

## Taupo Car Club Newsletter

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Honey I'm home.. yes it has been a while, so sorry!

Now, because I am lazy I tend to beg, borrow and steal bits form the world wide interweb... like the next bit of information, Thanks you Mal Clunie ☺

Another busy weekend of motorsport this time Taupo track. The Toyota Racing series hit Taupo this weekend and what a contrast in vehicles on the track and speeds. From cars in the 2.00 minute bracket to Super carts pulling 260 +kph turning 1.21 minute laps

Even the hig powered GT1 cars like Glen Smiths factory Porsche how many \$\$\$\$ car turning 1.26 couldn't match the carts.

The Toyota racing series did not disappoint the small crowd with their multi car pile ups giving the Taupo rescue marshals plenty to do and proving their ability to react under pressure and work as a team to clear the track and associated mess. The Toyota series management took time to praise the team and to thank us for the excellent co operation in making the joint effort work between their track guys and ours.



These photos are of the one cleane up we had, with 5 cars all up having a booboo in one race! Thanks to Rusty and Paul on the tractor being there, things may have a little/lot tricky to deal with. Thanks guys ☺

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## Superkarts

This from Superkart Drivers Club President Andrew Hall #88

A binding rear brake and used tyres actually increased my lap times a little. Usually I like to see 1.27.8ish so I was a little disappointed with my times on Sunday. I just had to live with the

brake problem as I didn't have the parts to fix it at the track and yeah I didn't have the budget for new tyres this time. My best time was a 1.30.208 .

Without your help (all marshals) we couldn't race, so thanks heaps.



If you are interested in Kart racing look at this link,  
<http://www.kartsport.org.nz/> some interesting things happen here.

The *GTRNZ* were not out of the booboo zone,



Shaun Judd (GT2) had a little chuckle about being towed by a FORD. He didn't like that too much...

As for our Blue Ninjas, they were having a ball with the blue flag, giving all drivers warning that Glenn Smith in the GT1 was about to stalk them... 1 car, 2 car's, 3 car's 4... there he goes, and he is going for more..... Good on ya Glenn.



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Hi everyone,

a fantastic weekend at Taupo for GTRNZ. The racing was brilliant with just about everyone in a battle for position in every race. The highlight for me was the racing between Simon Gilbertson, John De Veth and Brian Gray. Excellent to watch...great driving you guys.

In GT3 the top end of the field was packed with close racing with 10 cars within a second of each other. All classes provided very entertaining racing and I had a lot of other groups comment on how enjoyable GTRNZ was to watch.

Congrats to Simon Gilbertson for setting the GT2 Lap Record 1:31.061 and Glenn Smith for GT1 1:25.931. Also congrats to Gavin Cox in GT4 for taking out perfect points for the weekend (350).

Weather wise it was pretty good. Rain threatened on Saturday but only affected the GT1/GT2 qualifying with the unusual sight of a dry track at the pit end and heavy rain at the clubrooms end. Other than that it was a dry track and sunny conditions.

The BBQ was possibly the biggest yet...we ordered way more food and refreshments than normal but it all went and so I hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We did another draw for a the Sidekick helmet holder and that was won by Blair McDonald.

Keith

Credit to the GTRNZ Facebook page...

<https://www.facebook.com/gtrnz/?fref=ts>



## *Different information for you Sports cars*

DAVID GLASSON | # 8

Driver Info

Date Of Birth: 28/09/55

Residence: Wellington

Occupation: Plastic Surgeon

Married/Single: Married



### Car Details

Car Type: Juno

Year: 2008

Motor: 2000cc Honda

HP: 214

Years Owned: 2

Built by: Juno UK

### Fan Information

Favourite Track: Hampton Downs

Hobbies: Motorsport

Nick Name: TBA

Favourite Food: TBA

Pet Hates: Mechanical breakdowns

### Race History / Successes

Racing since 1975, Hillclimbs, Rallies, & Circuit Saloon Cars

Nissan Mobil 500, 1990-1992, 2010 Nurburg Ring 24 Hour, Bathurst 12Hr

Sports Cars 2007-2011, First Super Sport Class 2009/2010 in Elfin MS8

NZ Sports Cars 2012, 2nd overall

NZ Sports Cars 2013, 3rd overall

2011, 12, 13 Bathurst 12 hour

(A bit of a busy lad this gentleman, not only carving up the track.... 😊)

So I you did notice the Black Juno missing? (driver Dean McCarroll) he apparently found the Higgins wall in Manfield, hence the little competition for David.

He will be back for round 6 here is Taupo 02/03 April, as are the Superkarts and the Honda cup for their one hour enduro.

For more information  
<http://www.sportscarracing.co.nz/index.php>

## *Honda Cup*

These guys had their up's and Down's to say the least! Saturdays race proved to be interesting for young Shane Haitana, the race started off well with the formation lap well and truly sorted. Coming up to the start line and they were off! a rolling start it was, and a brilliant one by all accounts.

Turn 1 can be a tricky one on a rolling start, but not for these guys. Turns 3,5,9 went brilliant for all... the sweeper was the next turn.....

OPPS! Over Shane went, and over again. I think his car just wanted to see what it felt like being upside down in the kitty litter.

Shane got out on his own steam and is fine, apparently he will be back for the next round, he has extra body parts (for his car) at home to rebuild.

While we are at it, our wonderful Gary Morrell is sitting 9<sup>th</sup> in his class, with 5 classes and 19<sup>th</sup> and the board, Good on you Garry!!

## *Extra help*



A thank you MUST go out to the flag marshals, officials and all them other peoples who come from miles away to help us out. The clan from Manfield, and the tribe from the south side of the Bombays AND all in between.

Im sure they only turn up for the breakfast?? What do you think?

*We are still looking for Volunteers.*

## ***Blue Ninja***

So drag your mates, your mates mate, your neighbor's, even your dear old mum and dad along and get them involved in the action.

Like you they will have the best seats in the house, it sometimes being wet and cold, windy one day, burning the next! But still.... The best seats ever!

Tell them we do get watered and fed, shhh some days better than others...

Fitted with the appropriate gear to handle the ever changing weather conditions.

Get your ears rocked with the roar of the cars, your nostrils filled with the different types of fumes, your eyes tune in to spying out sticky out shiny poki things on the track.

Get to play with the light toggle box, and if that fails wave a flag at fifty million miles an hour.

You get cuddles and given grief, but to be expected back!

Get to meet new people and learn new things. Learn how to place bets on cars at lunch time then the winner gets bragging rights.

On that note, I do have to hand it to the blue ninja, they have to endure a lot of weird weather conditions while others like me have a place to hide.  
Big ups blue ninja!



## ***Now for the orange ninja***

The same applies, but be willing to learn how to start a manual broom.

Get your hands, face and everything else dirty. Play in the kitty litter when cars don't feel like playing on the black stuff anymore.

Pick up car parts, oil, rocks and other random things of the track.

Look for ghost cars, and ghost parts.

Hook up, tow down, drag up cars on the tow truck.

Get thrown around in the back seat of a vehicle and hope and pray the smack on the head is not too hard.

And hang out with the blue ninja.

But most of all HAVE FUN!! So go forth and find some willing victims to come play.

RACING ISN'T ABOUT HOW LONG IT  
TAKES TO GET FROM THE START TO THE  
FINISH,  
IT'S THE ADVENTURE YOU HAVE ALONG  
THE WAY, THE PEOPLE YOU MEET, AND  
THE UNIQUE MOMENTS YOU SHARE.

So.... That's it for now, if you have any stories you would like to share please,  
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