Well what a fantastic event Little River Hillclimb was this year. Great to have so many Inter-Clubbers taking part and all four clubs managed to gain some points towards the Dave McCahon Trophy. There were some awesome cars taking part and some real wolves in sheep's clothing.

RATEC's James McIver took the honours with second overall and first of the Interclub competitors. He drove the wheels off the Mk2 Escort and managed to beat Dad Tim who finished in sixth place. RATEC members finished in positions 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th giving them the largest haul of points. Mark Higgins, Mike Tall and Stu Carter along with the McIver's brought home the points for RATEC.

Ashburton honours were held up by Michael Skevington in a Honda Civic and Lyndon Ball in an Evo 1. Quite how the Civic not only held together but managed to fly up the hill in a time of 2 minutes and 2 seconds was quite amazing.

Lyndon Ball was flying in the Evo 1 and showed he had lost none of his skills even though he doesn't come out for a skid as often as some of the rest of us! Greg Cross managed 7th in the Subaru but unfortunately a blown Turbo put paid to his chances of getting higher up the standings. Chris Tull and Duncan Carnell brought home the last few points for Ashburton.

Canterbury put on a good turnout with 5 competitors which was great considering the Little River date coincided with a Canterbury event. Just showed that although trying to have no conflicting dates is preferred, people will choose to do events and in this case support the Interclub series. First home for Canterbury was Josh Mitchell in the very well prepared BMW. Fellow Canterbury competitors were Mike Crehan, Tobert Antonovich, Sharon Keir, and Colin Cameron.

This weekend round 7 of the Interclub series takes place at the Ashburton Car Clun Le Bretons Road Autocross.. Entries are still open so please share this far and wide as the Interclub competition is wide open with three clubs potentially in the running with two events to go! As it stands at the moment Ashburton do not have many entries for this event so it might be a good chance to sneak some points for your club!

Where we stand for events in the 2026 Season:

The DAVE McCAHON TROPHY (1982), 2026 INTERCLUB SPEED calendar:

1. Sat 28th March 2026 Grass Autocross – Leeston RATEC – 18 drivers
2. Sat 6th June 2026 Dual Car Sprints - Levels Ashburton – 28 run
3. Sat 27th June 2026 Sealed Autocross – EM Ruapuna Canterbury – 45 on track (this was the maximum)
4. Sun 16th Aug 2026 Dual Car Circuit Sprints – EM Ruapuna Canterbury – 19 on track
5. Sat 5th Sept 2026 Gravel Sprint – Pig Saddle Rd Autosport – 45 Entries
6. Sun 18th Oct 2026 Banks Peninsula Hillclimb – Little River RATEC - 30 Entries plus VCC
7. Sun 1st Nov 2026 Le Bretons Road Gravel Autocross Ashburton –
8. Sat 21st Nov 2026 Rutherford's Road Gravel Sprint Ashburton –

Currently the 2026 points table is as below:

Canterbury Car Club	332
Ashburton	328
RATEC	279
Autosport	126

As you can see the points table got a whole lot closer after the Little River Hillclimb. The competition is on and wide open so get in and support the last two events on the calendar. Please update your members and push them to put an entry in to keep the competition close!

As always, anything you want to discuss please give me a call on the number below.

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