

Taupo Car Club Newsletter



Hi everybody... So sorry for the lack of newsletter, been kind of busy... lol yeah right!

We have had a long break, so it's good to get back into it. Firstly how was your Christmas and New Year's, hope that went well for everyone, not too many hangovers and food babies in the mix? I had a bit of both... a lot actually.

So I have been playing a bit of I spy on Facebook over our quiet period. Its awesome to see that there have been a few marshals getting out and about in being involved with other tracks around the country, from doing rowdy rounds at Pukekohe, Straight liners in Masterton to the left handers in the South Island, either flagging, crashing, pit crewing or being the big boss...



James Foster... is now living in the South Island; you can take the boy out of Taupo, but can't take Taupo out of the boy...

(Photo from Woodford Glen speedway). We had a great night with John Whitmore and his family. We were crewing for Nigel Ross (3NZ). He had a small misfire during heat one but got that sorted. He finished third in the final. Great experience and cannot wait to do it again.)

The above was acquired from James Foster's Facebook page, thanks James 😊

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On the 28th of December Taupo Motorsport Park had a fun day on the drag strip alongside the Taupo Hot Rod Club. The Car Club also had a hand in this, with supplying a few things. It was an awesome day for everyone involved! Even Grumpy enjoyed it I'm sure...

There was a good crowd with people from all walks enjoying the day, from 3 different motorbike clubs, to having real drag cars playing. A 4x4 land cruiser, to Joe Random's street car.

It did rain a little, the track got a slightly slippery with the electric car showing off with some unexpected dance moves, bikes leaving three tracks on the track (tyres and feet) but did not put anyone off. The wet track was a good chance to see the skid pad being used by a couple of cars.....

The real excitement was watching our President Mr Brian Hamilton kicking butt...

My goodness, that man was on fire! It didn't seem to bother him who he was lined up

with, whether it was the 4x4 that smoked everybody out on the burn out, or the one's that had V8 motors. Brian was there to have fun, and he did!

Below is a half pie link to a video of Brian, copy and paste it and Bob's your aunty.



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

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Last weekend we had the Tasman Revival. With Classic Japanese, Classic Trial, Trofeo, AES/Arrows, Honda Cup, Formula Libre, and the Super Karts.



It was a rather hot weekend of mixed racing to say the least, some races were full of excitement, and some were not so... But that's what it's all about. It's about dealing with the good, the bad and the ugly of racing. It's about being there for the drivers to give it a go, the young and

young at heart and the fun of it.



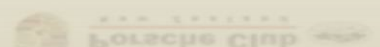
Next up is the IRC on Auckland Anniversary Weekend which is on January 24/25 2015
Everyone should be in for a great weekend.

We have a couple of our own racing this weekend, so show some support people, smile and wave. (But at the checked flag).

The way summer is going, please make sure that we keep an eye on each other, slip, slop, slap and try and keep cool!

The one thing that we all have to remember especially in the summer is, pack extra water and food to get you through the day.

Please take note that not every race meeting we attend is run by the car club and do not have the luxury of the YUMMY supplies that the lovely ladies and gentleman have for us.



Marshals...

And again, I am sure a lot of you would know we do run short of people at events. Snatching people out of garages can be fun, but not ideal.

The ideal situation would be to have people that you know they would turn up if they can.

If you have friends or family, or know of people who are willing to learn the ropes, flick a button, hook up a strop, push a broom, wave a flag or two and are keen as mustard to join the gang please invite them to join.

I am sure between the lot of us we can make them welcome 😊

Contact these guys:

Vince Holub at vinceh@energytrainers.co.nz for flags or

Paul Crawford at paulrecovery@gmail.com for crash..



Flag Marshals






Rescue Marshals

Well that is me for now, if you have anything you would like to put in the newsletter, please feel free to flick me an email at hokijerry@gmail.com

Until then the next time, Hakunamataata...

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Some Revision for you 😊

	Start of race / Restart / End of hazard / Safe racing conditions / Pit lane open		
	Local caution Full-course caution (if displayed with "SC" sign)	Caution Road course Local caution (single) Road course full-course caution (twin)	
	Debris, Fluid, or Oil on track		
	Session stopped	Race stopped / delay	
	Slow vehicle on track	Final lap	Final lap Emergency vehicle on track
	Return to pits (i.e., disqualification)	Return to the pits for a penalty or to service a mechanical problem	
	Return to the pits to service a mechanical problem	<i>Not used</i>	
	Faster car approaching—during races Lapped cars should give way to faster cars	<i>Course partially blocked or stopped cars on course (road course only)</i>	<i>Not used</i>
	Session finished / Winner		

FUN TIMES....

