

MINISTOCK CLASS NEWSLETTER – December 2009/ January 2010

Happy New Year everyone, and welcome back to Huntly Speedway.

Commiserations to 85H Zachary Boldero, who is out for the next few weeks, if not the season, with a broken arm. Zachary was supposed to be attending our Waihi Beach challenge, however even though he couldn't race he made the effort and trip to support everyone else, so thanks heaps for your support Zachary and we look forward to 85H retuning to the track soon. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

On the subject of the Waihi Beach Challenge, we received wonderful comments from the Track officials, co-ordinators and the Mount Rep Julie, commending the Drivers on their attitude and sportsmanship. The day was organised around the opportunity to race against another club and experience a different track, with the biggest focus being on fun. There was a nasty end to the race schedule and Wendy and I were really proud of how the Huntly drivers handled the situation and showed their true sportsmanship, we'll leave it there. A special mention has to go to 48H Jarrod Fletcher for a hugely successful days racing and despite going cross country after being spun between turn three and four of the final lap of the feature challenge, in our eyes and that of the Mount Rep, and track officials.....YOU WON!!! Well done and thanks to all those who made the trip, put up with the dust and enjoyed the view.

One of the parents of a Gisborne car was watching the racing and I understand they are very keen to organise another challenge day at Waihi Beach and will bring cars up for it. We had some people stay the night, and following beach walks, spot light games, BBQ dinner and a few drinks for the parents we are keen to do it again, and hopefully the Gissy drivers will camp with us and make a real weekend of it. Please let us know your thoughts and if you are keen to attend so we can approach them with some optional dates.

On the subject of dates, Wendy and I are planning a "Mystery Trip" for the Drivers on Saturday 20th February. We will be going by bus leaving Hamilton about 9:00am and returning approximately 7pm. Lunch and drinks will be provided and you will need to bring a wetsuit if you have one (or you could hire one for \$5.00), a towel and a change of clothes. It will be a great day out, however in order to book everything and pay our deposit we need numbers urgently. Can you please text, email, or let us know on Saturday at the track whether you will be attending.

We have had problems getting cars into other tracks to race, as their numbers for racing are full, however we have managed to include them into our meetings to provide some different competition and boost our fundraising. All cars that attend our track have to sign in agreement the terms within the Black and White Book. Should you have any queries or comments regarding other cars attending please approach us to discuss it further.

We have been discussing the option of a 50/50 split race night on Saturday 27/2/10 with the Waikareka Rep Maree. Cars wishing to travel would do so and the class would be split between Auckland and Huntly. Before we take this any further please provide your thoughts and/or your willingness to participate and if you would prefer to travel or run out of Huntly on the night. We will mention it again at our Drivers brief on Saturday so Parents may wish to attend then and offer comments as well.

As you will be aware the pits are an alcohol free zone, page 6 of the Black & White book refers. We understand that there are some drivers who have crew in attendance that are drinking alcohol within our area, either blatantly or attempting to disguise it by premixing it in soft drink bottles. As these people are choosing to flaunt the rules, we have no choice but to introduce random spot checks. Please note we will be monitoring the situation and will take necessary action to remove these persons permanently. Also within the Black & White book is a reference to texting. Derogatory comments and texting of Drivers will NOT be tolerated. You are encouraged to think twice before participating in such or becoming involved the Driver's private lives.

It has also come to our attention that some parents are choosing to approach parents of drivers regarding incidents on the track at Huntly. Please note that as this is creating disharmony and we encourage you to approach us directly and discreetly we will deal with the situation.

Just another point of clarification, The Black and White Book has been introduced as a guideline to racing at Huntly. It is designed so that everyone participating has a voice and it is to be used in a positive and proactive manner. If we are to work towards a successful race season, we have to work together, and that includes everyone offering suggestions, improvement, and assistance.

Any drivers who received trophies last year, could you please bring these to the track this week in order for us to prepare for this years prizegiving. The small individual trophies handed out are to be kept as a memento of last years racing.

The half yearly AGM will be held on Friday 5 March at 7:30pm at the Track clubrooms.

Ministocks have been stood down 13 February 2010, however the Rotorua Ministocks in Paradise are to be held 12 and 13 February. See the Website for details of entry.

****** Let us know if you are interested in another Waihi Beach Challenge against Gisborne;***

****** Saturday 20 February "Mystery Trip" NUMBERS PLEASE!!!***

****** Saturday 27 February 50/50 split against Auckland***

****** Trophies returned on Saturday at the Track***

Sharyn and Wendy

S - Safety

S - Sportsmanship

F - Fun