



Eastern Southland Car Club Inc.

June 2010 Newsletter

Hello Club Members

It has been a long time since the last news letter due to no time to write one up. We have had a good season which has now come to an end. With good numbers at all events.

54th ESCC Annual Prize giving and Dinner

We are holding our annual prize giving at Rosebank Lodge in Balclutha this year on Saturday 19th June. We have Jeff Judd as our Guest Speaker this year to tell us about his season last year co-driving for Mark "Brown Eye" Tapper in the Pirelli Star Driver Championship overseas. Tickets are \$40 per person. Please let me know by Sunday 13th June so we can give the Lodge some indication with numbers. Text me your name and tickets you require during work hours on 027 327 5459 or call me after 7pm on 03 217 2081. Drinks start at 5.30pm. Look forward to hearing from you all.

Your Membership Has Expired

As of midnight last Monday your club membership has expired. For your new 2010-11 membership go online to www.escc.co.nz for a renewal form or contact Errol, Roger, Dean Bond or myself to renew.

Catlins Coast Rally Date Change

Unfortunately we have had to move the date for the Catlins Coast Rally. It is now on Saturday 24th July. Entry and Regs are online at www.escc.co.nz . For anyone available to help with the 10th running of the Catlins Coast Rally please contact Hamish Johnstone on 027 555 0621 or Craig Jessop on 027 425 7181. We need plenty of timing crews and block marshals.

AV-Gas

As of July 1st 2010 Av-Gas will not be permitted to use at any motorsport event. So if you have stocks of the fuel best you use it up at SSCC or OSCC events before the end of this month. **AV-GAS CANNOT BE USED AT THE CATLINS COAST RALLY THIS YEAR.**

Up Coming Events

Sunday 13th June SSCC Motokhana and Sprints

Saturday 19th June ESCC Annual Prize giving and Dinner

Sunday 27th June OSCC Taieri Beach Rd Hillclimb Doco 9-9.30 \$60 entry

Tuesday 15th July ESCC Club Night RSA Rooms Gore 8pm

Sunday 18th July OSCC Milburn Hillclimb & Rallysprint. \$60 Hillclimb or \$100 for both

Saturday 24th July ESCC Catlins Coast Rally

Motorsport NZ AGCM – Wellington

AGCM REPORT

It was an interesting couple of days and sure proved the worth of the workshops on Friday as there were considerable discussion during them - however there was a request for the workshops to be better structured as the training and safety Commission did clash with Race. Also Clubsport clashed with Rally. Bit difficult if a club only has one representative...

The remits that were considered were:

HISTORIC AND CLASSIC ADVISORY COMMISSION

1. All new applicants to spend time on a flag point as part of their competition licence

---Left on floor until 2011 due to initiatives expected from Training and safety Commission who will be looking at licensing requirements as part of their training approach

2. Recovery of insurance to be on per entry basis instead of per event charge

Discussion was around aligning fee against large entries, big club v small clubs, what to do if shown separately in case of event cancellation, why insurance is so high in NZ etc etc

-lost

CLUBSPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION

3. CotC at drifting events to have a minimum of 'B'

There appears to be a level confusion regarding what a B level license does, and also the problems appears mainly to be technical issues.

- Withdrawn

4. Red flag rule for dual car sprints on a circuit be the same as for racing (Schedule Z)

- carried

5. New event - dual car sprints on NZDRA tracks

- Carried - however re-raised at main conference on the basis that proposal put the management of the event in NZDRA officials and this is not on. During the subsequent discussion it was felt that what was being asked for is a dual car sprint, we already have one of those so no need to create another one. - Subsequently lost

A new proposal for a Gold Star Hillclimb Series was announced - two qualifying rounds in each island with a national

final (alternating between islands)

appeared to get reasonable support and several clubs showing interest in running rounds for the 2010 – 2011 season.

MAIN CONFERENCE

6. Annual sub be returned to \$2.50 and the increases announced be withdrawn and

Variation to club membership must be approved as a separate item by council

by these two really got things moving on the Saturday morning - firstly there was a tied vote on the first one, an admission that perhaps the constitution was not followed but Ex took from last years AGCM that they had been given the authority. matters were taken to a 'cup of tea' break and it was proposed that fee be \$5 for this year and that while not a remit increases of this nature do need to be considered separately as part of the budget process.

- Resolved

7. Avgas/racegas be continued to be permitted to be used

Another emotive topic. I must admit that I personally have done a 180 turn on this. I was in favour of the simple equation - while it is available, lets use it. However Rex Clark, TO and ex Chief Scientist at the Marsden Point Refinery gave an informative discussion on the use of leaded fuels. it was a little beyond what was required however it did convince me that we need to have a firm plan to stop using leaded fuels and that very shortly it will not be available. So lets put a stake in the ground and get on with it. That stake was put in a couple of years ago. However what did come out of the discussion was that MSNZ would be prepared to look at specific engines or classes of engines and provide a dispensation for them - this of course will not apply to any NZ Championship competition. So to me that is the way forward.

-- lost

8. Another one on fuel - same issue just put a different way

-- lost

9. All new applicants to spend time on a flag point as part of their competition licence

---Left on floor until 2011 due to initiatives expected from Training and safety Commission who will be looking at licensing requirements as part of their training approach

10. Policy of having AGCM only in Wellington be reviewed

- Passed - however I must say that the facilities this year were pretty damn good but still think that we should be seriously considering taking the meeting around the country

11. Recovery of insurance to be on per entry basis instead of per event charge

Same one from Rally and Clubsport meeting

-- lost

12. Minimum fine level of 20% be deleted

-- lost

13. Requirements to move to FIA safety for all vehicles in events

I have to admit to be confused what was being proposed here and after listening to discussions I am still confused -- lost

The elections were predictable because only one election was necessary. However vacancies resulted in
President - Shayne Harris

Vice President - Raymond Bennett

Executive member - Wayne Christie

Historic & Classic - Terry Collier and Nigel Russell returned

Clubsport - **JoAnne Burnett 40 and Errol Hewlett 29 returned**, Leon Cast 14 and Allan Baird 10 - unsuccessful

Rally - Carl Rabbidge & Roger Laird returned

Race - Karen Clearwater & Chudleigh Haggett returned

And so ended another AGCM - one of the better ones I thought - believe that the new team headed by Shayne have some challenges ahead of them and I am looking forward to some positive progress on a number of fronts

At Saturday Evenings Prize Giving in addition to the Gold Star awards 4 premier awards and some special awards were presented.

The premier awards were:

The prestigious **Jim Clark Trophy** was won by **Craig Baird MNZM**, recognising his feat in winning the V8s Touring Car and Porsche GT3 Championships in the same season which also earned him a special citation for Outstanding Achievement.

The Jim Clark Trophy was established in 1970 in memory of the former world champion driver who was a crowd favourite in New Zealand, winning the Tasman Championship three times in the years prior to his death in a racing accident in 1968.

Other finalists for this award were V8 driver and team owner John McIntyre (Nelson) and rising star Mitch Evans (Auckland) who had a stand out season in the Toyota Racing Series.

The **Rally Founders Trophy** for the rally driver who performs with distinction nationally or internationally was presented to **Hayden Paddon** (Geraldine) for the third year running.

The two other finalists for this award were 4WD competitor Emma Gilmour (Hamilton) and classic rally competitor Derek Ayson (Clinton).

Mitch Evans was awarded the **Steel Trophy** which recognises the outstanding Under 21 racing driver. In his rookie season in the Toyota Racing Series the 15 year old displayed remarkable driving talents to take the hotly contested championship. He also won the international series and was Rookie of the Year in TRS, following up his second place in the 2009 Australian Formula Ford championship.

Other finalists for the award were William Bamber (Wanganui) who raced in the Suzuki Sports class and Nick Cassidy

(Auckland), a former Speedsport Scholarship winner racing Formula Ford.

The **Lupp Trophy**, which recognises exceptional sportsmanship and contribution to the very popular field of classic car racing, was awarded to the late **David Brown** (Timaru). He competed in a range of motorsport through his South Canterbury Car Club and the Classic Motor Racing Club for over 30 years.

Other finalists for the Lupp Trophy were Ken Smith MBE (Auckland) and Steven Ross (Dunedin), both successful F5000 racers.

Special Awards.

Three special awards were also presented. Stepping down after 25 years' service to the sport at the national level including 12 years as president, **Steven Kennedy** (Otautau) was presented with the **President d'Honneur Award**. He has led the sport through a period of significant development in both its administration and sporting activities.

Graeme Robertson (Hamilton) was presented with the **Member d'Honneur** award. He has filled a wide range of roles and is currently chief clerk of the course and event director for the national race championships, whilst still being an active rally competitor. (And let me tell you this was a big surprise and I have to say it was very humbling to receive any award for doing something that you enjoy)

A Motorsport **Award of Merit** was presented to **Willard Martin** (Auckland) in recognition of the many roles he has filled in motorsport, including being closely involved in the operations of Rally New Zealand for many years and in his role as an administrator in international rallying.

Life member of the Northern Sports Car Club and former president of NZIGP and associate organiser of the Rally of New Zealand, **Grahame Knight** was made a **Steward d'Honneur**. He retired as a steward after 35 years service but remains on the Motorsport Court of Appeal.

There were several Distinguished **Service Awards** presented.

* **Laurie Brensell** (Hamilton) for his contribution to rallying including event organisation at national and international level over many years;

* **Chris Carr**, (Auckland) current chairman of Rally of New Zealand, for his services to rallying, which started with handling logistics for overseas teams in the New Zealand round of the World Rally Championship in the mid-1980s and has covered many roles since.

* **Graeme Cornelius** (Christchurch), a life member of the Canterbury Car Club and Clerk of the Course for his outstanding efforts at all levels of motorsport from grass roots to Tier One meetings;

* **Dale Crossley** (Auckland) a life member of the Hibiscus Coast Motorsport Club, a member of the national stewarding committee and of the national safety and training commission for his contribution particularly to grass roots motorsport

* **David Kirk** (Gore) a current member of the sport's Executive Committee, chairman of the Clubsport Commission and who has played a key role in the premier motorsport series setting up procedures under which the investigation team operates

* **Chris Parker** (Wellington) a computer programmer who developed a computer programme to manage results for

Wellington Car Club in the 1990s which is now used at all levels of rallying up to WRC in New Zealand. (I was particularly pleased with this one because Chris is one of the background guys that we can not do without. His contribution is outstanding)

A **Citation Award** was presented to Speedsport publisher and promoter of the Speedsport Scholarship **Grant McDonald** for his ongoing contribution to the sport and the development of young drivers.

Special awards were also made to **Alastair Corbett**, recently retired motorsport manager for Dunlop Tyres, **Dr Bruce Stewart**, the sport's medical adviser and to **Kenny Smith MBE** for special contributions they have made to the sport.

Motorsport Media Awards

The Motorsport New Zealand Media Awards were announced at the Motorsport Awards dinner in Wellington on Saturday night.

Winner of the **Journalist of the Year** award went to Bay of Plenty Times reporter **Colin Smith** for a portfolio of four articles.

Hamilton photographer **Geoff Ridder** won the **Photographer of the Year** award with a portfolio of six images covering both race and rally while the **President's Award for the best single image** went to **Philip Adamson** for an image shot at this year's Targa Rally.

Members of the **Motorsport Media Association** also vote for their **personality of the year** which this year went to **Craig Baird**, double championship winner and New Zealand's most successful racing driver.

Anything you want added to the newsletter email it to me at arcfilms@xtra.co.nz

Cheers

Gavin Read

Club Captain