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Welcome to the HRC August Newsletter

We are looking at a great Summer of Motorsport, but before reading about new initiatives that HRC are planning we thought it is important you understand the reasons behind us looking at new ideas.

HRC was involved at the start of the BMW Series providing grids at race meetings - although to start with, they only had three eligible cars and maybe two others. Once the first meeting came along, HRC nearly had a full grid. That year at the Motorsport Conference, the HRC delegate was warned by two executive members not to start any new classes as the present classes at the time were struggling for entries! Of course we used the Admiral Nelson trick and put the telescope to our blind eye. Since then we have actively encouraged other new classes like 2K Cup, Historic Muscle Cars, Historic Sports Sedans, Formula Libre (reborn), SuperLap and Hooters Vintage Series. We brought SuperKarts into the mainstream motorsport community, ran the first SuperTourer meetings and bought the warring V8 groups together with the help of Owen Evans and Richard Gee. Along with NZIGP we helped create the Motor Sport Club which supplies and trains officials and volunteers to all the various race meetings.

Over the last twelve months we have been working hard to run days that have introduced many newcomers (women and men) to motorsport with our Introduction to Motorsport days. The one last Sunday was our best to date. In addition, HRC has continued to support the traditional classes and even if entries have been at an uneconomic level, we have still run races for them.

*So before everyone starts rushing into print about a number of new Classes we are looking into, HRC hopes you will see more opportunities for **existing cars** to be raced against similar cars and like minded drivers and see that HRC is providing **more opportunities but not necessarily more race meetings**, just better race meetings with hopefully more competitors which will limit the cost of entry fee increases.*

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## HRC Office Hours in SEPTEMBER

Due to Staff Holidays, the HRC Office in Parnell will only be open Tuesday – Thursday 9am-5pm.

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## HRC Introduction to Motorsport Day – Review

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August saw HRC running the second of our Introduction to Motorsport Days at Hampton Downs Club Circuit. Designed to help people who want to try Motorsport without the pressure of turning up at an event without training, we welcomed 35 drivers to the day including 9 ladies who took part in the Women in Motorsport event. There were plenty of experienced club members on hand to help out and also tutors which included Racing Ray Williams, Gary Rush and James Watson. Woman in Motorsport competitors Bronwynne, Sheridan, Helen & Wendy were joined by Rachel Norris (2K Cup) and Chelsea Herbert (NZTC V8) to help a new group of women find out more about Motorsport.



The day started with an introduction to the team, then we covered safety elements (Helmet, Overalls, Flags etc). Next was a track walk with Racing Ray to help everyone understand the “Racing Line” followed by several laps behind a pace car before we opened the track for the groups. There was no pressure to compete - just circulate at your own pace, take race car rides with our instructors or receive instruction in your own car.

Such was the interest in furthering their ambitions, Chris conducted 11 Licence examinations and was able to answer numerous questions about Authority Cards and is available to conduct Authority Card Inspections for anyone who is interested.

Towards the end of the day we ran some 2 car (Dual) Sprints for those that already have their Clubsport or above licences.

All in all, it was a great day and judging by the feedback on FaceBook, we have a lot of interest for further sessions. Please let us know if you would like to attend one in the future. Once we have sufficient numbers, we will arrange a date and venue to suit.



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### **Are you a member of HRC?**

As the new season approaches, it's important that you have everything lined up to enable you to compete successfully.

- MSNZ Licence – Is your Race Licence still Valid?
- Vehicle Logbook – Have you got enough pages left for your scrutineering audits?
- Club Membership – Are you a member of a MSNZ Affiliated Club? If not, you will not be able to race.

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If you would like to become a member of the Historic Racing Club, order online at [www.hrcevents.co.nz/shop.php](http://www.hrcevents.co.nz/shop.php) for a small payment of \$50.00. You can pay by cheque, credit card, direct credit or cash. We are MSNZ affiliated and under that we administer, promote, and develop automobile sport in accordance with the objectives of MSNZ.

### **HRC Membership Benefits**

New for 2017/18 Season, we have included the following benefits as part of your HRC Membership

- Free Entry for current HRC Members to spectate at any of our Race Meetings (On production of valid Club Membership Card)

### **HRC Office**

Testing for competition licences is available at the HRC office as is testing for Authority Cards also check out our shop on [www.hrcevents.co.nz](http://www.hrcevents.co.nz)

Last but not least like us on face book so you can get instant updates on coming events.  
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### **The HRC Team**

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## Attention all Drivers

Following the success of the HRC Introduction to Motorsport days, we are running a Clubsport Event as part of our Waikato Challenge Meeting on SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September. We will be running Dual Sprints on the National circuit. There will be 2 x 15 minute Practice Sessions and up to 4 Dual Sprints. We will have some of the instructors in attendance and they will help you thorough the day. If your car has a cage, harnesses and approved seat, then the instructor can go in the car with you whilst you compete. We would like to see as many new competitors as possible at this event – what are you waiting for??

The cost is only \$195 plus the HD H&S Levy.

Entries are now open at [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com)

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## Racing Classes News

### 2KCup

**2K Cup** opened its 2017/18 Season registrations for the series last month and within 2 days they had 90 confirmed entries - and that is only from the North Island current competitors! The next step is to invite registrations from the new competitors so we could easily see three grids this season. 2K Cup is a great class to enter motorsport, low initial cost, close racing, no need to spend money on improving the car (as they have to remain standard) and great bunch of drivers to race and socialise with.

Contact: [overview@2kcup.com](mailto:overview@2kcup.com)

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### Improved Production Car Series

Following along from the success of 2K Cup, HRC believes there is room in the NZ market for an improved production class (IPC). IPC has been an incredible success in Australia. We see IPC as a step up from 2K Cup. 2K Cup is no modifications and only cars of a similar power to weight ratio are accepted hence the close racing. IPC cars still run road tyres, bodies mostly standard, and engine swaps are allowed but must be from the same manufacturer and must be a similar configuration to the original model. No V8's can be shoehorned into what originally was a 4 cylinder model. The IPC rules ([press here for the rules](#)) provide close racing without the necessity of a large budget. IPC gives you the chance to choose any manufacturer and should prove a lot more popular than one make series. Not every one wants to run a Suzuki Swift or Ssang Yong ute. Not knocking the Ssang Yong series which has been well promoted by Rick Cooper and Mark Petch but after this year when the series ceases the Utes could run in IPC. Also suitable for BMW 330 Race Challenge Cars (See article later in this newsletter).

The rules are reasonably tight and have been well test in Australia and should work here in NZ. A DRAFT Copy of the rules are available in the HRC Website at:

<http://www.hrcevents.co.nz/pages.php?id=163>

HRC has been negotiating with Hampton Downs to start the class off at the Hampton Downs 501 in October but as of going to press, this is unconfirmed and depends on what GTNZ decides. It would be an advantage to start at the Hampton Downs International track - but at this stage it looks like the first round will be at Hampton Downs on the 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> November. Other rounds have been arranged at the high profile Motor Cup meeting at Hampton Downs on the 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> January. This meeting will feature Toyota TRS single Seaters, F5000 and Formula Libre so a reasonable crowd can be expected and the HRC Season Finale at Hampton Downs on the 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> May. These dates have been chosen so as not to clash with a number of club events which run classes for similar cars.

For more information, please contact Chris on 0274 827542 09 3770732 [chris@hrcevents.co.nz](mailto:chris@hrcevents.co.nz)

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### Classic Touring Cars

This is a class that has run at the NZFMR meetings as a season one off and has been known as Heritage Touring Cars. The Heritage Touring cars are not racing in the Auckland area this season and also a number of touring cars in the Auckland area do not fit within the Heritage Touring Car rules. Classic Touring cars are cars from 1980 to 1999 and include BMW's, Porsches, Ferrari's, Commodores, Corvettes, Camaro, Mazda RX 7's Ford escorts, Ford Sierras, Datsun Z, Datsun P510. Basically cars that ran in the Group A and Group C era. HRC intends to have this class running at the Tasman Revival Hampton Downs on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January

Contact Chris 0274827542 [chris@hrcevents.co.nz](mailto:chris@hrcevents.co.nz) for details

Chris has an Alpina 635 that should be ready for January !

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### NZ Tranzam Challenge

#### Return of the Giants

With only 3 months to go, the line up for the first round of the **New Zealand Tranzam Challenge** is looking exciting. A starting grid of around 15 race cars is expected and the spectators at Hampton Downs -- November 25th & 26th --- will not be disappointed. Although we are yet to secure a naming rights sponsor, there is a lot of interest in the class. The line up of Camaro, Mustang, Corvette & Jaguar, to name a few, will be crowd pleasers and will generate more interest in this exciting class of V8's. With the 6 litre engines and close racing the spectacle of these cars is going to be fantastic.

Here's a few photos of some of the cars that will be competing



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#### **F5000 and Single Seater Test days**

Over the last few years we have discussed having test/training session to help new drivers into F5000 and to assist others in understanding how their car needs to operate to give the driver the best confidence in driving them. HRC are pleased to offer the opportunity on the weekend of 23/24th of September at Hampton Downs to achieve this. HRC Waikato Challenge is a club level meeting and F5000 would have 2 Practice sessions on the Saturday and on the Sunday we would have a very low key race which allows everyone to experience rolling starts and running together and we may run the safety car out once to control things and allow experience at the restart, there will be no winner.

Prior to going onto the track on Saturday we will have a brief workshop on Tyre pressures, Wheel Alignment and safety, and then after first session we will show how to do a wheel alignment on a car, we will have a number of experienced engineers and drivers on hand to help and advise.

No hotshots will be running we are looking at 1.08min plus laps as the fastest

We would encourage car owners to bring along their crew and helpers so they can learn also.

Please advise if you are interested and pass the word onto anyone you think would benefit from this whilst having a great opportunity to run these great cars together

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### Super Mini Challenge Race Series

In an effort to get more RCOS we are trying to find all of those race Mini's that we know are out there and get them to come and race with us for the 2017 / 2018 season. Any race Mini in any state of tune (Classic or BMW) is welcome to come along and join in the fun for the whole series of Super Mini Challenge racing or even to just race at one or two rounds when we are at your local track. We will fit you into one of the several classes that we run on our grid that best suits your car's performance. Check out our new face book page and please feel free to contact us if you think you may be interested in competing or even if you have a suitable race car that is for sale so someone else can get out of your shed and race it.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1527383493990370/>

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### Hooters Vintage Race Series

The Hooters Vintage Race Series is lining up for the new season. We have 4 race events scheduled including hopefully a revival of the Roycroft Trophy Races. The series is open to any VCC Registered Pre Dec 31 1960 Vehicle and we run under a VCC Permit at HRC Events MSNZ Meetings. As well as the races, we have been invited to several other events this season including Hillclimbs and also Classic Trials. See our Facebook page for full details

<https://www.facebook.com/HootersVintageRaceSeries/>

Upcoming Dates are:

Date	Event	Location	Organising Club
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Hooters Race - Icebreaker	Hampton Downs	HRC
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	Kairangi Hillclimb	Cambridge	Waikato VCC
5 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Chelsea WALSH Hillclimb	Auckland	Waitemata VCC
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> November	MG Classic Race Meeting	Manfeild	MG Car Club
26 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Race Meeting	Hampton Downs Club Circuit	HRSCC

Contact Tim at HRC Office for entry information. [tim@hrcevents.co.nz](mailto:tim@hrcevents.co.nz) 021 614600

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## **Formula Libre**

It's been a while since there has been an update on the Formula Libre scene so I thought it was time to let you all know what is happening out there. Following on from my last newsletter we can confirm the four round summer series for Formula Libre with the first round being part of the New Zealand Sports Car Championship at Manfeild in November for the MG Classic meeting. Libre will be running under the Sports car banner not under Libre. This is a toe in the water exercise to see how many single seaters want to run on the iconic Manawatu Circuit. If it is successful we will look to make a bigger thing of it next season.

With regard to the remainder of the summer series, this will be run over three weekends in January 2018. The first weekend will be at Taupo on the 6th & 7th January with the next round at Hampton Downs the following weekend on the full International track and final round will be at Hampton Downs two weeks later as a support class to the TRS New Zealand Motor Cup meeting. This will be held on the National circuit.

This means that there are effectively four different tracks in use for the series. To ensure our South Island and overseas entrants aren't disadvantaged, it will be a best of three rounds counted for the championship. So for those only coming for the three January rounds you get the same opportunity to take out the series. Speaking of South Island and overseas entrants it looks like there is a strong contingent of Formula Atlantics and a couple of other Formula cars heading North for the January rounds and I believe there is at least one, possibly two Atlantics coming in from UK as well as Tony Caruthers with his Swift Sports 2000 from Canada.

Also a huge thanks to Elton and the team at Hampton Downs who have offered very secure garages in Gasoline Alley at a very favourable rate for storage of cars from the first Weekend of January to the last so your cars will be secure over the weeks in between meetings. Please register your interest with me in the first instance, so I can give Elton an idea of numbers.

Finally I am still in the process of putting together figures with the idea of securing sponsorship for the series and already have a couple of interested parties. We have managed to secure an agreement with Adam Jones "The Fast Files" to cover the whole series with his excellent "on line" coverage. This gives a series sponsor far better exposure for investment for viewers than TV could ever hope to offer. What's more for the competitor, it gives you the opportunity to give your sponsors coverage because of Adams very clever and informative "Magazine Style Profiles". Go check out his coverage of the ENEOS Endurance Series on [Thefastfiles.com](http://Thefastfiles.com).

Looks like we are in for a great season with some epic battles so make sure you have your cars tuned and ready to go.

***John Tomlin***

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## BMW E30 Scholarship Day

Another successful E30 Scholarship day was had at Hampton Downs recently. 21 applicants went head to head however we can only have one winner!



Congratulations to Tim Dawson!

Tim has a passion for motorsport and has been involved with karting over the past couple of years. Motorsport seems to be a family affair as Tim has also been involved with helping out his step-father, who races in the Central Muscle Cars category, as a pit crew member.

Welcome to the BMW Race Driver Series!!

However none of this would be possible without our sponsors and supporters, so a massive thanks and shout out to:

Racing Ray Williams & Todd Pelham for the tutoring and judging!

BMW NZ Ltd, Toyo Tyres/Nationwide Accessories, BMW Car Club New Zealand, 1907 Water, HRC Events, Hampton Downs Motorsport Park, United Car Care NZ, Takapuna Panelbeaters, Racer Products, Track Time, The Motorsport Club, P&S Autocentre Limited, Repco Whangaparaoa, SkySpeed, Matt Smith Photography, Kayne Barrie Motorsport Ltd, Transvisual Graphics, all the volunteers who assisted in running of the event and our drivers for providing hot-laps for our applicants.

Congratulations also go to our runner-up and third place getters:

Second place goes to Peter Vodanovich, and courtesy of Hampton Downs, he has been awarded a double pass to the Laser Plumbing & Electrical Hampton Downs 500.

Third place goes to Peter Bennett, and courtesy of United Car Care NZ, he has been awarded some car cleaning products.

We saw so many potential candidates and encourage you all to get involved in Motorsport, in any shape or form.

## Volunteer to Europe

I wonder how many of you will remember how Bruce McLaren got his big break into motor racing? From what we can determine, his performance in the New Zealand Grand Prix in 1958 was noticed by Australian driver Jack Brabham (who would later invite McLaren to drive for him). Because of his obvious potential the New Zealand International Grand Prix organisation selected him for its 'Driver to Europe' scheme designed to give a promising Kiwi driver year-round experience with the best in the world. McLaren was the first recipient, to be followed by others later including Denny Hulme.

Whilst we see several Kiwi Drivers now making their way on the global stage, The MotorSport Club and HRC Events decided last year to make a similar award to a promising young Motorsport Volunteer – and so the Volunteer to Europe scheme was born.

The prize awarded was flights and 5 nights campground accommodation to Marshal at the prestigious Goodwood Festival of Speed in the UK. The lucky recipient was Carter Rinkin. Carter has been involved with volunteering in motorsport for the last 12-13 years - his current role is running the start line for all the Motorsport Club staffed events – as well as helping out at Rally Whangerao and Rally New Zealand service parks. For the trip, Carter took his fiancé Shiane along.

(Wednesday) and we arrived in the UK. This gave time to explore the Goodwood Motor Racing Circuit, visit the Bruce McLaren memorial and also take a lap of the circuit before setting up camp in the Marshals Campsite. We also met with Bob White of the Independent Goodwood Photographers Guild who spent some time with us and took our photos.



(Thursday) and we ventured into the Festival of Speed site. The day was spent familiarising ourselves with the layout, meeting the Officials of the Meeting, exploring the cars in the pits, taking photos and we were also able to view the Bonhams Auction. An early night was needed ready for the main event !

The following notes are from Carters Facebook Posts. We kept the NZ Volunteers and HRC Followers up to date on what we were up to...

*So Day One (Friday) is done and dusted here at the Goodwood Festival of Speed but before I head off to bed I thought I should give guys an update. Today Shiane and I were on crossing number 2 which is about 50-100m away from startline on the hot side. We got to see the cars come down the track before they turned around and started the ascent up the hill. We had an amazing first day with some friendly and helpful local marshals. Tomorrow we head up to the F1 paddock where we will get to line up some very cool cars from all different eras.*



*(Saturday) Wow, what a day. Words cannot describe what Shiane and I were able to do today. Our job today was to get the cars from the pit garages which were surrounded by hundreds of people down to the assembly area. This was interesting especially when they didn't want to listen and get out of the way. Later on during the day we got pulled aside by one of the marshals and said come with me - this is where the day went awesome to out of this world... We started with the Ferrari team then onto Renault, Red Bull, Williams, McLaren and then we finished off with Mercedes where Tim arranged through one of the other marshals to have walk through the garage. We got to talk to the data analysis engineer for the team he explained all the parts on and around the car which was a big eye opener. But taking it back to our actual job for the day was awesome I don't think today has sunk in really.*

*(Sunday) Well that's a wrap! We have just finished our final day here at the Goodwood Festival of Speed, today we were on Molecomb corner where all the action happens... but I don't think we took the strong magnets with us today as we only had one off which was Chris Forsberg from Formula Drift.*

*We have had an amazing time over here at the Festival. Thank you to all the marshals that accommodated us and made us feel like one of the team it felt amazing being amongst such an awesome group of people. I would also like to say a huge thanks to Tim Hill from HRC Events for helping us get over and for putting up with us over the last couple days here at Goodwood and also a very BIG Thankyou to Deborah Day and the rest of The Motorsport Club for getting me over and allowing me to enjoy this amazing event.*

If you would like to help sponsor next year's winner of the Volunteer to Europe for a similar trip to Marshal at the Festival of Speed, please contact Tim at the HRC Office for details.

# Race Meetings this season

Tim ([tim@hrcevents.co.nz](mailto:tim@hrcevents.co.nz) 021 614600) is working on the calendar for the coming season some events appear oversubscribed and some are little short on classes. Events that need more classes are the Waikato Challenge 23/24 Sept at Hampton Downs, Tasman Revival Hampton Downs 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> January, Season Finale Hampton Downs 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> May. If your class needs more rounds contact Tim.

At HRC meetings you can have all your races on one day or spread across two days.



The NEW 2017/18 Season HRC Wallplanner is now available to download from our website at: <http://www.hrcevents.co.nz/content/49pd46.pdf>



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## Upcoming Race Meetings

Entries now open. Please Enter Online at [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com)

### Waikato Challenge

#### Hampton Downs

<b>Class</b>	<b>Sat 23 Sept</b>	<b>Sun 24 Sept</b>
Superkarts Nationals		
2K Cup		
F5000 Testing		
Improved Production		
Clubman Sprints		

### Icebreaker

#### Hampton Downs

<b>Class</b>	<b>Sat 30 Sept</b>	<b>Sun 1 Oct</b>
BMW E30		
BMW 2 Litre		
BMW Open		
TROFEO Series		
ERC		
Arrows		
Classic Trial (Sun)		
Hooters Vintage Race Series (Sat)		

### 2K Cup Challenge

#### Hampton Downs

<b>Class</b>	<b>Sat 25 Nov</b>	<b>Sun 26 Nov</b>
2K Cup		
SuperKarts		
Sportscars		
Mini Drivers		
NZ6/HQ		
Pro7 / MX5		
NZ Tranzam Challenge		
Superlaps		
Honda Cup		



HRC Have been long term supporters of the Women in Motorsport Initiative and it was interesting to see the following article appear in our Social Media feed recently.

## **Meet The Formula 1 Women Creating A Vehicle For Change**

This article was first published in Vogue Magazine. Please see the full article here:

<http://www.vogue.co.uk/article/claire-williams-susie-woff-women-in-formula-one-interview>

LET's put our pub-quiz hats on. If a room full of punters was asked to name one of the most spearheading Formula 1 figures in the motorsport's present roll call, it is highly likely that most would name a male. (To be fair, for a sport that has been a boy's game for decades, those answers would be proportionally representative, as well as reflective of what we see on the TV every other Sunday for nine months of the year.)

It is quite unlikely that many answers would be female, but that would be a disservice to a sport which - although still has its male-dominated stigma to shake - has made important strides in recent years both on the track and behind the scenes.

### **Claire Williams**

A case in point? Claire Williams, the deputy team principal of Williams - the team her father established 40 years ago. She is currently serving inspiration to thousands of women on a bi-weekly basis as she shares her knowledge, her expertise, and her confidence at taking on what traditionally would be deemed as a man's job live from the garage. As a longstanding figure in the sport, she is as passionate as she is realistic about the task it is faced with.

### **Susie Wolff**

Second case in point is Susie Wolff – the former British racing driver who in 2014, under Williams's management, became the first woman to participate in a Formula 1 weekend since 1992 (before which she had been motor-racing since her early teens)

"I think it's definitely moving in the right direction, I think society in general is moving in that direction and sport is going with it," says Wolff. "What has helped, is that in life you have to see it to believe it sometimes, and I think women are becoming a lot more inspired by other women being successful – not just in motorsport, but in whatever industry they are in."

### **Wolff racing for Williams**

Both Williams and Wolff are active in welcoming more women into the sport. For Williams, it's through team apprenticeships (this year 25 per cent of the applications were from women) and getting female employees to take on ambassadorial roles in schools and colleges so they can go out and "explain what a great industry motorsport is to work in, what subjects students need to pursue to do so, and to get 13 and 14-year-olds to think, 'Right, I can do that job,' and make sure that they know they are very welcome."

For Wolff, it is through her spearheading initiative Dare To Be Different, which she immediately established following her retirement from racing in 2015 to encourage confidence in young girls and help future female talents realise their potential.

“If you are a successful woman, that can inspire the next generation,” she says. “When I decided to stop racing, I really wanted to give something back to the sport and for me it was always going to be about inspiring young girls and women. I think I only ever did one interview in my career in which I wasn’t asked about my gender – everyone else would say, ‘You work in such a male-dominated world,’ but I knew that it wasn’t that male dominated. My boss was female, we had fantastic female engineers, so I realised that we have to inspire the next generation and talk to these women who are not always visible in front of the camera and make role models out of them.”

The good news is that sponsors of the sport are clocking on too. This week, Heineken promoted its More Than A Race campaign at the Formula 1 Live event in London’s Trafalgar Square, an initiative that aims to expand the public’s education of the sport, highlighting – among many other facets – stereotypes of male-domination in the sport to show that there’s more than meets the eye. Formula 1’s new owners, Liberty Media (who organised the event in the capital – the first time that all of the teams have come together outside of a race weekend), are also on board with initiatives like Dare To Be Different to open up the sport to female fans (who currently already make up around 36 per cent of the global audience) and potential recruits alike.

The message here? “We are doing a lot, but there’s a lot more to be done,” says Williams. She and Wolff are in pole position to make sure their mission continues.

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MYLAPS provides personal transponders to fulfil the needs of organizations as well as the needs of participants. With the introduction of the Car/Bike X2 personal transponder, MYLAPS offers a low cost entry solution for racers.



**On behalf of the Vintage Car Club of NZ and the Cancer Society, we wish to invite you to join our National Rally.**

**Date:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Assemble:** 10:00 am at Caffeine & Classics  
Smales Farm  
Takapuna  
Depart 11:15am  
\$10 per vehicle

**The tour will take you up the West Coast on sealed roads to finish in Warkworth for a car display.**

**All proceeds go to the Cancer Society**

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The HRC Introduction to Motorsport event gave Motorsport Rentals the opportunity to test two of their newly built BMW 330 race cars. A flawless first time on the track performance had owner Raymond Dufton smiling from ear to ear, no failures, great handling characteristics and a lot of interest from fellow competitors. In the words of Racing Ray Williams “a well balanced, cost effective race car that is going to make its mark in future production and Targa racing events”. After adjusting the seat so Ray could reach the pedals, and with owner in the passenger seat, Ray seriously put the car through its paces showing the new to the sport competitors what 50 years’ experience does for your driving capability.



The 3 litre powered e46 coupes are available for a range of rental or lease options from one off track day and driver training to full series arrive and drive. The 330 is renowned for its reliability and coupled to a ZF five speed transmission and LSD rear end, the experience is sensational. This makes the concept a perfect “try before you buy” experience. MotorSport Rentals have a number of identical cars under construction and there are several privately owned cars currently competing.

Construction components are of renowned race quality however amazingly cost effective for the DIY home mechanic.

Info on the 330 Rentals cars are

- FIA approved UK built Roll cages
- High Spec E46 330ci with large 355mm Brembo Brakes, Full ST Suspension built by KW Germany,
- Tilton Lightened Flywheel with 7 1/4" race clutch & lots more goodies
- New UK built 18"x 8 1/2 " Race wheels
- All cars are road registered so are suitable for Targa Rally, Targa Tours as well as many track events. They are built to spec for the new "330 Race Challenge", "Production Race Series" of Auckland car Club & should go well in the upcoming HRC Improved Production Car Series
- Because of the high torque they are suitable for hill climbs etc



### Services Available

- Full Race cars for U Drive track days
- Full Pit crew & race team management for all events
- Corporate Track events run for your customers, staff etc
- Advice and Sales of Parts on how to build a suitable car

Want to know more, phone or email Raymond Dufton:- 027 4715154 Email [motorsportrentals@icloud.com](mailto:motorsportrentals@icloud.com)

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## **Rebel Round Up**

### **Sick and tired of being a support category stuck out the back.....**

This event has you racing front and centre based in Pit Lane.

### **Presenting Rebel Round Up 2018 (16-18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018)**

Rebel Round Up is a new weekend event to be held at Pukekohe Park on 16-18<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Transferring from Rotorua to Pukekohe Park, Rebel Round Up is a totally new motor entertainment concept. It incorporates a fully themed hot rod, vintage, rockabilly festival celebrating a bygone era of historic racing cars, traditional hot rods, vintage vehicles & aircraft, as well as rockabilly music and the associated lifestyle that accompanies it all.

It is anticipated, that with the right involvement of the period, correct participants for this event will grow into a truly international spectacle of world class standard.

There are other automotive events in NZ but this is your chance to be part of a truly unique & special experience unlike any other offered in this country.

The event will have activities within activities and to that end we have ring fenced Friday and Saturday time slots for "Motor Racing".

The Motor Racing will be organised and run by HRC Events in conjunction with Pukekohe Park. Due to the overall theme of the event, the organisers want Pre-1980 American/European types of cars.

### **Proposed Format:**

Friday will be run as an "open test day" as per normal by the Park.

At around 4pm the track will be for the sole use of the race competitors with on track activities to end at around 8.30pm. Over this 4 hour period we would expect to hold a 15min practice, a 15min qualifying and a top ten shoot out. A prize giving will follow in the Garden Bar for all drivers and teams, awarding Pukekohe Park's inaugural Rebel Round Up Top 10 Shoot out Cup for the winner and place getters.

Saturday will start on track at 9am and we envisage practice, qualifying and 4 races for the competitors in all out action day styled on the old school way we used to race - "**run what you bring**" philosophy. Winning trophies based on race points as well as spot prizes are awarded at the prize giving at around 5pm.

### **Competitor offer:**

Entry fee of \$320 plus MSNZ levy of \$53. This includes pit lane sheds, power, 4 x 3 day pass to the Rebel Round Up event, including camping and entry to Friday open testing.

Pukekohe Park and Rebel Round Up have committed to a large marketing budget for this event and the motor sport component will be exposed in all marketing and promotional material, including social, print, apparel and TV. The event poster is attached.

Time is of the essence, we need to lock down the competitors wishing to attend this unique inaugural event, so that the marketing team can get into full swing. Make sure you attend this event this year, as we know this event will grow in popularity. We will offer all first timers to 2018 event a guarantee entry to 2019's event.

Please email [tim@hrcevents.co.nz](mailto:tim@hrcevents.co.nz) if you are interested in competing by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.



The poster features a central illustration of a woman in a red dress and patterned stockings standing between two classic cars. The background is black with red radiating lines. Above the cars, the text 'REBEL ROUND UP' is written in a large, stylized, yellow font. To the left of the text are two checkered flags, and to the right are two pistons. A small airplane is flying in the background.

**HOT ROD, VINTAGE, ROCKABILLY FESTIVAL**

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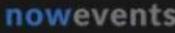
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4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017

## **EX F1 DRIVER HIGHLY RATES YOUNG TKR DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY DRIVER, 13 YEAR OLD KIWI, THOMAS BONIFACE.**

### **TKR DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY DRIVER ON TRACK FOR AUSTRALIAN DEBUT.**



Young Kiwi, 13 year old TKR Development Academy driver Thomas Boniface, was recently provided the opportunity to do a high performance driver training program in the US under the guidance of Ex F1 driver Allen Berg, at the world famous Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Northern California.

The key objective behind Team Kiwi Racing providing Thomas the opportunity to do a high performance driver training program in the US was to receive independent feedback from a top level professional race car driver who has competed at the top level of motorsport himself, along with input from his five professional driving instructors.

Secondly, it was to see if a totally independent race organisation saw the same potential in Thomas, as a very talented driver with an exciting motorsport future ahead of him, as TKR does.

Not only did Thomas impress the five professional driver instructors at the Allen Berg high performance driver training program but he also impressed ex F1 driver Allen Berg himself. In fact he impressed throughout the course so much that Allen Berg made time to specifically come over and reinforce how impressed he was with the young Kiwi.

Berg stated he had not seen a kid with that much natural car speed and car control as Thomas showed on their first time in an unknown race car.

And it did not finish there.

Allen's comments were further backed up when the driving instructors secretly installed a data logger and GoPro camera on Thomas's car without his knowledge during the last run of the day. They did this so they could see first-hand how the young Kiwi was achieving the lap times he was, as Thomas was 1 second per lap faster than the lead driving instructor at the end of the full speed Hot Laps session of the program.

"Thomas Boniface is the real deal and he has a very exciting future ahead of him should we be able to keep finding the funding to nurture this talent to a point where his natural ability will shine through and teams will be wanting to secure and pay for his services in the future". said Team Owner David John.

TKR have been supporting the talented young Kiwi with his development both on and of the race track since Thomas was selected as a TKR Development Academy Driver 18 months ago when he was still racing karts as a national champion and multiple national karting title holder.

Thomas has since completed a full season in the BMW Drivers Championship with TKR in one of the teams Championship winning TKR BMW Minis.

“I always keep an eye on drivers coming through the grass roots level of motorsport, as TKR has for the last 18 years. I had seen the name Thomas Boniface along with other young Kiwi KartSport drivers names pop up frequently and I have always said a young driver needs to make the initiative to introduce him or herself to a Team Owner to show they have the initiative and drive to succeed in this sport, which is exactly what Thomas did”. said David John

Thomas made the effort and early one morning before school went to an open day TKR was holding in New Plymouth as part of a nationwide tour TKR had implemented to evaluate potential new TKR Development Academy driver for the coming season. At the completion of the national tour TKR short-listed the potential drivers they believed were the best fit for the TKR Development Academy and the opportunity it provides talented young Kiwi drivers, finally selecting Thomas Boniface.

18 months on Thomas has made significant head way that has seen the young Kiwi complete his first full season in the BMW Drivers Championship driving one of the TKR BMW Mini Championship winning cars.

With a number of local test days in New Zealand and input from Kiwi motorsport legend Craig Baird, the test day in the US recently, another test day in the US scheduled for later in the year, with the second season in the BMW Drivers Championship about to commence and confirmation TKR could be lining up on the grid in Australia in 2018, Thomas Boniface is a name to remember for the future.

TKR are looking to run a second TKR BMW Mini in this year's BMW Drivers Championship as an extension to the TKR Development Academy. Interested parties should contact David John on 021 636877 or email [djohn@teamkiwiracing.co.nz](mailto:djohn@teamkiwiracing.co.nz) to register their interest.

A further announcement on the Team Kiwi Racing, 2018 Australian campaign, will be made in the near future.

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## **Vigilance Required When Purchasing Any Safety Equipment**

MotorSport NZ advises caution and awareness when purchasing any item of motor sport safety equipment from online auction sites. We continue to advise that all safety equipment should be purchased from an agent authorised to sell that product.

Two recent instances of counterfeit and misrepresented items of motorsport safety equipment being sold through online auction sites within New Zealand have highlighted the dangers faced when purchasing online.

The two identified examples involve the sale of counterfeit Safety Harnesses, and misrepresented and fake Race Overalls. Both displayed labelling and badges of known brands but were not the genuine product. Both safety items were for sale at a price well below the market price for that same item.

These safety items were potentially dangerous and would not have provided the purchaser with the level of protection expected from the genuine article.

When purchasing any item of safety equipment remember, the purpose of the item is entrenched in its title... "Safety". Price should always be a secondary consideration.

Any members who suspect they may have purchased one of these items should contact the MotorSport NZ office for further advice.

Sincerely,

The Motorsport Team