

TORQUE REACTION

What's on this month?

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

JULY						
	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<i>Committee Meeting Mal Simmonds, 40 Matos Segedin Dr, Cambridge.</i>		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	<i>TENG TOOLS Tarmac Series Autocross.</i>		22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	<i>TENG TOOLS Tarmac Series Bent Sprint.</i>		19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SEPTEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Committee Meeting</i>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	<i>TENG TOOLS Tarmac Series Dual Car Sprint.</i>		23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

President's Bit

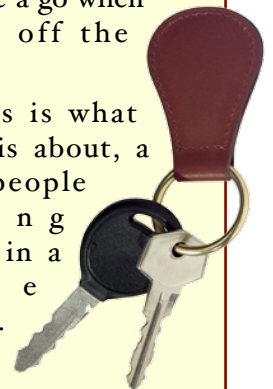
Winter has certainly arrived, with sub zero temperatures overnight in the Waikato. We also held the first round of the TENG TOOLS Tarmac Series on Sunday June 14th at the Wintec Avalon Campus to confirm it. See elsewhere for article.

What was very pleasing to me was the 12 Juniors who competed, many of them were new to the sport, some have been regulars for a few years now. We changed the criteria a little this year, having the age struck at the beginning of the calendar year, and raising it to 20. But we had youngsters down to 12 years old competing, and several under 15 year olds.

In the field there were also 4 females - not enough in my opinion. This is a sport where women can compete on an equal footing. It was amazing though to see the smile on the faces of those who did have a go when they came off the courses.

To me, this is what ClubSport is about, a bunch of people enjoying themselves in a safe environment.

- Campbell



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WELL OVERDUE**

TENG TOOLS Tarmac Series Motorkhana

With threatening skies, and low pre entry numbers, we arrived at the Wintec Campus on Avalon Drive not knowing what we were in for. Fortunately a total of 48 people turned up wanting to play on our field. In amongst the field were everything from 1300 cc Starlets to a V8 Toyota Soarer, front wheel drive, rear wheel drive, 4 wheel drive, turbo charged, naturally aspirated, fuel injected and carburettored vehicles. We had a bunch of new people, and with the changed Junior qualification, a total of 12 Juniors. Those who qualified at this round will

continue to do so for the rest of the series, an oversight in the rules in the past on my part. We also had 4 female competitors, who all smiled inanely after each run - wonderful to see.

The day started as usual with a slalom, set very tight which made it a great test to start with. From there we moved over to the Clover Leaf, an opportunity to let it all hang out, particularly in old fashioned rear wheel drive cars. During a lunch break 2 new courses were set, being the cam belt, as convoluted as that on a quad cam V6 Alfa engine,

and Victory. Both these tested the mental skills as much as the driving skills.

The day was won by Brett Leong in an MGB Roadster, proving that tidy steady driving can beat all the modern technology at this level. Top lady was Julie Mitchell in her Toyota Trueno, with the top Junior being David Middlemiss in the Peugeot 106.

It was also great to see some cars normally associated with drifting, well presented Japanese rear wheel drive cars with serious horsepower. Hope to see you back.

Campbell

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Saturday June 27	HCC Waitomo Rally, Timing Crew.	Tuesday Sept 1	Committee Mtg.	Sunday Nov 8	Fun Run
Tuesday July 7	Committee Mtg.	Sunday Sept 13	Tarmac Dual Sprint Taupo Track 2	Tuesday Dec 1	Committee Mtg.
Sunday July 12	Tarmac Autocross	Tuesday October 6	Committee Mtg.	Sunday Dec 6	Christmas Motorkhana
Tuesday August 4	Committee Mtg.	Sunday October 11	Tarmac Hillclimb Sainsbury Rd.	Tuesday Jan 12 2010	Committee Mtg.
Sunday August 9	Tarmac Sprint, Hiwi Road	Tuesday Nov 3	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 March's newsletter, see www.fiatcarclub.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/mar-09.pdf



FIATS THAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW.

Fiat **Phylla** is the answer to the fuel price crunch. This hydrogen energized trial electric vehicle is also powered with photovoltaic solar cells and was developed by Centro Ricerche Fiat to display the Italian automaker's latest green-car technologies.

This concept is a forerunner to Fiat's new Topolino mini car family resulting in a urban car costing ten times lesser than conventional gasoline powered vehicle, revealed by the Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne.

See www.ecofriend.org/entry/fiats-phylla-story/

TENG TOOLS TARMAC SERIES 2009



WHAT EVENTS ARE INVOLVED, AND WHAT DO YOU NEED.

The TENG TOOLS Tarmac series consists of 5 events of increasing complexity as the series moves on. It is designed to encourage newcomers while providing somewhere for ordinary Club mem-

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to test their skill.

There is a comprehensive portfolio which provides us with a method to ensure safe and fair competition while being able to sort out some winners. There are 4 capacity classes, a Junior competition and a competition for females. Almost any car is eligible, and it is designed for any competitor to use the same car in the same configuration throughout the series. To score points you must compete in and record a result in at least 4 of the 5 events, with the best 4 scores counting. This means that every series competitor must take part in either the motorkhana or autocross. Everyone is encouraged to get a MotorSport NZ Logbook for their car, we will issue Fiat Club Waikato logbooks to help speed up the scrutineering audit process at events. As the complexity increases, so do the safety requirements on both car and competitor, but none of the requirements are particularly onerous.

MOTORKHANA: A test of skill around road cones. Each competitor has 2 attempts at 4 courses.

AUTOCROSS: Similar to the above except it is one only longer course at which each competitor gets 3 attempts.

BENT SPRINT: A single car sprint run on a closed road. This event requires Club Membership for all competitors,

some safety equipment in the car and on the competitor. Also requires a competition licence.

DUAL CAR SPRINT: Run on a track, groups of cars are set off 2 at a time, fastest pair first, for a set number of laps. Practice and 3 competition runs at this one.

HILLCLIMB: Essentially a bent sprint up a hill. In our case near Pirongia on a venue we have used for many years. Challenging to get really right, with a nasty bump into the last corner to catch the unwary.

So that's the events, let me know if you want to play this year, email to robbo@ihug.co.nz
See you all soon.



