

TORQUE REACTION

What's on this month?

Blue circles are non competitive events, and red circles are competitive events.

APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Committee Meeting Thomsons			1	2	3	4
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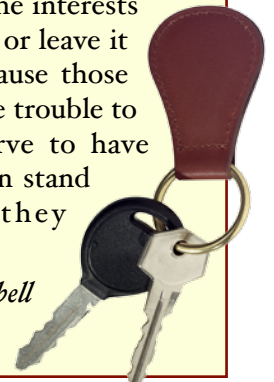
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President's Bit

Another month and more news and views.

The Executive of MotorSport NZ have put out information about the 2009 AGCM which has caused plenty of controversy, with the meeting being shortened to one day in an effort to save money, both for the sport and for the Clubs as it is possible to fly into and out of Wellington in one day. There has been quite a bit of debate, with some clubs suggesting a boycott. I think that is exactly the wrong thing to do for any club. If nothing else it lowers the power of democracy to let the sports governing body know what the real feeling is. Similarly, it leaves the Executive in a no win situation if the Council Meeting makes any decisions that are contrary to the wishes of the boycotting clubs. Do the Executive overturn the decision in the interests of the sport, or leave it in place because those who took the trouble to attend deserve to have their decision stand because they turned up?

- Campbell



At the Committee Meeting held on April 7th it was agreed to change the proposed run to grass motorkhana and autocross. The proposed venue is Cottle's Farm, Scotsman Valley Road. The number is in the 600s, on the left coming from the Hamilton end. There will be evidence that we are there at the gate. Start time is 10:00am for the motorkhana, the autocross to follow. Entry fee is \$5.00 per event.

SUBS ARE NOW OVERDUE

RUAPUKE ROAD SPRINT:

Time again to dust off the competition car, get out the spanners and make sure nothing is falling off, and make sure that the important safety devices have current approvals. Then you need to wash the overalls that you forgot to do after the last event, grab your helmet out of the hot water cupboard, - you do keep it there don't you, - and get your head in the right space for our Ruapuke Road Sprint.

This event is very popular every year, and certainly provides us

with plenty of reason to use the cars before winter sets in.

2008 provided an increase to the length that we have traditionally run, and this year there will be a further short distance added to ensure that the nasty little corner that caught out our second to last competitor AFTER the finish is included and people won't forget to keep concentrating.

At the end of the newsletter there is an entry form and regulations. Without wishing to sound like a grisly old Dad, it pays to read both these bits of informa-

tion. If nothing else I will feel better knowing my efforts haven't been in vain producing them, but more importantly, they tell you what you have to do, when you have to do it, and lets you know about who is responsible for what.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
W/End Apr 17 - 19	Hamilton 400 V8s	Tuesday July 7	Committee Mtg.	Sunday October 11	Tarmac Hillclimb Sainsbury Rd.
Saturday April 25	Fun Run	Sunday July 12	Tarmac Autocross	Tuesday Nov 3	Committee Mtg.
Tuesday May 5	Committee Mtg.	Tuesday August 4	Committee Mtg.	Sunday Nov 8	Fun Run
Sunday May 17	Ruapuke Sprint	Sunday August 9	Tarmac Sprint, Hiwi Road	Tuesday Dec 1	Committee Mtg.
Saturday May 23	MANZ AGCM	Tuesday Sept 1	Committee Mtg.	Sunday Dec 6	Christmas Motorkhana
Tuesday June 2	Committee Mtg.	Sunday Sept 13	Tarmac Dual Sprint Taupo Track 2	Tuesday Jan 12 2010	Committee Mtg.
Sunday June 14	Tarmac M/khana	Tuesday October 6	Committee Mtg.	Sunday Jan 24 2010	Driver Training and Dual Sprints

WHAT'S ON IN THE FUTURE?

Above is a table of proposed events for 2009, and early 2010. If anything takes your fancy call one of the Club Officials whose contacts were listed in last month's newsletter, see www.fiatcarclub.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/mar-09.pdf



FIATS THAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW.

At the Geneva Motor Show of 2000 Fiat presented the Fiat Ecobasic. At the time they said this; *"Fiat's modular mini showcases the latest in plastics technology, price-slashing production methods and practicality. It also promises 94mpg fuel economy. Is this the future for functional motoring?"* If it is we have still to see it as mainstream. But it could still happen. Further info can be found at <http://www.channel4.com/4car/ft/feature/concept+car/1272/1>



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CLUBSPORT ENTRY FORM

EVENT: TE MATA BENT SPRINT

DATE: SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2009

CLASS ENTERED: N/A

This event will be held under MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code and its Appendices and Schedules. Appendix 5, Schedule C are the Standing Regulations for all ClubSport events which shall be read in conjunction with these Supplementary Regulations.

DRIVER/ENTRANT DETAILS:

Driver's First Name		Driver's Last Name	
Address			
MALE / FEMALE	Competition Licence No:	Licence Exp Date: / /
Financial Member of the following MotorSport NZ affiliated Club: (name of club):		Club Membership Exp Date:..... / /	
Required for statistical purposes - Age Group (please circle appropriate):		Date of Birth: (if under 18) / /	
Under 18 18-25 26-35 36-60 61 plus			
Entrant's First Name		Entrant's Last Name	
Address			
Driver's Phone Number:		Driver's email:	
Helper's Name:			
Driver's e-mail:			

VEHICLE DETAILS:

Vehicle Make		Vehicle Model	
Colour		Capacity in cc	
Log Book Number (all vehicles)	Certificate of Description (Schedule K or T&C only)	Preferred Competition Number	

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND ENTRY FEE OF:	
For Sprinting. \$ 70.00/\$90.00 Late Fee Circle amount enclosed	FOR DIRECT DEBIT USE WESTPAC A/C NO 03 0318 0715815 00. Be sure to identify your payment clearly

1. Indemnity:

I have received the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and by the National Sporting Code of MotorSport New Zealand (Inc.).

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of my being permitted to take part in the above event, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified MotorSport New Zealand (Incorporated) and Fiat Club Waikato Inc all the owners and tenants of private property traversed by this event; the respective officials, fellow competitors, servants, representatives and agents together with other competitors and their respective servants, representatives and agents, from and against all losses, actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death of or injury to or damage to the property of myself, my driver(s),passenger(s), mechanic(s) or any other persons arising out of or in connection with this entry or my taking part in this event.

2. Declaration by Driver:

I declare that should I at the time of this event be suffering from any disability of any kind whether permanent or temporary which is likely to detrimentally affect my control of my automobile or my fitness to drive in this event, I will not participate in the event.

I further declare that the vehicle detailed on this entry form shall be presented at all times in every respect complying with the Safety and Eligibility requirements detailed in the various National Sporting Code Appendices and Schedules.

3. Vehicle Conformance with Schedule A (or AA if appropriate) Declaration:

I declare that the vehicle detailed on this entry form shall be presented, when requested by an appointed Scrutineer or Technical Officer, at all times in every respect, complying with the Safety and Eligibility requirements detailed in the various National Sporting Code Appendices and Schedules

CATEGORY 1 Critical Safety	CATEGORY 2 Non-Critical Safety	CATEGORY 3 Non Safety
Helmet and Overalls	Engine and Transmission	Authority Card
Seat(s) and Mountings	Ignition Switch/Circuit Breaker	Competition Number
Safety Harness	Lights	Body Appearance and Aerodynamic Aids
Roll Protection	Bulkheads	Sponsorship Decals
Steering System	Engine Ancillary Components	Optional Equipment
Suspension System	Battery	
Braking System	Interior/Cockpit Fittings	
Wheels and Tyres	Chassis/Bodyshell/Doors	
Fuel Tank and Filters	Throttle Return	
Fire Extinguisher	Wipers and Demisting	
First Aid Kit and Safety Triangle	Catch Tanks	
	Exhaust System	

I am aware that where any breach of the Safety Schedule is found during a Scrutineering Audit I will be subject to penalties under the National Sporting Code and my signature below indicates my acceptance of this undertaking.

4. Consent:

I consent to the collection of the details on this entry form by the Fiat Club Waikato Inc. for event registration and promotion purposes and for it to retain, use and disclose these to MotorSport New Zealand .

I acknowledge my right to access and correction of this information.

This consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

Signature of Driver:**Date:**

Signature of Entrant:**Date:**

FOR ENTRY TO BE CORRECT, PLEASE ENSURE SIGNATURES ARE COMPLETED *PRIOR* TO POSTING

Note: If Driver and entrant are the same, only one signature is required to cover the (1) Indemnity, (2) & (3) Declarations and (4) Consent

YOUR EARLY ENTRY WILL ASSIST ORGANISERS

NOTE *If any of the above signatories are under the age of 18 years then they must produce a competition licence endorsed "Authorised Minor" or have the following completed by an authorised person:*

I, of being the parent/ guardian of
(full name) (address)
 do hereby consent to his/her participation in the event.
(full name of underage competitor)

Signed: Date:

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR TE MATA SPRINT

Sunday May 17th 2009

ANNOUNCEMENT:

This meeting will be promoted by the Fiat Club Waikato Inc. under the provisions of the National Sporting Code of MotorSport New Zealand, and any relevant regulations, prescriptions or specifications pertaining thereto, and these Supplementary Regulations. The meeting will be run as an Advanced Status Bent Sprint (Single Car) as described in Appendix 5 Schedule C Standing Regulations 2.2(1) on page 198 of the New Zealand Motorsport Manual No. 34, Book One or its successor. We will endeavour to give all drivers three competitive runs at the Bent Sprint as well as practice.

INVITED CLUBS:

The Fiat Clubs of Auckland and Wellington, Minis Waikato, Hamilton Car Club, Thames Valley Car Club and the Alfa Romeo Owners Club Inc. are the Clubs invited to compete.

ELIGIBILITY:

Acceptance of any entry will be at the absolute discretion of the organisers. Cars of the Fiat Group, including pre Fiat Group ownership Alfa Romeos, and Minis will be given preference. All competitors must be a financial member of a MotorSport NZ affiliated club, with preference given to the invited clubs.

OFFICIALS OF THE MEETING:

Clerk of the Course:	Ian Robertson.	Asst. CotC:	Stacey James.
Chief Scrutineer:	Chris Teesdale.	Secretary:	Shona Teesdale.
MotorSport NZ Inc. Steward:		To be Announced.	

ENTRIES:

Entries open with the publication of these regulations and close on Friday May 8th 2009. Cost for those people who enter by then will be \$70.00. Entries received after May 8th will cost \$90.00 per driver.

SCRUTINEERING AND DOCUMENTATION:

Documentation and scrutineering audit will take place at Hamilton Brake and Clutch, Keddell Street, Hamilton from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Friday May 15th, or for those from out of Hamilton, and by prior arrangement, will be completed at the venue between 8:00 am and 9:00 am on Sunday May 17th 2009. Vehicles will be scrutineered to Schedule A, or Schedule AA if the vehicle has a current or interim Certificate of Description, of the New Zealand Motorsport Manual No. 34 or its successor, including securely mounted fire extinguishers. A protective helmet conforming with Appendix 2 Schedule A 4.1, and single layer protective clothing conforming to Appendix 2 Schedule A 4.2 is required and must be presented at scrutineering.

Roll protection is REQUIRED for ALL open vehicles. The minimum seatbelt required is a lap and diagonal. All drivers must present a current club membership card to be allowed to compete. The minimum licence required to be allowed to compete is a MotorSport NZ Restricted ClubSport licence. These should be obtained prior to the meeting to enable documentation to flow as quickly as possible. If necessary a Restricted ClubSport Licence can be obtained from the MotorSport New Zealand Steward on payment of the correct fee to the Steward. The Secretary of the meeting is not able to provide these licences. Any questions regarding licences prior to the event should be directed to Ian Robertson at 027226 1778. If you are aged under 18 and do not have an Approved Minor endorsed licence your entry **MUST** be countersigned by your parent or caregiver.

DRIVERS' BRIEFING:

All drivers must attend a briefing at or about the start line at approximately 9:30am, prior to any practice taking place. Practice will begin immediately following the driver's briefing. A roll call may take place, and failure to respond will leave a driver liable to being excluded, and to the penalties provided in the MotorSport Manual.

OTHER INFORMATION:

This is a venue we are allowed to use by the goodness of the local residents, and it is imperative that we behave in a manner that will enable us to return in the future. This means no rubbish to be left around the venue, no trespassing on private property, and any damage to fences etc will be repaired immediately or we will employ a fencer and send a bill to the person who damaged the fence. Spectator viewing will only be available at the Start and a designated spectator area on private property. Spectators will be taken to and from this designated area by bus or organiser provided vehicle. There will be no spectators wandering up the road to get a different view. We have this area available due to the goodwill of the farmer. Please ensure any spectators associated with you respect his property and take notice of marshal's instructions.

There will be barbecue food and soft drinks available throughout the day.

APPROXIMATE TIMETABLE:

Friday May 15th 2009

4:00pmDocumentation and Scrutineering starts.
7:00pmDocumentation and Scrutineering finishes.

Sunday May 17th 2009

8:00amDocumentation and Scrutineering at venue starts.
9:00amDocumentation and Scrutineering at venue finishes.
9:30amDrivers Briefing at start line.
10:30am (approx.).....Start practice.
1:00pm (approx.).....Lunch break, primarily for helpers.
2:00pm (approx.).....Start sprinting again.
5:00pmPermit runs out.

