

TORQUE REACTION

What's on this month?

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| MARCH | | | | | | |
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | 1 | 2 | Committee Meeting | | | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | Fiat Fun Run. | | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

| APRIL | | | | | | |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | Committee Meeting | | | 10 |
| 11 | Classic Car Show | | | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | Motorkhana and Autocross | | | | 30 | |

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Last month I reported that our first competitive event for the year was to be our Te Mata Sprint on Ruapuke Road. I also noted that we needed competitors to run the event as the costs start racking up once you hit the Go button. We made the decision, regrettably, when we had fewer than ten entries at the time we needed to make the decision. It isn't a simple matter of just not turning up, we had to cancel our scrutineering venue, inform the local Council, let all the residents know, cancel the ambulance, and let MotorSport NZ know we have cancelled the event so we don't get charged the permit fee. We still had a cost, the first road closure notice had been in the paper and we had the bill. Of course we had to let those who had entered know that they would be getting their money back, and everyone else who thought they may rock up on the day.

Next event is another Fun Run. Ian Robertson has set a run on all sealed roads that requires a full tank of petrol, your lunch or money to buy it, \$5.00 to buy the bbq tea, your brain and what you might like to drink at the after match function in Hamilton.

In April we have a couple of events, a Classic Car Show in Te Awamutu and a motorkhana and autocross on ANZAC Day.

Details below.

Ciao for now,
Campbell



Ferrari feeling positive for Bahrain: Ferrari are in a confident mood for the season ahead after the F10 passed its final winter test with flying colours. Drivers Fernando Alonso and Felipe Massa both enjoyed top-three placings during last week's four-day session at Barcelona's Circuit de Catalunya and reliably completed over 400 laps of the Spanish track.

"We're very happy with the work done," Massa told Ferrari's official website. "We wanted a competitive car and I think we've achieved our goal."

FIAT FUN RUN

On Sunday 14 March we are taking the opportunity to get out the nice cars and take them for a run - in the country I think.

A run has been set that starts at Shell Pukete where you should gather at 10:00am with a full tank of gas, and your finest Fiat all shined up and ready for about 3 to 3½ hours driving in the Waikato. The surface is all sealed and suitable for any car that you have. There are a couple of stops along the way, including one where you will be able to buy lunch if you haven't brought your own with you. There will be a series of questions to answer along the way, but navigation will be straight forward. Once you have successfully negotiated the route

there will be an after match barbecue at Ian and Jane Robertson's. Bring \$5.00 with you and give it to Ian at the start and Jane will get food organised for the barbecue. If you chose to

Group vehicle bring \$25.00 as your penalty. No, only kidding, but do try to bring your nice car.



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FIATS THAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW.

This small camper is a Fiat 238 with a Laika body on it.

This brand of camper is still seen here in New Zealand on modern Ducatos, but the 238 wasn't seen here in big numbers - if at all.

The Fiat 238 range was a van produced by Fiat from 1967 through 1983. The van was introduced in 1967 as the logical continuation of the Fiat 1100T. The 238 was based on the chassis of the Autobianchi Primula. The 238 was produced in many different body styles for utility and personnel transport. In 1974 Fiat introduced a new van, the 242 with a larger petrol engine and also a diesel engine variant.

Despite that the sales of Fiat 238 did not weaken and Fiat decided to keep and made the new bigger engine also. The 238 was produced until 1983 and



it in its lineup,
available to the 238 model.
was replaced with Ducato.

RESULTS FROM TAUPO, JANUARY 24TH 2010.

| First Name | Surname | Car | Class | Car # | Practice | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Fastest (Race 1-3) |
|------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| Troy | Bell | Honda Civic | Non Fiat | 74 | 60.67 | 82.91 | 82.55 | | | 82.55 |
| Atila | Herman | Impreza WRX | Non Fiat | 221 | 64.09 | 85.66 | 85.34 | 84.20 | 83.27 | 84.20 |
| Phil | Grey | Mazda MX5 | Non Fiat | 25 | 86.64 | 85.14 | 84.36 | 85.00 | 83.95 | 84.36 |
| Blair | Thomson | Punto Abarth | 1651cc - 2000cc | 30 | 83.52 | 84.80 | 85.66 | | | 84.80 |
| Grant | Shirley | Honda Integra | Non Fiat | 672 | 84.58 | 84.80 | 85.53 | 84.97 | 85.08 | 84.80 |
| Kevin | Smith | Impreza WRX | Non Fiat | 86 | 65.83 | 86.97 | 85.42 | 84.81 | 86.11 | 84.81 |
| Peter | Dudson | Fiat Abarth 131 Replica | 1651cc - 2000cc | 131 | 87.23 | 85.31 | 85.66 | | | 85.31 |
| Blair | Wald | Uno Turbo | >2000cc | 46 | 86.80 | 85.86 | 87.52 | 85.97 | 85.78 | 85.86 |
| Toma | Iurcu | Impreza WRX | Non Fiat | 54 | 64.38 | 86.19 | 95.75 | | | 86.19 |
| Mike | Lowe | Lancia Delta integrale | >2000cc | 115 | 0.00 | 90.63 | 89.00 | 94.45 | 95.67 | 89.00 |
| Greg | Simmonds | Fiat 131 | 1651cc - 2000cc | 13 | 80.92 | 89.63 | 89.03 | 89.02 | | 89.02 |
| Sean | Boyd | Lancia Monte Carlo | 1651cc - 2000cc | 57 | 78.11 | 91.45 | 91.23 | 90.09 | | 90.09 |
| Campbell | Robertson | Fiat 124 Spider | 1651cc - 2000cc | 124 | 74.36 | 90.34 | 90.53 | 90.89 | | 90.34 |
| Johan | van Heerden | Renault R8 | Non Fiat | 65 | 81.34 | 97.61 | 91.23 | 90.38 | | 90.38 |
| Howard | Oates | Fiat 124 Sport | 1651cc - 2000cc | 53 | 90.83 | 91.78 | 90.77 | 90.63 | 90.31 | 90.63 |
| James | Hepburn | Fiat Uno | 1351cc - 1650cc | 63 | 80.95 | 91.92 | 92.36 | 91.14 | 90.13 | 91.14 |
| Lee | Sinkinson | Fiat Tipo Sedicivalvole | 1651cc - 2000cc | 60 | 91.89 | 91.17 | 91.95 | | 90.66 | 91.17 |
| Rob | Harrowfield | Fiat Tipo Sedicivalvole | 1651cc - 2000cc | 34 | 92.36 | 91.64 | 92.34 | | 93.75 | 91.64 |
| Ray | Chubb | Lada 2107 | Non Fiat | 7 | 93.06 | 93.56 | 93.30 | 92.22 | 92.31 | 92.22 |
| Bradly | Martin | Toyota Starlet | Non Fiat | 71 | 84.95 | 96.81 | 97.41 | 96.78 | 96.92 | 96.78 |
| Colin | Cavanagh | Fiat 125 Special | 1351cc - 1650cc | 125 | 74.25 | 96.95 | 100.02 | 98.06 | 96.03 | 96.95 |
| Roger | Hall | Fiat 124 Sport AC | 1651cc - 2000cc | 24 | 101.13 | | 97.05 | 97.78 | 96.25 | 97.05 |
| Scott | Lowe | Fiat 124 Sport | 1651cc - 2000cc | 15 | 98.98 | 98.11 | 97.36 | | 95.56 | 97.36 |
| Mike | Bell | Honda Civic | Non Fiat | 4 | 100.64 | 99.45 | | | | 99.45 |