

# Southland Sports Car Club Inc Newsletter, May 2006



## CONGRATULATIONS

Several of our members have been racing very successfully around the country throughout the 2005/2006 motor racing season.

Glen Brazier and Wayne Tuffley both went extremely well in Kumho Pre 65 Saloon racing again this year.

Glen made a clean sweep of the Overall, Class A and Reverse Grid titles in the South Island Series.

At the end of the season he held the lap record at every South Island circuit plus the new Taupo Motorsport Centre where he raced as part of the North / South Pre 65 Challenge.

Meanwhile Wayne finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the South Island Series and 3<sup>rd</sup> in his Class. He like Glen was part of a very successful South Island team that defeated the North in their inter – island challenge.

Alan Crawford of Invercargill contested two North Island meetings in his Mini in March and April.

The first event was at Manfeild where he grabbed a 4<sup>th</sup> and two 2<sup>nd</sup> placings in his class and a 11<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. He then moved onto the new Taupo Motorsport Centre and after finding his bearings on the circuit which was initially "totally confusing", he managed to qualify a fine 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. He followed that performance up with a 7<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the final race after coming through from 14<sup>th</sup> on the grid and leading the race until the final corner.

Congratulations to all our members who have achieved at various levels over the past few months.

## DFAC CHALLENGE

Brendon Mitchell was the Southland Sports Car Club's representative in the DFAC Challenge at the recent Silverstone Race To The Sky.

The DFAC Challenge involved six selected drivers competing in Dong Feng trucks on the Rallycross circuit at the foot of the famous hill.

As reigning Speed Champion Brendon was our club's representative and he certainly did the club proud.

## BAYVIEW HOTEL/PUB CHARITY WHERE THE JOURNEY BEGINS BLUFF HILLCLIMB

Ross MacKay of Ashburton won the inaugural Bayview Hotel/Pub Charity Bluff Hillclimb on Saturday 18 March.

The first local home was Steve Heffernan in his Van Diemen RF92.

The hill found favour with most competitors and plans are underway for a repeat with perhaps a sister event over the same weekend.

Thank you to all those who helped to make this event a reality.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to our good neighbours the Eastern Southland Car Club who celebrate on 16/17 June at the Scenic Circle Hotel in Gore.

The club was a branch of our club until 1956 when the Eastern Southland Car Club was formed.

Since that time the club has produced several top class competitors on the national scene and several of their members have contributed a great deal to the sport both locally and nationally.

#### **ASCOT PARK HOTEL RALLY OF SOUTHLAND**

Richard Clapperton and Ross Taylor along with other members of their team have done a huge amount of work towards the 2006 Ascot Park Hotel Rally Of Southland. This year should see another superb event.

However a great deal of manpower is required on the day so if you or any friends wish to assist please contact Richard at ????????