



**New look Elmiger Mustang**

# Newsletter

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Thanks!

# Presidents Report

I think the photo says it all Mr President.....

**VERRRY NIIIIICE!**



# Technical Report

..... To be continued in the next Newsletter.....

# Club Captain Calling

Sounds like a fairly good turn out for Manfeild from what I heard today at the Pre season check day Hamilton. Won't be good for those of you who don't come though as I thought we might get rid of some of that dosh the clubs hoarding and buy a case of vintage Dom Perignon for the barbecue. Should go a treat with Pete's sausages! See what you miss out on by not coming racing.

To more serious things though, we have a guest visit from Ian Perry at Manfeild (coming to change tyres for me). Ian has been elected the man to organize the South Islands efforts to align with the North Island protocol to see if we can in some way affiliate. Ian will give us an update to what the plan is as he's also the person who will liaise with North Island committee.

Cheers Gary Rush

I wonder what they were pondering....????



# What do men do in the Winter

## By the Spy on the bank...

Some men can be found at the Rugby, some men can be found in the Snow or playing golf. Real mean can be found in their workshop working on their race car ...

### **Class A V8's**

The V8 class is looking good for the new season with most of last year's cars returning plus a couple of new cars.

Bill McKinnon has a three pronged plan to defend the championship he won last season in the Chev Nova:

1. A fresh engine and gear box
2. The same rate rear springs on both sides, hoping to go fast around left and right corners
3. Cheat better than last year

Tony Elmiger's Mustang has fresh brakes, reinforced rear panels and bumper to keep out unwelcome intruders.

Peter Stevenson will return in the Falcon. He has a new motor with 700HP (his engine builder told me you can't argue with facts like that!)

Andrew Alexander has rebuilt his engine with reliability for the whole season in mind.

Joanne Kapua has the Thunderbird ready to go and is hoping to be a little faster in her second season.

Stewart Crosby's new Thunderbird is almost ready to go and will be experimenting with E85.

Gary McEwan is all set to go in the Falcon after a full winter rebuild with the emphasis on reliability.

Mike Johnston will campaign a V8 2 door Valiant after a few seasons in the 6 cylinder Holden. He has been testing and seen to be very fast on a wet Manfield track.

Justin Haworth will be doing a reduced season in the Mustang while Craig Taylor has the big block Nova up for sale.

Something we have all been waiting for is the Mustang of Wayne Davies, he is planning a few meetings this season to sore the car out for a full assault on the 2012 -2013 Championship.

Next season could see another boost in numbers with new cars being built by Dave Robinson (Mustang) Merv MacDonald (Barracuda), Mark Pidduck (Thunderbird) and Glen Williams planning a return in the Falcon.

### **Class B 6 Cylinder**

Defending 6 cylinder Champion Shane Hobman is all set to go with a fresh engine and new paint job. Shane has also been doing some winter practice at a classic meeting in Australia.

Tim Patterson has done a full panel and paint job on the Holden and is ready for the new season if he gets off his crutches.

Bruce Goodwin will be back in the Shane Hobman No2. Holden.

Patrick Donohue is ready to go with a new engine featuring a better oiling system.

The Triumph Vittess of Errol Hamley also has a fresh engine and is ready to race.

Chris Gunn's Valiant has a few changes, including a new engine and sponsor.

Graham Lett will make his Pre 65 début in the ex Alec Davie PB Vauxhall. He could be the six cylinder dark horse in his first "tin top" season after 5 years in open wheelers.

Mike Annabell is planning on doing a few meetings. Jeff Warn's recovering from a shoulder injury caused by a workshop accident as a result he will make a late start. Paul Pickerill is hoping to be back soon after Christmas.

### **Class C 4 Cylinder Over 1400cc**

Class C is wide open this season as defending Champion Dave Robinson is concentrating his efforts on preparing his Mustang for the next season so he will only be doing selected meetings in the Cortina.

Best presented car winner Mark Bowskill will be back but may make a late start.

Daniel Johnston has the Anglia ready to go; his car is for sale so we may see another driver in it at some stage. Daniel has another Pre 65 in mind, watch this space...

Mark Stretton has sorted out the gearbox in the Cortina and is looking forward to go racing and have some fun.

Mitch Cobham may be a late start as he is still sorting out his gearbox.

The Ash Alexander Anglia has had a real birthday (fresh engine, new suspension and new paint job). We could see his lap times drop in his second season.

Grant Taylor has the Anglia all set to go. Grant now lives in Taupo, so travelling will not be such a problem.

Andrew Hudson has a new car, new engine and is looking for a trouble free season.

The Vauxhall Viva raced last season by Mark Johnston has had a good sort out. It was seen testing at Manfield with Marion Johnston behind the wheel... all reports say she was very fast in the wet. The driver for the new season has yet to be decided.

Murray Poot will do what the budget allows while Aiden McBride will make a late start. Alan Power has his Anglia almost ready to go and will also probably be a late starter. Chris Brown is working overseas and will only be able to do meetings that coincide with his visits home.

### **Class D Four Cylinder under 1400cc**

Gary Rush aims to retain his class win in the Hillman Imp. Changes made to the front suspension have been tested at Hampton Downs. Gary is very happy with the improvements.

Richard Hill's Austin A40 is almost set to go. Richard has been working on two new heads in search for more power.

The Morrie 1000 of Owen Jenkins is another car which has had a big birthday, it's a lot lighter, has new suspension and a new engine with more grunt than last season.

Angus Fogg has a busy NZ V8 season but will try to squeeze in a couple of rounds in the Morris 1100. He is particularly interested in the Hampton Downs round.

Dave Bone is busy starting a new business venture. The Cooper S is ready to go but we will not see it until the second round at Taupo. He is also very interested in Hampton Downs, maybe these front wheel drive specialists like the fast down hill right hand turn after the main straight.

Dave Richmond is another Kiwi working in Australia, Dave Bone has custody of his Cooper S and will prepare it for race meetings that coincide with his trips home.

### **A Joke from the Spy on the Bank:**

**Dave and Jim were a couple of drinking buddies who worked as aircraft mechanics in Melbourne, Australia .. One day the airport was fogged in and they were stuck in the hangar with nothing to do.**

**Dave said, 'Man, I wish we had something to drink!'**

**Jim says, 'Me too. Y'know, I've heard you can drink jet fuel and get a buzz.**

**You wanna try it?'**

**So they pour themselves a couple of glasses of high octane booze and get completely smashed.**

**The next morning Dave wakes up and is surprised at how good he feels.**

**In fact he feels GREAT! NO hangover! NO bad side effects.**

**Nothing!**

**Then the phone rings. It's Jim. Jim says, 'Hey, how do you feel this morning?'**

**Dave says, 'I feel great, how about you?'**  
**Jim says, 'I feel great, too. You don't have a hangover?'**

**Dave says, 'No that jet fuel is great stuff -- no hangover, nothing. We ought to do this more often..'**

**' Yeah, well there's just one thing.'**

**'What's that?'**

**'Have you farted yet?'**

**'No.'**

**'Well, DON'T - cause I'm in New Zealand ' '**

# Notices to Competitors

**ENTRY FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND AT TAUPO DUE  
5 OCTOBER**

**HAMPTON DOWNS ENTRY DUE 27 OCTOBER**

**PUKEKOHE ENTRY DUE 17 NOVEMBER**

## **ALEX DAVIE - NEW PHONE NUMBER**

New number is 0275 866 334

## **UPDATED SERIES ARTICLES AND SCHEDULE P65**

Please refer to the website for the latest versions.

## **A NOTE FROM RAY AND MARY HURST (FROM DOWN SOUTH)**

Hi Jo

Just a quick note wishing you and all the North Island Pre 65 team all the best for the new season.

And we will catch up with you all at the MG Classic at Manfeild. Be safe have a great start to the 2011-12 season

From Ray and Mary Hurst (from down south)

P.S. You know when you're from CHCH when YOUR CELLPHONE VIBRATES AND YOU JUMP UNDER A TABLE.

See you in November.

## **ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER**

If you have racing photos, off season build and rebuild photos, drunken escapade photos, articles, quotes, jokes, items of interest, personal stories, ANYTHING that you would like to see in the Newsletter please send them to [thunderbirdraceteam@gmail.com](mailto:thunderbirdraceteam@gmail.com), or come and see me at the track for a chat. Jo ☺

## FINAL CALENDAR FOR PRE65 ONLY

2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012
October 1/2	October 22/23 (Labour Weekend)	November 12/13	December 3/4	February 4/5	February 25/26	April 7/8 (Easter)
Manfeild IRC	Taupo IRC	MG Classic Manfeild	Pukekohe Thunder in the Park	Hampton Downs IRC/TRS	Manfeild IRC	Taupo IRC
No Change	No Change	Change	No Change	Venue Change	Venue Change	No Change
10 IRC Classes	11 IRC Classes		11 IRC Classes	8 IRC Classes + TRS	8 IRC Classes + Formula Ford	11 IRC Classes
Formula First	Formula First		Formula First	Formula First	Formula First	Formula First
Pre 65	Pre 65		Pre 65	Pre 65	Pre 65	Pre 65
NZ6	NZ6		NZ6	NZ6	NZ6	NZ6
Mini	Mini		Mini	Mini	Mini	Mini
Porsche	Porsche		Porsche	Porsche	Porsche	Porsche
Sports Suzuki	Sports Suzuki		Sports Suzuki	Sports Suzuki	Sports Suzuki	Sports Suzuki
Pro 7	Pro 7		Pro 7	Pro 7	Pro 7	Pro 7
SS2000	SS2000		SS2000	SS2000	SS2000	SS2000
GTRNZ GT1/2	GTRNZ GT1/2		GTRNZ GT1/2	TRS	Formula Ford	GTRNZ GT1/2
GTRNZ NZGT	GTRNZ NZGT		GTRNZ NZGT			GTRNZ NZGT
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### *Some page fillers*

#### Drag Racing



#### South Africa



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# JOKE FOR THE MONTH

## Flight Control Conversations.....

"TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 Degrees."

"Centre, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"

"Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

**Control tower to a 747: "United 329 heavy, your traffic is a Fokker, one o'clock, three miles, Eastbound."**

**United 239: "Approach, I've always wanted to say this... I've got the little Fokker in sight."**

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down. San Jose Tower noted: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

**Allegedly, a Pan Am 727 flight waiting for start clearance in Munich overheard the following:**

**Lufthansa (in German): "Ground, what is our start clearance time?"**

**Ground (in English): "If you want an answer you must speak in English."**

**Lufthansa (in English): "I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?"**

**Unknown voice from another plane (in a beautiful British accent): "Because you lost the bloody war."**

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?" The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough for another one."

**Allegedly the German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They, it is alleged, not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206.**

**Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway."**

**Ground: "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven." The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.**

**Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"**

**Speedbird 206: "Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."**

**Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?"**

**Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark,... and I didn't land."**

# The Last Word



**I thought I would try and distract all you male drivers before  
Manfeild.....**



**(Apologies to the wives and girlfriends – it's the only tactics I have at the moment!)**

**Jo**

**See you all at Manfeild!  
Editor xxx**

