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June 2023 Newsletter

Next Committee Meeting: 7pm July 11th, 2023
at the Clubrooms

Taupo Car Club Winter Dual Sprints Series 2023

Round 1 : Saturday June 17th
Round 2 : Saturday July 22nd
Round 3 : Saturday August 19th
Round 4 : Saturday September 16th

Taupo Car Club Winter Clubmans 2023

Round 1 : Sunday June 18th
Round 2 : Sunday July 23rd
Round 3 : Sunday August 20th
Round 4 : Sunday September 17th

Recent Events

On the 17th of June we held the first round of the Taupo Car Club winter series. We had over 50 entrants this round, with a mix of road, club and race cars all in attendance that made for an exciting day. A special mention goes out to Zion Dheda and Peter Hancock for entering their first Dual Car event, both only 12yrs of age and did an awesome job. Keep an eye out for their driver's profiles in the next newsletter.

On June the 18th we ran the Clubman's event, with around 35 entrants on the Sunday. The track was mainly wet for most of the day which had its challenges, but we made the most of it and everyone left with a smile on their face and all up for the next challenge on July the 23rd.

Big thanks to everyone who helped out in the weekend from the Tcc members to the officials and the volunteers, we appreciate everything you do and hope to see you all next month.

Winter Series Round 2

Round 2 of the winter series is nearly here, Saturday the 22nd Winter Dual Car Sprints and Sunday the 23rd for Winter Clubman's



**Want to help out and get involved with
the action??**

**Contact our Chief Marshal
Vince Holub – 027 220 4867**



Driver Profile June 2023 – Craig Sawyer 75 years old (young)

First involved in Motorsport in the 'late 60's. I was a member of the Hawkes Bay Car Club & did hillclimbs & quarter mile sprints, driving a Morris Minor. (genuine 100 mph car)

Second involvement started around 2007, when I co-built a Redline (Beattie) sportscar. I ran in the Clubmans Class as part of NZ Sportscars.

More recently I have been involved with Classic Cars having purchased a Vauxhall Viva & Vauxhall Viva. I am a member of the HVRA (Historic & Vintage Racing Assn)



Craig's 3 cars 1 -Redline (Beattie) sports car 2 - The " COKE Viva Gt 3 - Viva SL 2Door

Recently I purchased the iconic 'Coke" Viva which ran in the early 70's competing in the 'Bank of New South Wales Cup', which was the top 'tin-top' race series in NZ, competing alongside such cars as the NZ Freighters & Auto trader Mk1 Escorts, both of which compete in the HVRA grid today.

These cars are part of New Zealand's history & are still racing today, over 50 years after they were built.

The car was restored around 2010 with most of the original car being used in the process albeit some of the body parts were from a donor car. Careful attention was taken to ensure the car was restored to 'as close as possible' to the car that raced in the 70's

It is very interesting to note that the TCC car club stalwart, Don Fenwick was very involved in the restoration process, including actually 'finding' the car in a Taupo shed.



"Coke" Viva GT
Built in 1969 & raced by Alan Boyle.
Sponsored by Coca Cola.

Still runs the original 2.3 'slanty' bedford motor, 4 speed Ford gearbox, built to the specs of the original 'Jack Knight' box ('lost' before the restoration) & the original Vauxhall diff. An interesting point is the car runs the original 'Telecamit' mechanical injection, which of course was not common back then with most running carburettors.

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