



# April 2023 Bulletin

## General Manager's Report

Hi Everyone

I hope you are all well.

As we head towards the winter months, things are slowing down slightly at the track, but we remain busy with bookings almost full right through to the end of June. Rather than the full-on pace of summer events, most of the activity over the next few months are much smaller events. We are updating the format of our newsletters/bulletins going forward. We are going to publish a bulletin with content from all aspects of the club every few months, then smaller update newsletters in-between.

This weekend we have partnered up with the team from Premier Events to bring the Nissan & GTR Festival to Christchurch. It's a one-day event on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. For more info, click on the following link: <http://www.gtrfestival.co.nz/ruapuna/event-info>

As you will have heard, we unfortunately had to cancel the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, due to low interest, but plans are well underway for the Saturday "Fun Day" on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all members to come out and join us, whether you want to do some of the track activities, or just want to see the memorabilia we have on display, or even share some stories with us. On track, we have a fun, easy motorkhana "fun-khana", an opportunity to take your road car on the track at controlled speeds behind the safety car, and passenger rides in fully caged race cars. We will be putting on a BBQ at lunchtime, as well as interviewing some of our members to hear their stories on the club. There is zero cost on Saturday, we just need everyone to register their interest: <https://www.canterburycarclub.co.nz/event/anniversary-track-fun-day/>

Race Fuel – Unfortunately due to less and less people using race fuel, Z Energy have given us notice that they are pulling out the tank. We will no longer be selling Race Fuel (Avgas) at the park after the end of May, or when we run out. We still have a reasonable amount of fuel stored in the tank, so we are going to offer it to members at a heavily discounted price of \$2.00 per litre. There is a maximum limit of 250 litres per person. We also need to remind people of the fuel transportation rules, which has a limit of 250 litres.

For the small number of members who have enjoyed the convenience of having race fuel available at the

circuit, you will now have to purchase it offsite. It is available from Challenge Waimak and Challenge Halswell.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fun Day on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> and/or the Mag & Turbo Club Race Day on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Cheers

Mark Wederell  
General Manager  
Canterbury Car Club



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## Anniversary Weekend May 6 & 7 2023

**Saturday 6 May** "Fun Day" - funkhana, road car laps behind the safety car at controlled speeds, passenger rides in fully caged race cars. BBQ lunch. Interviews, and a display from our historian.

**Sunday 7 May** Mag & Turbo Club Day - Open Saloons, Clubman Saloons, Open Wheelers, Continental Rennsport

We need everyone to register for the "fun day" through our website, and enter club day through the MSNZ online entry system.

For more info click the following link:

Please click on the below link for more information on the 75th Anniversary

<https://www.canterburycarclub.co.nz/75th/>

## President's Word

Hi motorsport people,

As we near a close to another great season of events at Canterbury Car Club it is time to thank some of our generous supporters.

### Track improvements

We recently extended the gravel trap at the end of the main straight which required a large amount of gravel. The cost of this was around \$7000. One of our club members donated this money to us and I extend our thanks especially as any improvement to safety is great for all our on track competitors.

### Landscape planting

We also received about 400 plants from the Christchurch City Council as part of our ongoing plan to landscape the park and eventually have enough trees and shrubs to provide a carbon neutral situation at our park. The Council are going to donate plants every year and our aim is to reach full carbon off-set by 2030.

### Club Constitution

The current club constitution will require an overhaul by October this year as the government has required that associations come into line with the companies act. One of the outcomes of this is that our "management" committee will become a "board" and all the legal responsibilities and liabilities of company directors will apply to its members.

The committee has spent a great deal of time rewriting our constitution and will present this to a special general meeting for members to consider and approve. One of the key aspects will be the creation of a "sporting Council" that will give easier access and communication via the various registers and race committees. All of our current committee members will become "board members" and carry the responsibilities of company directors. Going forward it is important that anyone wishing to join the "board" is aware of these requirements and although we run a very cash positive club any ongoing liability is very low.

Thank you to all the committee members that have put in many hours to achieve a revised constitution that's meets the new regulations.

### Clubrooms

The proposed new clubrooms are now in the architectural planning stage with an update with final drawings due soon. As with all large projects we will need to raise some funds and an account for this has been set up if any members wish to donate towards this project.

### Playground

We are also looking for a sponsor to upgrade the children's playground as it has now become below standard. Blair Thorpe has kindly made a start with pricing and plans and would be happy to discuss. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any good ideas or other matters.

Cheers

Lewis

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# RACE FUEL SALE

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**RACE FUEL CANNOT BE USED IN ROAD GOING VEHICLES.**

**WE HAVE 5000 LITRES OF FUEL WE NEED TO SELL BY MAY 26TH - Z ENERGY ARE REMOVING THE TANK AFTER THIS DATE.**

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The extended Gravel Trap



## Ramblings from the Captain's chair..... Club Captain's Report



I hope this edition finds you well, and you have all enjoyed a long weekend and many Easter eggs!

We can look back at some great events this year so far with a another big SKOPE and a great Super Motorsport weekend. Nothing short of a huge input from all to run these iconic events.

As the days get shorter there will still be plenty going on club wise with Club Race day 4 and plenty of Speed and Clubsport events to keep us entertained. Not to forget the Club's 75<sup>th</sup> celebrations in early May, I hope to see you all at the Saturday "fun day" on May 6th.

There are a lot of small and big changes on the horizon, some of these will be unseen and some very much in sight. Things like an upcoming renewed constitution, new club rooms and a changed club subscription structure are a few examples. There have been big hours put in by the management committee and the office. These are no small projects, and all will have a big benefit to the future of this club and our interactions in it. Many thanks from me (and hopefully you) to all involved in taking on these

projects.

I will sign off with this shorter ramblings than usual, keep warm as we head into colder times and as always,

Looking forward to seeing you at the Church of Motorsport,  
**Jason S #22- Club Captain.**



## **75th Anniversary Tee-Shirts only \$30**

Click the below link to  
order yours now

We have placed an order with  
the supplier already, so should  
have most sizes in stock.  
If we sell out of any sizing, we  
will place another order after  
the anniversary weekend.

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## **Club Race**



### **Open Saloons - Latest Championship Points Top 5**

1st	Jason Smith	157
2nd	Greg Wilson	151
3rd	Liam Matheson	123

4th	Brad Hudson	98
5th=	Russell McKenzie	86
5th=	Jason Smith	86

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### ***Open Wheelers - Latest Championship Points Top 5***

1st	Will Neale	112
2nd=	Jacob Douglas	76
2nd=	Blake Knowles	76
4th	Matthew Hamilton	75
5th	Daniel Brown	66

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### ***Clubmans Saloons - Latest Championship Points Top 5***

1st	Reece Etwell	187
2nd	Bruce Henderson	175
3rd	Phillip Allen	106
4th	Nik Jennens	80
5th	Graham Crow	76

[Click here for all results and points](#)

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# Speed Events





Great turnout for the annual 1/4 mile/dual car event last month.

Well done to Ross Bristol for taking out the overall time for the day in his orange aerorace  
Big welcome to our newest lady to join this addictive sport - Lucy Rickard Green who did extremely well finishing her first event, 19th, overall.

Lucy also just competed in the "Weekend Of Motorsport" - bettering her times from February. Watch out for this one, she is going places and we can't wait to see her progress in the new season to come.

You can catch Lucy at our next event on April 15th in her red #91 BMW E30 representing all the females out there. Go say Hi and show her some support.

Our April event is just around the corner with our annual twilight event. Documentation starts at midday, racing at 2:30pm. All competitors will need lights for the last course of the day. Look forward to seeing our regular faces and meeting new faces who share the same love in motorsport

Like us on facebook for more information on events during the year. [Pursuit / Circuit sprints & multicar championship](#)

To all the volunteers who give up their time to help us - thank you.

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### ***Latest Championship Points - Top 5***

1st	Ross Bristol	120
2nd	Liam Matheson	116
3rd	Allan Coker	113
4th	Peter Flewellen	111
5th	Rick Matheson	75

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# Motorkhana



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It has been a busy summer this year for "MotorCross" with three Motorkhanas and two Autocrosses all on grass.

We have had some great turnouts with over thirty entrants in the Motorkhanas, bolstered by a large contingent of MX-5s who are having their own interclass battle. The competition for the overall championship is very tight with top-six drivers only separated by twenty-four points (once corrected) and all top-six drivers have won at least one event. We now head into three seal events which will probably shake up the order again.

The two Autocrosses have also been keenly contested. The first one resulted in a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place (1<sup>st</sup> for



CCC points) between two cars that couldn't be much further apart on the evolutionary scale, a GR Yaris and a Mini. The second one was a shower affected event where again lightness and/or all-wheel drive were important for a top result.

Cheers,

"The Lurker"

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### ***Latest Championship Points - Top 5***

1st	Neil Gardner	197
2nd	John Rathgen	191
3rd	Tony Chapman	188
4th	Derek Hartley	174
5th	Steve Hall	155

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# Autocross



### ***Latest Championship Points - Top 5***

1st	Tony Chapman	112.1
2nd	Neil Gardner	84

3rd	Allan Coker	75
4th	Derek Hartley	64
5th	Adrian Harris	63

[Click here for all results and points](#)

# Navigation Rally

The March Navigation Rally was run on Thursday March 16th, and 6 crews started from the Ashley Hotel north of Rangiora.

Thanks to all of the assistants helping with checks on the night. Results were; We had already zeroed time at TIME A the second time, as this was now on a trap route - and missing the time penalty was too much if you didn't see that you could go right at GIVE WAY and then immediately left up the hill.

I also zeroed time at final control for our erroneous JJ29. Brent chastised me (rightly) as we made this change while putting up checks. As you left the womanned check the first time, and didn't pick up on the "use main road rule" (should have been Apply Main Road Rule), and then missed the straight ahead into UB, you were still looking to be saved, and would not have had the chance to use the home made DIXONS RD sign. So I moved JJ (which was originally unnumbered) back to before the intersection at Dixon's and put the 29 on it so that it clear the carried trap.

However, when we went around the block checking everything, when we got back to JJ 29, there was a road working truck there picking up signs from the day's road sealing, and we didn't stop to check JJ29, nor obviously to realise by adding the number, we'd screwed up so badly.

You all sorted yourselves out, which is good - but I've deleted time so that no one was disadvantaged. For Car 4 - the original problem they found was a pair of metal gates to close the road at the Fords and didn't think they could pass. I've deleted time for you guys at the next time check, but because you were running late from then, a local farmer had taken exception to the traffic and removed or moved some of the boards at X, AA, ULA etc. So I have deleted all penalties for you, and time at Brent. Sadly it didn't make much difference to your final outcome, but a small gesture.

It is pleasing to see that at least some in all crews got all checks EXCEPT the letterbox. Our checker PETE will be pleased to take that honour - as he saw it and applied it correctly. The letterbox of course made the road ahead unable to be used, so the intersection was no longer a crossroads.

The next event on our calendar is The CCC Autumn Lupp Cup - being organised by Dave McCahon. Starting out in West Melton, this will be Dave's second go at organising in this career cycle, and he promises better than last time - which will be a difficult feat ! Thursday April 20th for that one.

The May event is the Annual Memorial Trial - organised by the Coker crew - and **will be one week early**. On Thursday May 11 - to avoid the Motorsport AGM for which many crews will be away for. Then Sunday June 11 for the annual Banks Peninsula Nav Rally (us as organisers), followed by; Thursday June 15 for a RATEC Lupp Cup event organised by Giles and family.

Cheers

Ian McKee  
Convener

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# Rennsport Report



Continental Rennsport is a fun class of racing for vehicles from the European continent, typically BMW and Porsche, but sometimes Mercedes, McLaren and Peugeots etc.

Our last race was the Super Weekend in March, held at Euromarque Motorsport Park (Ruapuna) where we only had 16 racers due to a clash with another race meeting in Invercargill; still we had a mixture of modern and classic Porsche and BMW's. Great racing was had, especially during the 20min race where a mixture of fast GT3's and slower E30's requires plenty of respect and the use of mirrors. It was great to see new Rennsport members, Lucy and Glenn, come race there BMW E30's, well done!

Prior to Super Weekend, eleven "Rennsporter's" travelled to Teretonga to race, which was challenging for drivers new to the track. The front straight is the longest in New Zealand and rewards horsepower/top speed, whereas the back S's rewards handling and setup, all-in-all a great track and event, topped with southern hospitality.

Current Standings	Rennsport Overall		Porsche Open	
		Points		Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	David Proud	281	Jeff Luskie	286
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeff Luskie	272	Mike Baker	104
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marc Denton	184	Russell McKenzie	84
Current Standings	BMW Open		BMW E30	
		Points		Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	David Proud	269	Neil Kay	225
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marc Denton	195	Rich Erskine	207
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kevin Jones	136	John Hibbs	202

Our final race and points decider is Mag & Turbo Club Day #4 on the 7<sup>th</sup> May at Euromarque Motorsport Park (Ruapuna).

You can follow Continental Rennsport on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082862575896>

## Drift South

## Drift South 2022/2023 Pro Drift Series

1st	Andrei Pirlea	369
2nd	Liam Pink	269
3rd	Rick Kingan	266
4th	Corey Farrant	259
5th	Joel Counter	234

## Drift South 2022/2023 Development Series

1st	Josh La Rosa	102
2nd	Kim Thorley	85
3rd	Angelo Weerasinghe	76
4th	Michael Clarke	66
5th	Grace Hart	64



# Club Championship 2022-2023

## CCC Club Points

Rank	Driver	Points	Event
1	Allan Coker	396.4	20
2	Peter Flewellen	357.3	19
3	John Rathgen	335.3	19
4	Tony Chapman	335.1	14
5	Neil Gardner	235	15
6	Derek Hartley	223	13
7	Adrian Harris	209	19
8	Steve Hall	192	9
9	Chris Protheroe	171	9
10	Liam Matheson	160	6

## Upcoming Events

Saturday 22 April	GTR Festival
Thursday 27 April	Run In Morning
Friday 28 April	Test Day
Saturday 29 April	Drift South Round 5
Sunday 7 May	Mag & Turbo Club Day 4
Thursday 18 May	Navigation Rally
Saturday 20 May	Seal Motokhana
Sunday 21 May	Circuit Sprints
Saturday 27 May	Christchurch Trackdays

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