SOUTHLAND SPORTS CAR CLUB
NEWS LETTER

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# The Pre Race Brief

Gidday All

I hope this Newsletter finds everyone well, happy and keeping their dangly bits warm. It appears we are actually going to have a winter this year, which is fine if your trying to raise a gaggle of polar bears but not great for the rest of us sun loving Motorsport fans.

Luckily though there is opportunity in every situation. So the Executive has formed a sub committee to investigate hooking up a couple of pulleys and 30 fathoms of rope to the PTO of Dutches tractor and opening New Zealands Southern most Ski Field on our new spectator banking. Awesome Dudes!! That's totally Rad!!!

However if thats not your thing, you can always throw the cover on the car, put the tools away, turn out the lights in the garage, kick the kitchen door shut with your steelcap boots, wipe the grease off on the curtains, make a steaming hot cuppa, throw another litre of ave gas on the fire, adjust your modified twin turbo vibrating lazyboys with white wall cushions and matching pinstripes, sit back relax and read the following.

Enjoy Oz

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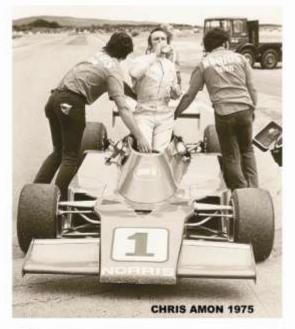
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# REPORTS

## **Presidents Report**

As you read this newsletter, I hope to be in the sun!

Our off season programme is on track with reports from department heads included in this newsletter. Our tyre wall modification from Turn 2 to 4 will be of great benefit for competitors and first response crews and should greatly reduce rescue time in this area.

Many hours by your Executive have gone into trying to deal with the Club's Constitution and come up with a more workable document.

I'd like to encourage you to support Robert with our Clubsport activities, especially getting juniors involved. We now have seven club members with Clerk of the Course C Grade to run these events as well as the Track Days.

On the  $2^{nd} - 5^{th}$  July I will be at Goodwood Hillclimb helping run a McLaren M23 with Phil Mauger, then off to Magny Cours in France to the Historic F1 Race Meeting  $9^{th} - 12^{th}$  July. I will be home just in time for our next Track Day on the  $18^{th}$  July.

As you will see from the Race Calendar, another full season is ahead. Good Luck to all competitors and a big thanks in advance to all our volunteers who help us during the season.

Noel Atley

#### **Race Committee**

The racing may have ceased for the winter, but the Race Committee have been busy organising the next race season. Norma has been in contact with all the South Island Clubs and Registers so we can try and get the calendar to all fit together.

Below are the proposed dates with the classes we have had replies from so far

26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	Clubmans, Sports & Racing Cars, 3 hour Endurance Race (SIERDC), Pro 7, Sports Saloons.
1 <sup>st</sup> November 2009	Clubmans, Sports & Racing Cars, 1 Hour Race, Motorcycles.
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Clubmans, Sports & Racing Cars, OSCA, Pre 65, South Island Formula Ford, Pro 7, Sports Saloons
15 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	NZ V8's, Toyota Racing Series, Porsche GT3, Suzuki Swift Sport Cup, Production/Mini, Formula Ford.
20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> February 2010	Classic Speedfest, Clubmans, Mini 7 South, Pre 65
20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> March 2010	Clubmans, Sports & Racing Cars, Pre 65, South Island Formula Ford

As you will notice we are still waiting to hear from Super 6. Also we are in discussion with another class who may be coming to Teretonga. The major changes from last season are the timing of the Endurance Race, now at the September Meeting, and the loss of the V8 Utes in March. As you will also notice we will be having our A1 Auto's 1 hour race at the November Meeting.

The race season just finished was a little disappointing as we had a couple of wet meetings which reflected in the smaller crowds, but our race fields were not too bad considering the state of the economy at present.

Keith Douglas has retired as Race Committee Secretary and Secretary on race days, and Norma is now the Secretary so all enquiries are to be made directly to her at the office of Teretonga Park, phone 03 2130522 or email info@teretonga.org.nz

#### Report on Annual General Meeting of Motorsport New Zealand

Norma, Noel and I attended the Motorsport Annual General Meeting and Awards Evening in Wellington on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009.

This year, for the first time, the conference was a one day affair with just the main AGCM taking place on the Saturday. There were quite a few remits, but most of them were referred back to the commissions concerned. Our Club put forward a remit suggesting we go back to the two day format so that the commission meetings could be held on the Friday. There was a lot of discussion on the subject and everyone was of the same opinion that we need the two days, so it was passed unanimously.

Unfortunately time was against us all day so we never spoke to hardly any other clubs, and never saw other circuit operators, so in some respects it was a waste of time.

It was great news for the South as far as representation goes on the Executive of Motorsport NZ, with David Kirk from Gore and Norman Oakley from Dunedin being elected. The South is also well represented with Barry Leitch, Karen Clearwater, Errol Hewlett and Roger Laird on the commissions. Well done everyone.

The meeting finished and a few people went to the bar afterwards and many interesting conversations ensued until it was time to go and get into our party gear and head to the awards function. It was a fantastic evening, but unfortunately a number of recipients were unable to attend due to the dreadful windy weather stopping air traffic from landing in Wellington. During the evening the recipients of the next Elite Academy were named and it was great to hear Damon Leitch's name called. Well done Damon.

## **Club Sport**

Due to the bad weather there were a limited number of participants at the Public Track Day we held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, however, by the afternoon the weather had improved slightly and everyone had plenty of track time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our Clubsport activities on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May started off in atrocious weather conditions also but it was well supported with a few new faces which was good to see. We only used the tar seal for the motorkhana so as not to cause damage to the grass areas. The afternoon consisted of two bent sprints, again in wet weather, but everyone including myself found it most challenging and a lot of fun. I would like to thank Sharon O'Brien for recording the results and everyone else who helped make it a smoothly run weekend and stress free for me.

The next Public Track Day is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July with a Standing 1/4 mile in the morning and Circuit Laps in the afternoon and then on the Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July we will have the final Clubsport event for this season. For more information or if you are willing to assist with these days please contact me (Robert) on 2130722 or Norma at the Teretonga Office.

#### Robert Raiston

#### **Club Constitution**

As those of you who attended last years AGM will know, the executive was tasked with coming up with a modernized version of our Clubs Constitution. This was brought about by some inconsistences in process, changing roles, and the different world that we are currently operating in. Which in laymens terms (especially for the mighty Rose Lodge team) means, it's just getting a bit of a tickle, along with matching short back and sides. This makes it more relevant to where we currently are at in the club, along with setting us up for the future.

Now for those of you that are sitting at home at the minute thinking "By crikey's, that's a bit on the nose what. I think I'll ring my MP, join a union and run a notice in the Waikaka Worm Worriers Weekly" I can reassure you. This hasn't got Orwellian overtones, and we aren't trying to force all competitors to only race imported Tata Nano's after getting paid a curry sack full of rupees.

How this will all work is as follows. Basically the bones of the constitution that has got us through the last 50 years will remain unchanged. The updated version that we are currently working on, will when completed, be made available to all the members for comment. Taking these opinions into account, it will be then sent away for a legal health check. Which will hopefully mean the final product will be ready to be voted on at our next AGM.

Ultimately though you the members will have the final say, so watch this space!!!

## **Notes From the Office**

#### Website

Some of you will have noticed that the website is out of date and not particularly helpful at the moment. Apologies for this, however we are in the process of changing to a new website and entering all the relevant data is a rather slow process. Hopefully it will be up and running in the very near future.

#### Pre-Season Test Day

You will notice on the 2009/2010 Calendar that there is no Official Pre-Season Test Day, however we have set aside Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September for private test hires. Please contact Norma on 03 2130522 to book in.

#### Member Joining Dates

It has come to our attention that there have never been any records kept as to when members joined the club. On the Subscription Renewal Letter you will see an area to put the date you joined (doesn't have to be exact – the year you joined would suffice). We would greatly appreciate your help with this.

#### Holiday

I will be on holiday from the 3<sup>rd</sup> August to the 18<sup>th</sup> August so if you have any queries or wish to book the track please leave a message on the circuit phone as it will be cleared regularly during my absence.

#### **AMB Timing**

We will be using the AMB Timing System. We will have transponders for hire but will not be selling them. For those of you wishing to purchase rather than hire you can get them from The Canterbury Car Club, Ph: 03 3496003, and are priced as follows –

Rechargeable Transponders \$750.00 including GST & Freight

Direct Powered Transponders \$580.00 including GST & Freight

# **GOSSIP FROM THE GRID**

# The Hall of Fame

On behalf of the club I would like to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations and a hearly helping of cheers to the following club members. So if your name appears below take a great big bow.

**Wendy Jenks** - for receiving the Sport Southland Service to Sport Award. Unfortunately Wendy missed the actual prize giving as she was away on Southland Sports Car Club business at the Motorsport New Zealand AGM. It was accepted on her behalf by Paul Rosel. This dedication to the club really shows the reason why she was the right person to be honored. Well done.

**Damon Leitch** - for being accepted to the Motor Sport Academy at the Otago Sports Institiute, Otago University. We wish you all the best.

**Donna & Bradley** for the brand new edition to their racing team. Jayden a healthy bouncing baby boy. Just remember guys use the right fuel, never run the mixture to lean, and always make sure the exhaust is pointing in a safe direction.

**Keith Douglas** - After many years of diligent service to the club in more roles than you can fit into Rogers F200 truck, Keith has decided to retire. We wish him and June well with their new found freedom. Along with much gratitude for all the work they have done for the club. Although it may pay to change your phone number Keith ve we may not let you escape to Aussie zat ezzy.

# Clive's Big Day Out

Aussie Grand Prix

This year I decided to get the gorse out of my pocket so with Jenny, Roger and Barbara Cunninghame we ventured to Melbourne for the first Formula One grand Prix of the season. I guess if you were going to any grand prix this turned out to be a good one, as the cat was put amongst the pigeons with many of the lower performing teams from the previous seasons being front runners this year. To date this trend has continued, but to see the newly formed (at that stage) Brawn team and the likes of the Red Bull team ripping it up the traditional front runners was interesting to say the least.

Some of the support racing was excellent with a full field of Formula 5000 cars being one of the high lights and some superb cars of varying makes lined up in the GT type racing, Aston Martin, Lamborghini, Ferrari, Porshe, Mosler all giving it heaps. Kiwi drivers were well represented in the F5000 and Formula Ford fields with all performing with distinction, especially local driver Steve Ross (we'll claim him as a local even if he does live north of Mataura) who had his older Lola flying and finished with a very creditable 7th or 8th in a field of 30 odd, mainly later model cars. I found the "Aussie Racing Cars" an exciting concept (Roger may differ on this) These cars are similar to the car that Wal Willmott owns locally (I believe another one has hit town) and produced close, fast racing with 40 odd entries in something a bit different to the norm. Much of the other support racing was a bit on the yawn side with the likes of the Aussie V8's not running for championship points so really just a bit of a test day, demonstration run for them. This did give us plenty of opportunity to sample the Hahn light at the beer tent, so was all worthwhile.

I did find a couple of aspects a little disappointing such as the limited number of support races and the time between races (more Hahn which is good) maybe Wendy and the race committee could show Ecclestone and Mosley how to run a race meeting. The fact that an excellent GT race was red flagged for an accident after two laps, subsequently abandoned, then replaced with a fire engine parade was a bit farcical especially after Craig Baird in an extremely quick Mosler started from the back of the field and was rapidly making progress through the pack. (A Mosler is a hightec carbon fibre chassis sports car designed by NASA powered by a 7 litre Chev).

A wander through the support racing pits was well worth the effort with various car displays and allowing a closer view of some very exotic racing machinery. The whole weekend is more than just motor racing with impressive displays from the Australian Air Force, a low level fly over of a Qantas boeing and "The Who" performing live after the completion of the Grand Prix. When leaving the circuit and walking through the crowd at the concert I would guess that there would be 70,000 people, they seemed to stretch for miles.

Some undiscerning people have often referred to me as a "wanker magnet", I can confirm that if you wear a Teretonga shirt you can only increase the magnetism. Many people will stop and talk, and ask questions and discuss Teretonga. Jenny and I were in a Melbourne tram when an older gentleman (anyone older than me is old) said the last time he raced at Teretonga was in the early to mid 70's and he believed the car he raced was still in the area, I asked him what was the car he raced? he said the "Cossack" escort. I said "that was raced by Jack Naser, who are you? He replied "Jack Naser. Just shows you that it pays to advertise, at least it creates comment.

All in all the experience was well worth it, only made better by the company of Roger and Barbara, the food, drink and I guess jenny would add the shopping.



Unpaid bar girls delivering the much needed Hahn light to Roger and I.

## **Damon's Test**

Hi Everyone,

Since the last news letter I have been to Australia for a test at the Winton circuit and I was selected to attend the New Zealand Motorsport Elite Academy.

My test in Australia came about when dad and I were approached after the Manfeild round of the national Formula Ford championship. Greg Woodrow from G-Force Motorsport said to us that if I found my way to Melbourne I would be given a no strings attached test in one of the latest Mygale Formula Fords from France. We thought this was a great opportunity to compare myself with some other drivers as well as trying out a more modern car than my own.

We arrived in the G-Force workshop on Thursday morning for a seat fitting. After digging through a pile of seats we found one that was close and I got fitted into the car. After loading the transporter with the 2 cars for the test (the other was for Matt Penrose from Christchurch) we headed for Benella which is the little town by the Winton circuit. Friday morning I got up and had a real dose of the flu (swine flu according to Josh my engineer). We headed to the track and while I helped to unload the gear and get ready for the day dad went to the pharmacy and got me something to help me through the day. He must have done ok as it wasn't long until I felt allot better and I was ready to be let loose in the car.

My first session was all about learning the track, it was a bit different to the one on the simulator but close enough to learn it pretty quickly. After each 25 minute session I got into the back of the transporter with Josh and went through changes I thought we could make, to make the car better, I also filled in a track map after each session and highlighted any problems I had on the track and we worked through whether they were car or driver related and how to sort them out.

After I came in from the second session I was on the pace and already faster than some of the national runners. This was really encouraging as I thought the Australian Formula Ford series was supposed to be really fast.

During the day we got in 6 sessions in total and it was a really great experience and one I am grateful to Greg Woodrow for offering it to me. The car I drove was less than a year old and quite a bit different from my own. Firstly they run the new Ford Durotech engine which has about 20 bhp more than our Kent engines but has a whole lot more torque, they have bigger brakes than our cars and they run 6" front and 7" rear wheels that give the cars more grip, ours are 5.5" all round.

When we got home my next event was the Motorsport NZ awards dinner as I was 1 of 3 finalists for the Steel Trophy for the top under 21 year old driver. The awards dinner was a wonderful experience and I met lots of the people that are at the top of our sport and also organisers, officials and supporters. I would like to thank the club for nominating me for the Steel Trophy as it was real surprise. I didn't win this and it went to Ritchie Stanaway the National Formula Ford champion, but I did get selected to attend the elite academy. I am away to the academy on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Otago Sports Institute at the university. I have been told it will be really hard work and we will be pushed to extreme levels to test our skill and endurance. When I come back I will write a story for the next news letter to share my experience with you.

Cheers Damon.



# Driver Profile

**Driver:** Alf Dryden **CAR:** Argo FA 2000

M0T0R: Twin Cam Ztec Ford H.P. 204 at rear wheels at 8000 rpm

TOP SPEED ON THE STRAIGHT: 132 mph

**BEST LAP TIME:** 1.03 mins **PIT CREW:** Jan (partner)

TRACKS RACED AT:

Wigram, Nelson Beach, Ruapuna, Oreti Beach, Levels, Teretonga and various South Island

Hillclimb locations

PREVIOUS MOTOR RACING EXPERIENCE:

Won 1st race on 11/8/1956 at ESCC meeting, Gore Aerodrome.

2nd South Island Hillclimb at Waitati 1st ESCC Winter Rally 1959 - Mrs Shields & Myself in a Peugeot

Won SSCC Championship 4 times.

1st place in all my races at Ruapuna's 40th Anniversary

BEST RACING MOMENT: Winning Teretonga Championship 4 times.



WORST RACING MOMENT: Spun into wall at Dunedin Street Race

DOES YOUR CAR HAVE A NICK NAME: The Beast

# Club Profile

NAME: Norma Burns

BACKGROUND (where are you from): Born and bred in Wyndham, Southland. Have lived and worked in Auckland.

Queenstown and Dunedin before moving back to Invercargill

INVOLVEMENT AT TERETONGA: Anything and Everything Administration.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT IT: Everything. Unlike any other job I've had, there's always something different

to do.

WHAT DO YOU DISLIKE ABOUT IT: Nothing so far.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST VEHICLE YOU OWNED: Yellow Mini

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM CAR: Pretty happy with the one I've got.

FORD/HOLDEN OR OTHER

(WHAT DO YOU FAVOR): Ford (at the moment!!!!)

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TERETONGA

TASTIES TREAT: American Hotdogs

FAVOURITE MOTOR SPORT MOMENT: Laps on a motorbike with Aaron Slight last year.

#### The Off Track



As part of our updated newsletter, we are going to have a Buy, Sell and Exchange Section. If you have anything you wish to include feel free to contact Norma Phone (03) 213 0522 or email to info@teretonga.org.nz

Please include a brief description, along with your contact details. This service is open to anything motorsport related, but a word of caution.

Before you try and sell her ask the Mrs first!!!

# For Sale









1972 Camaro Z/28 Classic Race Car. Loads of history, road registered, Full C.O.D, ready to race. \$55,000 ono. Phone Brendan Mason - 021 399 402

Brand new Lockheed 'Tin Pot' 3/4" master cylinder. Still in it's box marked \$99.80.

For this month only \$50.

Phone Wal Willmott 021 230 9657

#### Brand new Teretonga Polo Shirt

If you missed out and were wanting a Teretonga Polo shirt we have 1 available. Size 2XL, \$49.00

Phone Norma @the Pit Office on 03 2130 522

# Captured on Castrol





# You are invited to the SSCC ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING & MIDWINTER SOCIAL

Saturday 25th July 2009
Doors Open 7pm - Prize Giving Starts 7.30pm
Southland Sports Car Club Clubrooms, Sandy Point

Prize Giving first followed by a relaxed Quiz Night
Fantastic Prizes
\$15 per head (payable on the night)
to cover Snacks & Supper

Please contact Norma on 2130522 by 20th July to confirm numbers for Supper

Bring your pitcrews, friends & family

Courtesy Coach Home available (Invercargill area only) Kindly Supplied by Riverside Rentals





# Up Coming Events

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Public Open Day Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Clubsport Event

#### The Break Down



#### **Boredom Buster**

Heres a quick quiz to test your metal, and see if all your cylinders are still functioning.

Please note: This month's prize for the first correct entry to Norma at the pit office is an all expenses paid trip to a south Pacific island paradise. Complete with golden sandy beaches, and tall stately marram grass nodding to a gentle offshore southerly.

Yes unfortunately due to the current economic climate I do mean Oreti Beach. However free nude unicycle, beach racing, is still optional (just see Bert).

Also for those that are interested last months answers are printed below.

- Since it is now trendy to be green. If you where to quietly pull up in your bio diesel driven, people mover, at the Sunken Forest and go for a stroll. Where would you be walking?
- After a hard days motor racing some of the crew like to have a social drink. If we where camels how much could we slurp down in one sitting? (No Phil its not a challenge)
- Speaking of what happens after a few quiets. Who was the first and last person to road test the Crackafatti motor cycle at Teretonga?
- As many of you well know if you fall off the island at Teretonga you have a good chance you'll end up kissing the tyre wall. If you
  where driving in Sweden what would you have a twenty percent chance of hitting
- 5. Those of you that have owned 1963 series 2A Landrovers will know how fast sound travels? What happens if the same sound was made under Foveaux Strait?
- 6. Many of our club members can turn a hand, operating lots of different types of machinery. However If you where in Avignon France, you would end up in the big house, if you arrived in what?
- 7. Southland is currently in the midst of a dairy boom but we must take care with diseases such as Mad Cow, Bird/ Swine flu's etc. So on a bovine bender, what could you get if you sit under a cow?
- 8. Well since Max Mosley's now losing his job, we better make one more joke about his fetishes and dodgy doings before it's too late. In the privacy of your own garage what are you up to if you invite a Transwestite round?
- 9. Want you car to go a bit faster? Answer this and it may help. What travels at almost 300 MPH (that's 480KPH for the metric nuts) and is powered by the human body?
- 10. Lastly for the travelled. What is the name of this circuit, and where would you find it?



#### Last Quiz's Answers

1.The first working bee was held on the 8/11/1953; 2. The first hill climb was held in October 1949 on Wairekiki Hill; 3. Worlds largest mushie is the Honey Mushroom (Armillaria Ostoyae); 4. Enzo Ferrari sold 50% of his company to Fiat in 1969; 5. Jenson Buttons favourite food is Japanese; 6. over 500, 7. The first high powered spirit to be banned at Sandy Point was Mc Shane's Chained Lightning and

- was distilled from the old cabbage tree; 8.A fly rod will hopefully be connected to a bloody big fish;
- 9. If you have Autoandropphilla you would be attracted to being male; 10. The track was Laguna Seca

# Late Breaking News!!!!

We have just received word that the ILT Foundation is going to make a very substantial contribution towards the purchase of our new AMB Timing System.

We would like to acknowledge the ILT Foundation for not only this contribution, but also their continued support over years past.

## Calendar Change

A late change to the calendar –

6 September Should now read Southland Motorcycle Club 13 September Should now read SSCC Clubsport Event

#### CLUB DIRECTORY

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PRESIDENT: Noel Atley 0274 445622 Howard Kingsford-Smith VICE PRESIDENT: 0272 323464 IMM. PAST PRESIDENT: Wayne Shieffelbein 021 661086 TREASURER: Paul Rosel 021 374520 RACE CHAIRPERSON: Wendy Jenks 03 2166641 (Hm) CLUBSPORT CONVENOR: Robert Ralston 03 2130772 (Hm) **CLUB CAPTAIN:** Barry Leitch 0274 845456 **DEPUTY CLUB CAPTAIN:** Nick Hamlin 0292 340362 SOCIAL CHAIRMAN: **Bradley Dawson** 0276 516923 CUSTODIAN: Oz Osborn 0274 423114

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