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Hooters Vintage Race Series Newsletter

The following events are open to Pre Dec 1960 VCC Eligible cars

Date	Venue	Organiser	Contact
8/9 th April 2017	Hooters Vintage Series Round 3 – TAUPO Track 2	HRC Events	Tim Hill 021 614600 tim@hrcevents.co.nz

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Hooters Vintage Race Series Round 2 – Taupo

Thank you to all the competitors and supporters who came to Taupo and enjoyed the sunshine for Round 2 of the Hooters Vintage Race Series this last weekend. We had 3 excellent races, welcomed several new drivers to the series and everyone went home safely after the event.

Report of Waitemata VCC Chelsea Hillclimb – Sunday 20th November 2016

The Waitemata VCC Chelsea Hillclimb is an annual event held on the access road to the Chelsea Sugar Works in Auckland. The event is open to selected VCC Cars Pre 1960 so there were several of the Hooters cars in attendance. It may not have been the best line-up we have ever had for Chelsea, but it was right up there amongst them! It was a field that did us proud on this, the 40th anniversary of the running of this hill climb. To add the icing to the 40th birthday cake it was a very vintage field, as well.

Twenty-six vehicles, seven runs, a fine day, no untoward incidents, a laid-back vibe - what more could be wanted? It was a day that proved Chelsea W.A.L.S.H. has not lost any of its allure over these many years. Remarkably, there were no Austin 7's and only three Rileys this year! This bodes well for years to come as we know the A'7s are out there, as are a number of other vehicles in various states of repair or repose whose owners are keen would-be participants.



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Cutting straight to the chase, as they say, the prizes for this, the 2017 and 40th running of the Chelsea W.A.L.S.H. Hill Climb go to:

FTD - Trophy Rob McNair 1931 Riley Nine Special.

Barry Gay Trophy for FTD in a Borrowed Car - Di Humphreys 1931 MG C Type Montlhery Midget (Lawrence Poolman).

John Simpson Trophy for Person having most fun on the day - Karl Rolfe 1958 Satellite.

Hard Luck Trophy - Jane Farris 1956 Standard 10 for determination to conquer the hill with less than full power. (No mean undertaking in a Standard 10)



Kevin Andrew at speed in the Wolseley Hornet



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Report on Hooters Vintage Series Round 2 TAUPO – 7th / 8th January 2017

We had an entry of 18 scheduled for the second round of the series – held at Taupo's Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, three failed to make it to the track, so 15 cars did battle over the 3 races.

After documentation and scrutineering, the cars made their way out to practice. We had 11 cars practicing as there were 4 of our number who were competing in Classic Trial. It was good to see some new cars running in the series. Richard Anderson in the RA Vanguard, Chris White in an Austin Healey, Alan Blundell in a Jaguar SS and Geoff Wilson in his MG TC.

Roger Greaney set the fastest time in practice – but was not on pole as the Classic Trial double drivers had run in practice earlier and our Aussie guest Barry Bates in his Lotus had set a faster time.

Our first race saw Roger and Barry battle it out at the front with Barry eventually winning by a mere 0.7 seconds – hotly followed by David in the Lagonda. The RA Vanguard was suffering a misfire and limped round mid field whilst Phil Pearce in the Mini dueled it out with the Alfa of Keith Elliott to take 7th and 8th places respectively.

Race 2 on Sunday morning saw some shuffling of grid positions and several drivers opted to start from the back of the grid to make it a bit harder! However, the end result was the same with Barry in first, Roger in second and David in 3rd.

The final race saw more shuffling of grid positions to start. It seems however that no matter what the cream always rises to the top and once again the trio of Barry, Roger and David ended up in 1st, 2nd and 3rd !

After racing we had the traditional afternoon tea in the pit garages during which I was humbled to be presented with a 50th Birthday cake.

Thank you to all our competitors, sponsors and supporters who came along to Taupo. Also thanks to the good folk of Waitemata VCC for applying for the permit, being Clerk of the Course, Scrutineer and Speed Steward. I look forward to seeing you all again – plus more new faces at the 3rd round – to be held on Taupo Track 2 during the weekend of 8/9 April.



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Bit of a theme from Taupo in January.... Bonnets up !



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Leadfoot 2017

It was great to see so many of our Hooters Race Series competitors at Leadfoot this year – whether it be competing or just spectating. Ray Ferner in the BSA had an epic battle with Rob McNair in the Gypsy Moth powered Riley – being beaten by 2/100ths of a second.....

2017 PRE 60 TOP 10 RESULTS:

1. Robert McNair 63.33
2. Ray Ferner 63.35
3. Steve Day 65.53
4. Allan Wylie 67.10
5. Harry Orpwood 67.31
6. Paul Stichbury 67.98
7. Dave Ingram 68.68
8. Terry Roycroft 71.10
9. Ernie Nagamatsu (Best in Show)
10. Allan Woolf (Best in Show)

Stickers

We have a supply of the series stickers available for entrants. Please come and see us at documentation for your set. Alternatively, if you don't intend to compete but would like a set anyway, please send \$5 in an envelope to: Hooters Vintage Race Series, c/o HRC Events, PO Box 28 140 Remuera, Auckland.

Jim Lester, our series photographer, has taken some excellent photos of the event. If you would like to see them, please see our FaceBook page or email Jim at TWINCamera@outlook.co.nz with your car number and he will send you some images.

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