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WHATS NEW

First big difference for next season is the introduction of the Club Licensing night on **21 August 2009**, at the track. This is for Club Membership only.
(If SNZ Licensing paper work is ready this early, then SNZ Licensing will also be available.)

Full Membership - \$140.00
Social & Crew Membership - \$40.00
Youth Membership - \$60.00

SNZ Licensing night will be on **18 September 2009**, also at the track. Club Membership will also be able to be done then too, just as in the past.

The reason for the extra night is to allow a one month gap between paying Club Membership and SNZ Licensing. We hope this break will help Members with the financial drain of the past, when both fees were due at the same time.

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Saloons: Vacant

Stock Cars: Steve Halse 021 791 576

Super Saloons: Vacant

Super Stocks: Daren Ross 027 434 6571

There are vacancies for Drivers Rep's in Super Saloon's & Saloon's. Please contact a committee member if you are interested in either of those roles and we will explain what is required of you.

President's Report

Hi everyone, well another season completed and although an extremely busy one we managed to run each event to the best of our ability.

Whilst we did not do much structural changes this season we have improved a lot of areas in infrastructure , to make some of the extremely time consuming jobs simplified.

Carol continues to handle our monetary affairs brilliantly.

Your committee worked tirelessly on your behalf and the continued support from a handful of competitors has allowed us to get most things done.

Thanks also to Jamo and chequebook for their assistance and support, for helping to complete the sewerage system and donating a saloon car and body for a wheel packing car next season Mark Edwards for supplying engine and gear box and various other parts (thanks guys) we will get this car going over off season we will also be adding an announcers room and balcony to control tower, if you can assist in any way please contact me, a working bee for the saloon will be announced.

We have had, I believe, some excellent racing this season and although there are some thing's we could have done better at the time, we are volunteers and we did things to our best ability at that time.

Ministocks thanks to all the parents who helped turn this class around and get them back on track this season and to those who have stuck and abided by some measures put in place for that to happen, parents your young adults have some amazing talent, some on the track some off, they are the future of speedway whether it be running the facility or competing and I am extremely proud to be part of theirs and yours continued support, thanks.

I would dearly love to know at times how to work a computer, so some of these ill informed people on it can be told some facts in my language, we will always listen to criticism which will make things easier or better but crap is just crap, our energy and focus is always based on what's good for our facility not what's good for people getting their jollies off on the internet.

I would have to say the midget 40 lapper would have to be the highlight among highlights this season. Alvin and the boys certainly are getting their act together.

Sometimes things which happen on race night are not always as they seem , cutting the Mod's feature short may seem like an act of terrorism but having an objector to the whole facility for the second time on the phone seemed more important to me, hence my decision.

Every track this oncoming season will face safety issues getting a SNZ license, these are not supposed to be barriers but are a health and safety issues we all have to face and fix in order to race.

There are many people who stand out in our club, but this Lady's commitment to our club and to her class is outstanding, second to none. She handles guys and girls from all over the country and spends countless hours texting and phoning her charges, mother hen to all and super bitch to those who choose not to listen and very seldom comes to a meeting to moan. She handles the guys in the team like brothers and mother hen all in one. She nearly put herself in hospital during

Tigers visit through sheer exhaustion and the pace she operates at makes me feel humble to have her in our club. She has earned respect from stockcar drivers though out NZ, in a mainly male dominated class, no mean feat on its own. With the greatest respect, thanks Mrs Hutch.

I know you would all like more newsletters and we are working on that, these might just have a broader view of what's going on rather than specific reports. (Like mine), but sometimes Helen tells me I have to go to work (not at the track).

As always, a special thanks goes to all our sponsors, Jack & Glenn Placemakers Huntly, TWS Colin Ashton, Central Metals, Michelin Tyres. The list is now outdoing my little pea but without their support it just doesn't happen, thanks guys.

The warriors little general is Stacy Jones ours are Fiona & Carol, thanks girls. Without the energy both of you have before during and after each season our club would be a rather different place.

Our ford tractor has blown its engine (3 cylinder diesel) and I'm hoping someone out their may be able to assist with one or repair what we have contact me or Mark Caldwell please.

The Speedfest this year continues to attract people from outside the family, and competitors who attended this show put on an incredible performance. Bruce Tronell's Motor Sport for Life Trust generated a sizeable amount from this event.

We also had 5 cancer kids and their families in the corporate box this year to watch the action and I hope we played a small part in cheering them up on their courageousness journey for life. Thanks Bruce for your amazing work with these kids with cancer. Some are able to beat it, some are less fortunate. It is our hope that our small contribution gives someone a better day.

To everyone who contributed the new and old in our club it is my hope you had an enjoyable season and look forward to everyone's continued support.

Election of officers at AGM, to date those whose turn it is to stand down, are seeking re election and I give my endorsement to their positions. Stability and growth come from our ability to disagree and agree on what is good for your club.

Fund raising will start for some events for next season;

Stockcar Teams - \$24k

NZ Super Saloons - \$18k

Plus all of our other features any ideas would be appreciated.

At the Speedfest we put up some flags with sponsors names and they changed the outlook of the place so I reckon we could sell them to sponsors as a cheaper form of advertising let us know what you think it certainly changed the places look, how they are spaced at the moment their would be about 20 spots left.

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable season I thank you for your commitment to our track and club and wish you well in the off season and 2009/2010 season.

Cheers Red

Superstock Report:

Well another season is over, how fast it went. I feel we had a good season as far as numbers went. We only had six to eight drivers from the club as some drivers had motor problems etc. We had great support from Rotorua and Auckland drivers.

I was very happy with Waikato champs and the great support we had for the teams racing in Palmerston North & Auckland.

Thank you to the drivers and families who lent cars and also to drivers from other clubs who supported the Huntly club.

We have had a few young drivers come into the Superstock class which has also been good for the club and for the future of Superstock racing.

I would like to say to the Superstock drivers for this season coming that we try and travel as a club and help build the club as a force to be recognised, as I think we have the talent and the cars. Next season I would also like to organise a team's race between Huntly and another club if I am still the Superstock rep.

Speedfest went off surprisingly well. We had a few cars pull out but on the night we had 27 cars which was a very good field. I would like to thank Aaron Murdoch for the help with speedfest and Trish for her help on the night. Thanks to all the people who supported, by buying a raffle ticket.

To finish off, thanks to all the drivers, as you have been great to deal with.

GO HUNTLY SPEEDWAY

Daren Ross

Advertising

Advertising space is available in our race programs at
\$350 + GST

This is for the whole season, including all Championship meetings and Speedfest.

That's excellent value for money, being under \$20 per Issue.

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Stockcar Report:

Hey guys,

Well that's it another season, done and dusted. Congrats to all you guys everywhere you represented Huntly. Thank you to you all for your efforts this season. Such as those who came time after time to the working bees being at our regular race meetings and getting to the dummy grid only to have to sit and wait for a few yellow lights sorry about that.

Have an awesome offseason, enjoy any rebuilds and tickle ups you may have planned. Thanks again for being the best and biggest class at Huntly (Yes I'm very bias).

Next season we will be looking for sponsors for any of these events:

- Huntly teams
- Our Waikato champs
- Teams Triples
- Stirrers money (For each race or race meeting).
- Rotorua/ Huntly stockcar return teams race.
- Speedfest.

Thanks again

Cheers,

Mrz Hutch.

PS: Your new rep is Steve Halse 021 791 576

Corporate Boxes

This Season, on race night, we are going to trial letting people use one of the Corporate Boxes on a casual basis. This will be great for people who would like to get out of the wind or view the track from above. The cost will be \$5pp (no catering, no bar)

The other Corporate Box will still be available for hire for groups of up to 20 people and will include catering and bar.

All inquiries to:

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MIDGET REPORT

Well that season went really fast, our first year with Midget's contracted to Huntly and it was full on. We held the NI Champ's and started our own inaugural 40 lapper which we will hold every year. Last season we had 13 contracted driver's with the interest for this next season looking around the 15-18 mark. We have attracted a few new driver's to the class from Ministocks and production sedan's, I guess most of you will know by now who they are, both the Buck's and the Wade's have brought good car's and we will watch there progress thru the season. The midget section is looking like running at this stage 10 to 12 meeting's with us working in with Stratford midget's to make up the number's to our 20 car's, with us travelling to Stratford as well to help there number's. We are also looking at running a 'provincial series' with Huntly / Stratford / Kihikihi(?) to put a bit of spice in the racing. There is one person I must thank for his effort's on the night, Mark Goodson, so guy's make it easy for him and shout him a coke that will go a long way (non drinker). The prize giving was a good night and I would like to thank everyone that attended, good turn out for the midget's with a couple of Aucklanders coming down to support thanks guy's. The trophies got shared around with Nevan Bowman getting 3rd overall on point's (running F2 midget) Matt Shaw getting in 2nd place (leased car from Brunt's now owned by Wade's) had raced a Ministock sometime back and has been doing some seal track racing (but we all know real racer's do it in the dirt) hope that Matt will see his way back to midget racing he has a real talent. I took out the (5h) 1st on point's 1st in heat point's and 1st in feature point's and I owe that to my great crew and wife for helping me thru the season .We started the season with a new chassis first 6 race's at Huntly won 5 and 2nd in 1 went to Western Spring's for there opening night, first race first lap got introduced to the catch fence but got on TV3 news, one way to get on TV but I don't recommend it, bruised my body and pocket. So till next season if anyone wants to contact me about midget's, or is wanting to sponsor an event, or just wanting to be apart of a growing class, please phone me.

Thanks Alvin Cobb

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MINISPRINT REPORT

Hi to all,

First up thanks to all that competed at the Speedfest and helped make the night a great success, it was an awesome nights racing congratulations to the place getters:

1 st	Zac Kennedy
2 nd	Shaun Cooke
3 rd	Daniel Thomas

The Minisprints wound up their season with the running of the Nth Island Champs at Kihikihi on the 3rd of may which was a great days racing the highlight for me was watching Dean Liddell 15H roll his car spectacularly down the back straight land on all four wheels and then carry on racing a couple more laps to the finish.

It was fast/tight racing all day with the usual battle between Cooke/Edwards not giving each other an inch, and finally well done to Dayne after such a crap year with crashes and dnf's he made the podium, congrat's to all place getters:

1 st	Brian Edwards
2 nd	Shaun Cooke
3 rd	Dayne Maxwell

Prizegiving was a great night out as always, nice to see the regular's their and a few new faces, well done to those of you that took home the trophies.

Don't forget the AGM at the track 7.30pm on the 12th June if you want to have your say.

Cheers,
Cath.

Production Saloons

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who have once again made the Production Saloons such a wonderful class to participate in and watch on the track.

I would like to especially thank Dave Pilkington for the time he has spent scrutineering the cars. Your time and effort never goes unappreciated.

Everyone should again be commended on the presentation of vehicles over the season. Hopefully this will continue on into the upcoming season and beyond.

Congratulations to those who received awards at Prizegiving, especially to Codi Singer, for being awarded *Competitor of the Year*.

1st place - Craig Robinson 34H

2nd place - Thomas Andrews 96H

3rd place - Dave Pilkington 48H

Most Improved - Debbie Oughton 58H

Fastest lap - Daniel Bennett 65H

Please remember about our upcoming Club registration...**Friday 21 August**. We are all out to help you financially, especially in these difficult economic times. Take advantage of it!! SNZ Licensing night is **Friday 18 September**.

Just a reminder that there is always work going on at the track during the off-season and I am sure that Red would appreciate any help that he can get. So get behind the club and help to continue making this club the best place to race.

Lance Gribble

MINISTOCK 2008 / 2009 REPORT

The mini stock class has certainly had its ups and downs this year, even functioning without an official rep for some time, and on that note thank you Red for stepping in and covering the breach.

Wendy, Tina, Julie and Sharyn put our hands up to each commit whatever time we had available, and through a joint effort, learn what was involved in the job.

It has certainly been a learning curve, and while we have made mistakes, like not charging every car at every meeting, the experience and knowledge achieved has given us a very determined direction for next year.

Obviously coming on board relatively late in the piece does not give us a lot to pass on tonight, however what we can do is reiterate our thoughts and focus for the coming season.

We would like to plan a sausage sizzle as a fundraiser for the class, to be held in the pits from 4pm until the food caravans open at 5:30. Our thoughts are not only on fundraising, but also as the racing starts people are busy and don't usually eat.

At this point we will reiterate that all funds will go back into the class, with team events planned for not only the end of the year, but also during the year such as a mid year outing, visits to other tracks etc.

We are talking with sponsors also to obtain small giveaways for the drivers each week with a focus not being on points, or chequered flag achievements, but more on sportsmanship and support.

We plan to give out at the start of the season the "Black n White" booklet, which will convey in simple terms the Club rules, pit rules, tolerances, protocol, and correct channels for enquiry and complaints. It will also explain some of the racing terms, and have printed all contact details of reps etc. We also plan for a suggestion box in the pits for anonymous use.

We are also seeking to keep the drivers focused on racing through "debrief" meetings following races, in the hope that concerns and grievances will be heard in an open and honest forum rather than brewing over time, texting or the internet.

Another idea is to educate the drivers on simple welding techniques and car maintenance and for this we will approach parents and acquaintances for assistance.

A white board on site will also assist on teaching driving lines and being able to demonstrate any issues on the track.

We plan to write reports, take photos and note little moments within the pits and on the track and produce an end of year booklet to mark the years racing.

As injury has played a part this year for some, we initiated some "extra" dummy grid checks, and this will continue next year with a disclaimer agreeing to such in the "Black n White" book.

Like Red, we want the best mini stock class in the country, and with the group of drivers we have and the support of a great group of parents and pit crew alike, we are looking forward to learning more next year, and working as a complete team to focus on what we are all here for – the kids!!!

Thank you for all the support we have received.

