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## Chris Amon

HRC Bid a Fond Farewell to Formula 1 Hero Chris Amon

Born in Bulls in 1943, Chris was regarded as one of the best Formula One racing car drivers of his generation. Chris drove in 96 F1 races and never won a world championship Grand Prix. He won eight non-championship F1 races and numerous sports car races (including the 24 Hours of Daytona and the 24 Hours of Le Mans – for Ford, in 1966, co-driving with Bruce McLaren).

In 1976 he retired from the track and returned to the family farm in the Manawatu though he retained connections to the sport. He helped redesign the Taupo circuit, supported Toyota's TRS single-seater championship, and was celebrated at the New Zealand Festival of Motor Racing in 2011. Chris was made an MBE for his services to motorsport in 1993 and was inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame in 1995.



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Chris Amon

1943 – 2016

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## Historic Racing Club Membership

Are you a member of HRC?

If you would like to become a member of the Historic Racing Club, please fill out the form available on our website and return it to us with a small payment of \$50.00. You can pay by cheque, credit card, direct credit or cash. We are MSNZ affiliated and under that we administer, promote, and develop automobile sport in the Club in accordance with the objectives of MSNZ.

In order to compete in MSNZ Events – you must be a member of an affiliated club.

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## Editorial

As usual we are looking at another exciting season of motorsport here in NZ. At the highest level we have the Highlands 101 Series, Supercars, Premier Series and The Ken Smith Festival.

Complimenting these events we have the HRC, IRC, TACCOC and Auckland Car Club events in the North Island with lots of variety and something for everyone.

Don't forget to check out the HRC Wallplanner. Latest version is here:

<http://www.hrcevents.co.nz/content/22pd51.pdf>

If you know of any other events that you would like adding, please email details to [tim@hrcevents.co.nz](mailto:tim@hrcevents.co.nz)

Next month sees the first meeting of the season for HRC Classic and Historic Series. This is the popular Icebreaker meeting on 10/11<sup>th</sup> September at Hampton Downs and has the following classes Arrows, AES, Alfa, Historic Formula Ford, BMW E30, BMW open 2 ltr, BMW Open, Classic Trial and All comer Saloons pre 1993. This pre 93 race is a "once only" this season for Historic Sedans, Historic Muscle Cars and Historic Saloon Cars to have a run before the various series start in earnest later on in the year. The reason for these races was Graeme Addis twisted my arm, as he was keen to start the season. Any pre 1993 car can enter as Graeme wants a true "All Comers" race. Enter online at [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com)

On the 24/25<sup>th</sup> September the NZRDL series start at Hampton Downs with the Waikato Challenge and the 2016 KartSport New Zealand National SuperKart Championships & Grand Prix. Classes racing are 2K Cup, Sports Cars/Libre, Super Karts, Rotary Enthusiasts, Hooters Vintage Series. Interesting meeting this one, 2K Cup continues to grow and will have 300 competitors this year in the North and South Island. Per head of population this must be the most popular class in the world. Some of the secrets of 2K Cup success are easily identified, Run by competitors, benevolent dictator in charge, simple rules (has to be raced as it left the factory) and no factory specials allowed, low entry cost, great social scene attached, different race format. This all makes for close enjoyable racing. Another class starting to take off is Rotary Enthusiasts another class that has some inspired leadership.

The Hooters Vintage Series is a new class for pre 60 VCC eligible vintage cars and under Tim Hills leadership is attracting a reasonable number of vintage cars. Hooters is not the American Restaurant chain but a car hire firm in Napier which hires out vintage and Classic cars. The other class at this meeting is sports cars and Formula Libre. This meeting is really a warm up for Sports cars /Libre for the coming season which is looking promising.

John Tomlin has been working hard on getting Formula Atlantics back out on the grid. We hope to have a Formula Atlantic series over the summer. John has got a list of about ninety five wings and slicks cars – let him know if you're interested in joining in. [johntomlin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:johntomlin@xtra.co.nz)

First event for IRC is the Manawatu Car Club meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23 October. Classes racing are 2K Cup, BMW x3, Formula First, NZ6, Mini, Pro 7, SS2000, Honda Cup.

Contact Jeff Braid [manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz](mailto:manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz)

### **Twilight Practice**

Starting in October, HRC will be running Twilight practice sessions on the first Friday of the month, dates and tracks below. These will be for saloon cars, sports cars, GT cars. These will be the same as we have done in the past with an open pit lane - the only restriction being the number of cars on the track at one time. Keen drivers could get up to 2 hours track time. Registration will be on [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com). HRC believes this format is more suited to race cars rather than 20 minute stints. If sufficient numbers of single seaters want a similar event it will be arranged

- 7 Oct 2016 Hampton Short Track
- 4 Nov 2016 Pukekohe
- 2 Dec 2016 Pukekohe
- 3 Feb 2017 Hampton Short Track
- 3 March 2017 Hampton Short Track

### **Entry Fees**

You will notice when reading the Regs for this seasons events that we have made a few minor changes to the way we are going to accept payment of entries. This has been done to keep entry fees as low as possible, try and ease the queues at documentation and also help us and the series co-ordinators to be able to plan the event entry better.

The entry closing date at normal fees is now 10:00am on the Monday prior to the event. The entries must be PAID for (by either Bank Transfer, Credit Card or Cheque) and all monies to be received by HRC before the normal entry closing date.

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

No entries will be accepted after 5pm on the Friday (Day before the event).

Remember - Entries should always be done on line at [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com) If this is not possible, postal entries will be accepted up to 10:00am on the Monday prior to the event. Postal entries will attract a \$20.00 administration fee.

It has been interesting to note running the Endurance Series at various tracks that the cost of running an event is very similar at each track. There have been events over the winter at some tracks which have been very good value for the money but on those occasions the car club has received a concession on track hire. The basic entry fee at HRC events this year will rise by \$30. As will be noted for the Icebreaker and Waikato Challenge the entry fee is shown as \$280 plus \$50 MSNZ levy and if a Track Owner Health and Safety Levy is applied that is another extra. Classic Trial and Hooters Vintage series get an entry discount as Classic Trial pay a reduced MSNZ levy and Hooters Vintage series pay no MSNZ levy. 2K cup get a discount as they consistently supply two full fields to HRC meetings. This discount will apply to any other class that consistently provides over 35 entries. By maximising the number of entries per class and having as many entry payments in advance, we will be able to minimise any increase in entry fees.

Our aim is to promote the classes as we did at Speed Show, boost the numbers racing and grow the sport for everyone.

### **Tasman Revival, Hampton Downs, 14/15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

This will be run by HRC and will feature the following classes Formula First, Historic Formula Ford, Formula Junior x 1, Historic Muscle/ Saloon Cars, Sports Cars/Libre, BMW x 3, Historic Sports Sedans, Pre65. This event is completely separate to the festival and is provided to give some the overseas cars more NZ Race experience while visiting NZ. The event will run on the National Track.

### **Kenny Smith Festival, Hampton Downs, 20/21/22 January 2017**

The annual NZFMR festival is acknowledged to be the second-largest motor racing event held in New Zealand, behind only the V8 Supercars Championship (now the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship).

Festival Chairman, Jim Barclay, together with fellow Directors, Tony Roberts, Chris Watson and Richard Gee along with a bunch of volunteers, grew the Festival to its current prominent status; classic and historic motorsport in New Zealand has truly attracted global attention.

Moving forward, this event will be promoted by the Hampton Downs team and the event will be run over one weekend. This year will be a spectacular event with over 15 Historic Formula One Cars and a full grid of F5000 cars competing along with usual Historic Classic Cars - all on the new international track.

The HRC, together with the Chairman and Directors of NZFMR, extend their very sincere thanks to all those who have supported the Festival over the past seven years, as well as offering our best wishes to the team at Hampton Downs for the continued success of the Festival into the future.

Josie Spillane, Hampton Downs Chief Operating Officer comments, "We are honoured to be carrying on the legacy that Chris, Tony, Jim and Richard have created. We know how much they have put into the festival and we look forward to its continuing success.

It's over a year now since Tony Quinn purchased Hampton Downs, and it's fair to say that in a relatively short amount of time, we've come good on realising Hampton Downs potential. We see the festival as another extension of us carrying on a legacy, and playing our role in its growth and success.

The NZ Festival of Motor Racing is an important event in our calendar and we look forward to working with the volunteers, hosting competitors and entertaining the crowds at the 2016 NZ Festival of Motor Racing.”

For information about the event, please contact Mike Sentsch [mike@highlands.co.nz](mailto:mike@highlands.co.nz)

### **Transponders**

HRC has just landed more stock of the new X2 transponders and it is certainly cheaper to buy than hire. Transponders start at \$220 delivered. You are actually buying the hardware with a lifetime Guarantee and a 1 year software licence.

## **MY LAPS TRANSPONDERS**

**My Laps Transponders can be purchased from the Historic Racing Club. Order online at [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com) or send a cheque to HRC Inc, PO Box 28140 Remuera.**

**HRC has the new X2 transponders in stock**

**Advantages are they can be charged in 4 hours instead of 12 hours and they will be compatible with new in car displays available soon**

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Pre 65	<a href="mailto:adanddi@xtra.co.nz">adanddi@xtra.co.nz</a>	
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2K Cup	<a href="mailto:j@mez.co.nz">j@mez.co.nz</a>	<a href="mailto:overview@2kcup.com">overview@2kcup.com</a>
Classic Jap	<a href="mailto:acjsnz@gmail.com">acjsnz@gmail.com</a>	
Mini	<a href="mailto:evan@otbury.co.nz">evan@otbury.co.nz</a>	
Honda Cup	<a href="mailto:racedir@hondacup.co.nz">racedir@hondacup.co.nz</a>	<a href="mailto:info@motovation.co.nz">info@motovation.co.nz</a>
Sports Cars /Formula Lib	<a href="mailto:gerardbarker@me.com">gerardbarker@me.com</a>	<a href="mailto:dmccarroll@mac.com">dmccarroll@mac.com</a>
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## HRC Classic and Historic Series



10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### **IceBreaker, Hampton Downs**

Classic Meeting

Arrows, AES , Alfa, Historic Formula Ford, BMW x3, Classic Trial, all comer Saloons pre 1993

7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### **Tasman Revival Taupo**

Classic HRC/IRC classes

Arrows/AES, Alfa, Historic Formula Ford, Classic Trial, Classic Japanese (Sat), Super Lap, Rotary Enthusiasts, Hooters Vintage Series, Production Saloons (Sat)

14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### **Tasman Revival, Hampton Downs (HRC Event)**

Classic and Historic Meeting

Formula First, Historic Formula Ford, Formula Junior x1, Historic Muscle/ Saloon Cars, Sports cars/Libre, BMW x3 , Historic Sports Sedans, Pre65

21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

### **Kenny Smith Festival, Hampton Downs**

**Organiser Hampton Downs Motorsport Park**

**Mike Sentch [mike@highlands.co.nz](mailto:mike@highlands.co.nz)**

Classic HRC / IRC

International Track

AES/Arrows, Historic Formula Ford, Formula Junior X2, Historic Muscle/ Saloon Cars, F5000, Libre or Historic single seaters , Classic Trial, Historic Sports Sedan, Heritage Saloon Cars

Historic Formula One



18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Tasman Revival Pukekohe**

Classic Meeting

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

25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 **NB Note Change of Date**

**Legends Of Speed, Hampton Downs**

Classic Meeting

Formula First, AES, Arrows, Alfa, Historic Formula Ford, Historic Muscle/ Saloon Cars, Libre, BMWx2, Historic Sports Sedans, Classic Trial



24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Waikato Challenge / 2016 KartSport New Zealand National SuperKart Championships & Grand Prix, Hampton Downs**

HRC/IRC Classes

2K Cup, Sports Cars/Libre, SuperKarts, Rotary Enthusiasts, Hooters Vintage Series

22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

**Manfield Manawatu Car Club IRC**

IRC/HRC Classes

2K Cup, BMW x3, Formula First, NZ6, Mini, Pro 7, SS2000, Honda Cup

19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Taupo Car Club, Taupo IRC**

IRC /HRC Classes

Honda Cup, Formula First, NZ6, Mini, Pro 7, SS2000

3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**2K Masters, Hampton Downs HRC**

HRC/IRC classes

2K Cup, Super Karts, Honda Cup (Sun), SS2000 , Mini Racing, Super Lap

21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

**Taupo Car Club, Taupo IRC**

IRC / HRC Classes

Mini, SS2000, MCC

18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Manfield, Manawatu Car Club IRC**

IRC/HRC Classes

Sports Cars, Formula First, NZ6, Mini, Pro 7, SS2000

8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Great Lakes Taupo Track 2 HRC**

Classic HRC / IRC

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

15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Taupo Car Club, Taupo IRC**

IRC /HRC classes

Formula First, NZ6, Minis, Pro 7, SS2000

6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### **Season Finale, Hampton Downs HRC**

Classic HRC / IRC Classes

International Track

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

## **NZIGP Events**

### **Thunder in the Park – DATE TBC**

IRC / HRC classes

2K Cup, Pro 7, SS2000, Mini, NZ6, Formula First,

## **TACCOC**

8<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Hampton Downs

AES , Arrows

27<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Pukekohe

AES, Arrows

11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Hampton Downs

AES, Arrows

### **Auckland Car Club Events**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 Hampton Downs

15<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Pukekohe

13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Pukekohe

11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Hampton Downs

12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Pukekohe

9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Hampton Downs

**HRC & NZRDL**

Twilight Practice Days

7 Oct 2016

Hampton Short Track

4 Nov 2016

Pukekohe

2 Dec 2016

Pukekohe

3 Feb 2017

Hampton Short Track

3 March 2017

Hampton Short Track