

Taupo Car Club Newsletter



Kia Ora!! How are we all today? Full of fluffy ducks and fuzzy stuff?? Here is some light reading for you.

So since the last newsletter there were a few races. National Race Meeting – Manawatu Car Club Summer Series (Manawatu Car Club & GTRNZ)

With some interesting classes, throw in some CUPS and times to split the cruisers from the speed freaks, the lovely classics to cars that motor parts that cost more than an arm and a leg... Then we have some interesting racing.

The Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series is where you come to race in the best club racing series in New Zealand. Run over 4 rounds at the best two tracks in the North Island, the series is going to be like no other. We are pleased to have Roadmarking Services come on board again this year as our naming sponsor. We thank Kerry and Karen for their great support. All the Classes will run a Scratch (fastest first slowest last) start for Race 1, a Reverse Top Ten for Race 2 and then a full Handicap Race (cars start at time intervals determined by lap times from previous races) for Race 3, this format ensures that everyone has a fair chance to get points from every race.

We cater for all drivers and our classes are the key for the current and future successes of our club.

Below are the Classes that were involved in the Series:

RS CUP: Started as a way of utilizing the cars built by UCOL Motorsport for racing, the RS CUP is growing rapidly and offers new and seasoned competitors alike a real opportunity to compete at a cost effective level without having to outlay lots of money. The equaling factor in the RS Cup is the maximum lap time of 1.30.00. You can use any car you want (including your road car with only minor modifications) but if you exceed the 1.30.00 the time penalties are fierce and make you uncompetitive. Keep within the limit and you stand a good chance of being the class champion. Stop thinking about racing and do it in the RS CUP.



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SF CUP: The SF Cup (Slightly Faster) caters for cars that can do lap times of 1.24.000 to 1.30.000. Great close racing is ensured in this class with a huge mix of different cars taking part, and just like the other classes in the Summer Series, time penalties apply if you exceed the 1.24.000 Lap Time. So if you are slightly too fast for the RS Cup, then this is the class for you!

IB CUP: If you have done some racing or you are a bit fast for the RS CUP and SF Cup, give the IB Cup a go. Lap times range from 1.17.00 to 1.24.00. A good club car will compete competitively in this class. It has been our most popular class over recent years in our Winter Series and we expect it will be no different here, and to be the champion is a major achievement. Just like the other classes, time penalties apply if you exceed the 1.17.00 lap time. If you need a challenge why not try the IB CUP.



GT CUP: If you have a full-on competition car and it is fast, then this is the class for you. The GT Cup is the fastest class in the Roadmarking Services Summer Race Series with times required to be faster than 1.17.00. There are no time penalties in this class, it is simply, you and your machine against the rest of the field. Hard and fast racing is guaranteed and makes for great spectator appeal.

Classics: Started by Gordon Smith and Julian Hardy in an effort to get older cars racing amongst themselves, the Classic series has been a true success story in the Winter Series and we are sure that will continue here with hopefully over 20 cars per round making for exciting racing. If you have a Classic car and want to race it with some great guys in a close series, then this is for you.



European Cup: As European cars become the norm in NZ, why not have a class for them. If your race car is of European descent and the running gear is from the same make of your car, then you can enter the European Cup. No breakout times here. Cars will run in either the Classic series this year or if speed differential is too great the GT Cup.

*Um all the above information was acquired from <http://www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz/> . Have to love the internet...

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Then there was the

- TRS Championship Round

There were some interesting twist and turns with this lot... literally.



Cars falling off the track left right and center finding the brown and green stuff, and now and then the red stuff too.

Leaving (car) body parts all over the place, giving ninjas something to pick up on the down time. Down time there was...

These guys were the main event for the weekend, having done 5 rounds with Taupo being round 4.

The field has a mixture guys, from all over the world. Russia, Denmark, USA and more, with a few Kiwi lads in the mix too. The drivers are aged between 16 and 24. Still babies if you ask me...

Some racing Formula 3 series in Europe and the UK, to a driver winning the Rotax Max Challenge Germany in 2011

[This from the Toyota Racing Series page.](#)

The Toyota Racing Series pits the fastest rising stars of New Zealand motorsport against top international drivers in a fifteen race Gold Star championship that offers drivers the chance to win some of the most prestigious and historic trophies in New Zealand motor racing.

Barrie Thomlinson says given the FT50's promising form in testing "we can expect to see existing lap records lowered at each of the circuits visited in the championship."

So it's basically a good way to climb the ranks and gain experience.

We also had the 2k Cup play in early march, Round 4 Muppets they have called it.

Some of what has been said.

"Taupo was going great with 5 clean 2KCUP races, that was until the final race took place, Race 6 (Race 2, Group 3) was our worst race to date in terms of car damage. The 2KCUP spirit was

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weak and many drivers lost their cool and drove like muppets, taking risks that ruined the fun for others when it didn't work out.

The BBQ committee (Kent, Mark, Craig, Mark, Wayne, Dave) and James Watson have approved the below as punishment, the next step is to kick out offenders all together, take the below as a warning shot."

- 1 Team has been banned for a round
- 2 Teams have had their race 2 points removed
- 1 Team has had half their race points removed
- 1 Team has been told to stop driving over defensively
- 1 Team has been told Karma already kicked in.



There is more punishment for these teams, if you are interested have a look on their web site <http://2kcup.com/?p=810> Actually quite funny to be honest, and I would dear say fair.



During this weekend, there was a lovely surprise for Paul. The track in edible form, He turned the big 60plus... I somehow don't think that age will slow him down any. Paul has been part of the club for a few moons now, and I am sure that he would be around for a few more. I suppose that is the thing with motorsport, once it is in your veins, it is in forever.

Oh the baker is Hailey, one of the orange ninjas. Sorry Hailey, but if anyone would like an awesome cake, check out the facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/Food2u-Bakery-Taupo, or just ask her....

Next up...

- EASTER THUNDER

Round 6 – IRC Summer Race Series

(GTRNZ, Pro 7's, Pre 65's, Super Minis, Formula First, NZ Six, Sportscars, Porsche, SS2000 & Classics)

Now we all know how much fun these classes are!

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The super mini's scooting around like a flea in a fit, SS2000 with our president honing around the track. GTRNZ racing, with car parts that cost more than my safety lights.

And our favorites... the TAXI'S, cuddly bunch this lot... lol

Keep your whits ready, should be in for some brilliant racing.

With this being, a TCC held race, we all know how much the lovely ladies and sometimes gentleman have our lunches ready and waiting for us. Please do not forget to thank them, they do an amazing job to keep all the ninjas happy and fed.

Coolies...



With winter rocking up, please make sure that you have EVERYTHING you need including your

winter woolies.... Better to have them and not

need them, as to not have them and then oh bugger too late. There is no harm in biffing a hot flask in ya pack to help keep the insides warm too. So stay lovely and warm people!



This a date that we all should remember!!

Daylight Saving will end on Sunday 5 April 2015 (clocks go back one hour)

So you either get an extra hours sleep, or lose one... just set your alarm, then one should be sorted (hopefully)

Or if you are like me... make someone else set an alarm, then they can wake you...

Marshals...

It's the same story. We are in need of marshals.

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 ☺

Get ya talking skills on people, go spread the word.

Contact these guy's

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

Paul Crawford at paulrecovery@gmail.com for crash, or one could have a look at the TCC website <http://www.taupocarclub.org.nz>

Well that is me for now, flick me an email at hokijerry@gmail.com

Don't forget, Sharing is Caring, even if it is just a hug....

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Just for laughs.... 😊

The Moral of Auntie Sharon

A teacher gave her class of 11 year olds an assignment: To get their parent to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it.

The next day the kids came back and one by one began to tell their stories.

Ashley said, 'My father's a farmer and we have a lot of egg-laying hens. One time we were taking our eggs to market in a basket on the front seat of the car when we hit a big bump in the road and all the eggs got broken.'

'What's the morale of that story?' asked the teacher.

'Don't put all your eggs in one basket!'

'Very good,' said the teacher.

Next little Sarah raised her hand and said, 'Our family are farmers too. But we raise chickens for the meat market. One day we had a dozen eggs, but when they hatched we only got ten live chicks, and the moral to this story is, 'Don't count your chickens before they're hatched'.'

'That was a fine story Sarah.'

Michael, do you have a story to share?'

'Yes. My daddy told me this story about my Aunty Sharon. Aunty Sharon was a flight engineer on a plane in the Gulf War and her plane got hit.

She had to bail out over enemy territory and all she had was a bottle of whisky, a machine gun and a machete.

She drank the whiskey on the way down so it wouldn't break and then she landed right in the middle of 100 enemy troops.

She killed seventy of them with the machine gun until she ran out of bullets.

Then she killed twenty more with the machete until the blade broke.

And then she killed the last ten with her bare hands.'

'Good heavens,' said the horrified teacher, 'what kind of moral did your daddy tell you from that horrible story?'

'Stay away from Aunty Sharon when she's pissed.'