many seasons in New Zealand. All's not lost for the tin top fans, however, with TRADEZONE GTRNZ's two grids, NEXEN Pro 7 Mazda, Improved Production and Motul Honda Cup also on a bulging schedule.

The Motor Cup will be the third round of the 2018 Castrol Toyota Racing Series, which is established as the major global championship for up and coming single seater stars and F1 team juniors looking for a compact wings and slicks racing championship ahead of European and North American summer championships.

No fewer than four current Formula One drivers cut their teeth in the category including McLaren tester Lando Norris, Danil Kvyatt, Lance Stroll and our own Brendon Hartley, who will run a full season in F1 in 2018 for Scuderia Toro Rosso. F1 teams have sent their junior drivers to compete in the championship in recent seasons too, with the likes of Ferrari, Force India and Red Bull all having obvious involvement.

The real appeal of this meeting, however, will be the quality and depth of the single seater content and with Brendon Hartley's rise to the top racing category in the world, it is hoped it will help ignite renewed interest from both fans and owners of single seaters 'in sheds'.

"It really is an exceptional meeting on paper, with arguably our most historically significant trophy up for grabs, as well as the feast of Formula 5000 racers and cars every petrolhead still loves to see," explained Speed Works Geoff Short.

"It absolutely makes sense for the two promoters to work together on this meeting and bring together many excellent classes to strengthen the overall appeal of the weekend. The racing in the Toyota Racing Series will be intense as it always is; the F5000s will bring noise, presence and nostalgia to the party and everything else will add huge variety and good fields. There's really something for everyone."

Tickets available on www.speedworksevents.co.nz

For the 2018 TRS Season, Speedworks have created an APP

The App is available via iTunes or Google Play and can be found by searching for 'Speedworks Events' – will include schedule, links to series, category information, circuit map etc.

For the older generation HRC will have an abbreviated paper version available in documentation

TASMAN REVIVAL - PUKEKOHE

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February 2018

The final round of the 2018 Tasman Revival series hits Pukekohe Park Raceway on 24/25 February. Come on down and see the racing... we've got 11 classes of car racing including the mighty NZ Tranzam Challenge Cars.



- BMW E30
- BMW 2 Litre
- BMW Open
- Flemings Trofeo Series
- NZ Tranzam Challenge
- Pre 65 Racing
- ERC Classic Race Series (NZ)
- Arrows
- PPG Classic Trials (Sat)
- Hooters Vintage Race Series (Sun)
- Historic Formula Ford

Join us for an exciting, action packed meeting with over 200 cars racing.
Spectator Tickets from: <https://www.iticket.co.nz/go-to/hrc-events>

Adult Tickets \$10 per day online, \$20 on the gate ! Children Under 12 FREE

Introduction to Motorsport day on SUNDAY 11th February 2018



HRC are pleased to announce that due to popular demand the next Introduction to Motorsport day on SUNDAY 11th February 2018. The venue will be HD Club Circuit. Usual format, talk first, walk around the track then a slow drive around the track following a lead car and then small groups out on the track. We would welcome any drivers who just want to get in more practice or some expert tuition. Ray Williams and Wendy Metcalf are already signed up as tutors so you can learn from the best.

Gift Vouchers

We have Gift Vouchers for this Introduction Day available on the HRC Website www.hrcevents.co.nz under shop – makes an ideal late Christmas present !

Rebel Roundup

17th 18th February 2018 - Pukekohe Park Raceway



As part of the Rebel Round Up hot rod, vintage rockabilly festival to be held in Pukekohe on 17th 18th February 2018, here is your opportunity as a previous competitor with HRC Events to participate in a “first of its’ kind” historic (Pre-1980’s) motor racing action at Pukekohe Park. This offer has you front and centre as head billing in pit lane, not hidden out the back in the support categories!

Friday -

Open Testing, included in the entry fee & only available to Competitors to the weekends' Motor Racing and related activities or period correct vehicles

- 8:00 AM Gates open for competitor set up and free pit shed allocation
- 8:00 AM Sign in office open for test day
- 9:45am Drivers briefing
- 10:00AM Open testing commencing
- 4:00 PM Open Testing finishing

4:00PM – 5:30 PM Set up Circuit for qualifying and Top Ten Shoot Out, including drivers briefing

5:30pm QUALIFYING & TOP TEN SHOOT OUT for Rebel Shoot Out Cup Qualify with top 10 fastest times set, go directly top ten shoot out, with the slowest car running first.

7:45pm presentation for the first ever Rebel Shoot Out Cup in the Garden Bar.

Saturday -

The Rebel Round Up Trophy will be up for grabs for the first time. Limited to 42 historic cars trying to make history, it's open to Pre-1980's iconic classic motor racing cars. The competition will take place over 3 races to determine driving ability, mechanical prowess and determination to make your car last the thrills and spills of the famous Pukekohe circuit.

There is nothing quite like it on the Motorsport calendar. The races will not be split into separate classes and are open to an array of vehicles from different classes, cc rating etc.

All vehicles must be pre-1980's historic US, Australian or European cars. The racing is structured such a way that any car, big or small slow or fast, as long as it's a Historic Classic Race car, could win this inaugural competition.

The day will include the following;

- 15 min Practice session
- 15 min Qualifying Session
- Race 1: 12 laps grid start on qualifying position
- Race 2: Handicap with all cars starting from Pit Lane
- Race 3: Rolling start based on marble draw (held at drivers briefing)

Finding the inaugural champ:

Staying power will be the key, the points system gives just as much chance to the 1600 Escort to the V8 powered Mopar to bring home the silverware

- 20 points for starting a race
- 20 points for finishing 100% of a race
- 42 points and so on in 1 point deductions down to last place

During the day there will be other activities on track that have never been combined before with permitted motor racing.

At the end of the day in the Garden Bar, a Rebel Round Up Cup (& prizes) will be presented to the inaugural history making winner, by the newly crowned Miss Rebel Round Up 2018.

Competitor offer and details:

- Entry to Friday open testing
- Pit Lane Shed with power
- 4 x 3 day pass including camping Friday/Saturday night in pit lane area only with showers provided
- Entry to Friday Top 10 Shoot Out Competition

- Entry to the Rebel Round Up Trophy Races on Saturday
- Preferential entry into 2019 Rebel Round Up

Entry fee of \$320 plus MSNZ levy of \$53.

Enter Online at www.motorsportentry.com

ENTRIES CLOSE 16th JANUARY 2018

Saturday's action is just part of the awesome weekend planned. Why not make a weekend of it? The Rebel Round up will be a great event (See www.rebelroundup.co.nz for further details)

Enter on Line www.motorsportentry.com Discounted spectator tickets www.hrcevents.com

New Zealand Endurance Championships Meeting 23rd 24th 25th March Pukekohe



Featuring the New Zealand one hour and three hour championship finals, Ssang Yong endurance, 2K cup and Improved production cars. Enter online www.motorsportentry.com

MATOS Formula Libre & NZ Sports Cars



Fantastic round of the MATOS Formula Libre & NZ Sports Cars last weekend, epic battles throughout the field. I know you were all involved in great tussles of your own and there was some intense scraps going on throughout the field. From the commentary box it was very hard not to concentrate on the fight at the front between the two late model Juno's and the two Formula Atlantics. The last race of the weekend turned out to be an epic scrap between Kenny Smith & Tony Quinn and the crowd loved it. From a promoters point of view this was marketing gold with Kenny being held in such high regard and Tony being the circuit owner and promoter of the meeting I couldn't have wished for a better story. I can't wait to see what Adam Jones from The Fast Files produces for this one, I bet it will get a huge amount of hits on line and give our sponsors some great exposure.

Very sad to see the demise of John Ryall on Friday with a serious fire on board the Juno and I know John suffered some smoke inhalation injury but he was at the track on Saturday so that was good to see. On that note a huge thank you to John Ryall from MATOS, Gary Rush from GDR Plasterboard Services and Richard Kelly from Atomise Limited and Avid Elite Solutions for your support of the Formula Libre this season.

For those the wondered how we allocate the points please see below and the points to date.

Tasman Revival at Taupo was 25, for first, 20 for second, 15 for third, 14 for fourth, 13 for fifth and one point less all the way down to last place. For non-finishers it is one point less than the last running car.

Legends of Bathurst at Hampton was 50, for first, 40 for second, 30 for third, 28 for fourth, 26 for fifth and two points less all the way down to last place. For non-finishers it is two points less than the last running car.

The final at the Motor Cup at Hampton will be 100, for first, 80 for second, 60 for third, 56 for fourth, 52 for fifth and four points less all the way down to last place. For non-finishers it is four points less than the last running car.

The current points standings are as below:

Drivers Name	Make	TOTAL
David Glasson	Juno	194
Gary Rush	Swift	115
Nicholas Barker	ARES	108
Tony Quinn	Reynard	104
Jeff Sharp	Formula Suzuki	94
Kenny Smith	Swift	86
Robert Hulme	Nemesis	86
Geoff Harriman	Ralt	78
Gavin Aleksich	Mondiale	72
Dean Mc Carroll	Juno	67
Richard Kelly	Juno	67
Ron Wilkin	Elden	64
Warwick Mortimer	Mclaren	61
Peter Boel	Lotus	60
David Banks		43
Steve Sharp	Tiga	39
Martin Lucas		37
Anton Aalders	AP Race Cars	36
Antony Barker	Reynard Inverter	36
Chris Watson	Gardos	35
Pete De Joux	Mission	35
John Mines	JRM	35
Phil Foulkes	Trident	34
Kurtis Raymond		31
Chris Fraser		31
Chris Prout	Radical Clubsport	30
Tony Curruthers	Swift	29
Geoff Bogue		25
Graeme Cameron		22
Alan Barker	Juno	22
Grant Tolley	Dome	16

My apologies to David Glasson at the prize giving. It had been decided before the prize giving commenced that only the winners would have an opportunity to speak on the mic otherwise it would have gone on for ages. When it came to the MATOS formula Libre presentation, Tony Quinn had to leave early to catch a plane back to Australia so Josie stepped up to accept Tony's trophy. I felt it was the correct thing to give Josie the opportunity to let everyone know why Tony could not be there. Unfortunately as I was trying to work out the next set of awards I subconsciously accepted Josie's session at the Mic as that of the winner and moved straight on to the next category. Luckily the girls pulled me up and I did announce the trophy and medal to David that was presented by John Bowe. As you can see from the points Tally David is doing a great job and proves banking points with consistency is the way to go. Well done David and all the best for the rest of the series it is up to all the others to catch you.

Finally this coming weekend there is a NON points race for Formula Libre at the HRC Tasman Revival meeting at Hampton Downs. For those of you that want some extra race miles to get yourselves tuned up for the final or want to sort out gremlins and car set up this your opportunity. Got HRC's web site and follow the link to the on line entry.

John Tomlin

MATOS Formula Libre Co-ordinator

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Formula Libre is pleased to have MATOS is the naming rights partner for the Formula Libre summer series and we are proud to have this amazing innovative brand join us. MATOS Monitoring is a Real Time data logging and critical alerting service. Additionally and in relation to the Formula Libre Series MATOS is also the manufacturer of the new MATOS sports car which sports either a Honda 2.0 Litre VETEC motor or a 3.5 litre For Duratec V6.

Formula Libre is a form of single seater and sports car racing allowing a wide variety of historical types, ages and makes of purpose-built racing cars to compete "head to head". This can make for some interesting matchups, and provides the opportunity for some compelling driving performances against superior machinery. The name translates to "Free Formula".

From the first New Zealand Grand Prix in 1950 to the Start of the Tasman Formula, the NZGP was run as Formula Libre. We had the world's best drivers coming down under to race here in our summer which of course was the northern winter. They would bring their cars from the previous F1 season with them and selling them to the locals upon departure. This is where you would see the likes Jack Brabham & Bruce McLaren in the Latest Cooper T53 F1 cars in the same race as Ralph Watson in the booming Lycoming Special with its 4,733 cc four cylinder aircraft engine.

This is what the MATOS Formula Libre is all about – a series that aims to bring together a whole host of seriously fast single seater and sports racing cars – from ... Home built 'specials' showcasing NZ engineering and ingenuity are also eligible. Add in to this mix Kenny Smith, New Zealand's most experienced and still one of the fastest race drivers against the likes of young hard charger James Watson also in a Swift DB4 Formula Atlantic and the spectacle will be outstanding. To spice things up further throw into this mix a fleet of Juno and Radical prototype sports cars as well as some NZ built cars which are on a similar pace the Formula Atlantics and then through in Brett Willis F5000 based Can Am car and the racing will be at the top level.

MATOS and the Formula Libre group hope you enjoy the spectacle.

John Tomlin

Series coordinator

Link to Video explain the Matos Formula Libre series

<https://youtu.be/LI7n2VmZEbY>

Link to F5000 news



NZ FORMULA 5000 ASSOCIATION

Press release

For immediate release

*** 2017/18 SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series
F5000 category 50th anniversary celebrations**

PREVIEW

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KIWI F5000 GROUP HAS BIG PLANS FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

New Zealand's world-leading Formula 5000 Association has big plans to mark the 50th anniversary of the iconic stock-block V8 single-seater category here, across the Tasman and in the United States, in 2018.

Over the January 20-21 weekend at the second annual Historic Grand Prix meeting at Taupo's Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park, over 20 group drivers, led by four-time SAS Autoparts/MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series champion Ken Smith (Lola T332), and

2016/17 series champion Brett Willis (Lola T330) will be the first in the world to contest an F5000 category race in the category's Golden Jubilee year.

The 50th anniversary celebrations then continue at subsequent rounds of the 17/18 SAS Autoparts MSC series here in January and February, and in March in Australia, before culminating – for at least 12 of the SAS Autoparts MSC Series regulars – at the 44th annual Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion meeting at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in the United States in August.

This year (2017) the circuit, situated near Monterey in Northern California, celebrated its 60th anniversary and next (2018) year both the 50th anniversary of the F5000 category and the 60th anniversary of Formula Junior will be marked at the prestigious Rolex meeting

The link between meetings here, Australia and the United States is particularly appropriate. The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) was the first sanctioning body to accommodate cars powered by production-based 5-litre V8 engines (known as Formula A or Formula 5000) and New Zealand was one of the first countries outside the United States to run a race for the cars.

That race, won by American Ron Grable driving a Spectre HR1 Formula 5000 car, was at Mount Maunganui's Bay Park circuit on December 28 1968 and its success prompted the Motorsport Association of New Zealand to adopt Formula 5000 as the country's national formula in 1969.

That group and Australia's Confederation of Australian MotorSport (CAMS) then adopted it for the annual Tasman Series championship in 1970 and in its heyday - between 1970 and 1977 - Formula 5000 was the premier national single-seater formula in the United States, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, as well as one of the main domestic single-seater categories in the UK.

More recently the New Zealand Formula 5000 Association spearheaded what is now a truly global move to locate, restore and re-commission cars built for the various category series around the world in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Though the majority were built in Great Britain and sold to the United States, over 30 are now owned and regularly raced by category enthusiasts in New Zealand. Of that number at least 20 are expected on the grid at subsequent meetings here this season and as many as 15 should be at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports meeting at Laguna Seca between August 23 and 26.

After the first two rounds (at the ITM SuperSprint Supercars meeting at Pukekohe and the MG Classic at Manfeild in early November), young gun Michael Collins (McRae GM1) from Christchurch has established an early lead in the 2017/18 SAS Autoparts MSC NZ Tasman Cup Revival Series point standings with defending title holder Brett Willis (Lola T330) from Rotorua second and 2013/14 series champ Andy Higgins (Lola T332) from Auckland third.

Willis and Higgins are part of what currently is a 13-strong group of SAS Autoparts MSC Series regulars who have had their entries accepted for the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion meeting.

Joining Willis, Higgins, Ken Smith and members of host US group the Formula 5000 Drivers Association on the grid at the meeting will be three-time former SAS Autoparts MSC Series champion Steve Ross (McRae GM1) from Dunedin, father and son Peter (McRae GM1) and Aaron (Talon MR1A) Burson, and Grant Martin (Talon MR1A), Glenn Richards (Lola T400) and Frank Karl (McLaren M10B) from Auckland, David Arrowsmith (Lotus 70) from Christchurch, Tony Roberts (McLaren M10A) from Napier, Tim Rush (McLaren M22) from Feilding and UK-based series regular Greg Thornton (Chevron B32).

The 2017/18 SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series is organised and run with the support of sponsors SAS Autoparts, MSC, NZ Express Transport, Bonney's Specialised Bulk Transport, Mobil Lubricants, Pacifica, Avon Tyres, Webdesign and Exide Batteries.

You can follow the 2017/18 series on Facebook at F5000 New Zealand or on the NZ F5000 Association's website www.F5000.co.nz

Ends

CAPTIONS

Clark Proctor (March 73A1) leads Michael Collins (McRae GM1), Andy Higgins (Lola T332) and the rest of the field at the opening round of this season's SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series at Pukekohe in November. And Class A protagonists Tony Roberts (McLaren M10A) and Dave Arrowsmith (Lotus 70) battle for track and class position at the same meeting. Photo credit: Fast Company/Geoff Ridder. Meanwhile, 43 years ago Graham McRae (McRae GM2) and Peter Gethin (Chevron B32) start the 1974 New Zealand Grand Prix meeting at the same circuit. Photo credit: Fast Company/Terry Marshall.

2017/18 SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series

Series points after Rnd 2 of 6

1. Michael Collins (McRae GM1) 216 points
2. Brett Willis (Lola T330) 168
3. Andrew Higgins (Lola T332) 165
4. Grant Martin (Talon MR1/A) 129
5. Tony Roberts (McLaren M10A)* 126
6. Dave Arrowsmith (Lotus 70) 125
7. Aaron Burson (Talon MR1/A) 119
8. Clark Proctor (March 73A1) 108
9. Glenn Richards (Lola T400) 105
10. David Banks (Lola T332) 91
11. Tim Rush (McLaren M22) 79
12. Peter Burson (McRae GM1) 71
13. Frank Karl (McLaren M10B) 55
14. Karl Zohs (Chevron B32) 51

15. Kerry McIntosh (Begg FM2) 50
16. Shayne Windleburn (Lola T332) 39
17. Russell Greer (Lola T332) 22
- 18=. Codie Banks (Talon MR1) & Ken Smith (Lola T332) 1
20. Ian Clements (Lola T332) 0

- 1st in Class A (for earlier model cars)

CALENDAR

Rnd 1 - Nov 03-05 2017 – ITM Auckland SuperSprint Supercar event Pukekohe, NZ

Rnd 2 - Nov 10-12 2017 – The Sound MG Classic meeting Circuit Chris Amon Manfeild Feilding NZ

Rnd 3 - Jan 19-21 2018 - Historic Grand Prix meeting, Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park Taupo NZ

Rnd 4 - Jan 26-28 2018 - HRC/TRS meeting Hampton Downs Nth Waikato, NZ

Rnd 5 - Feb 02-04 2018 – Skope Classic Mike Pero Motorsport Park Ruapuna Christchurch, NZ

Rnd 6 - March 09-11 2018 - VHRR Phillip Island Classic Phillip Island VIC Australia

Special event – Aug 23-26 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion meeting