

CLASSIC TRIALS NEWSLETTER

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Round 1 Report



The Icebreaker lived up to its name as we faced an icy wind at Hampton Downs for the first Round of the 2014 Apparelmaster Classic Trial Championship. Thanks to Chris Watson for slotting all of our events on the Saturday of this 2-day meeting.

It has been a wet week prior to the weekend and the weather forecast was not promising for Saturday. However, despite the bleak weather the track was drying and the clouds flying past retained their moisture.

For our first meeting of the season we had 20 entries. We welcomed Helen O'Sullivan to her first drive with the Register. Helen drove brother Peter's orange MX5 and Peter arrived with a new drive: 1969 Mk2 Cortina GT.

This meeting was the first, to my knowledge, that we had 4 female drivers competing.

They also accounted for 20% of the field. We look forward to more ladies joining the Register.

Practice was held on an almost dry track with turn 2 and the big sweeper being a little damp. Neil Moore's Jowett was a 'did not start' and wasn't to reappear until the last event.

Times were a bit slower but the weather remained fine.



Maria Sutherland has returned with a new car too: BMW 2002Ti and Roger Davis is driving Syd's Porsche 944 while Syd is recuperating.



Results Trial 1: 1st Ken Smith (Ford Escort RS2000) 0.56sec; 2nd Brent Middlemiss (Mini 1275GT) 0.57sec; 3rd Robby Riding (Porsche 924) 0.75sec; 4th Allan Horner (Austin Healey Sprite) 0.87sec; 5th Ross Vaughan (Mazda MX5) 0.9sec



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Trial 5 made history for the Register with ladies taking the 3 top places and their results were all superior to those obtained by the men in the first trial run under similar conditions. A good result for Peter O'Sullivan too in his first meeting with a new car, especially after a lot of DNF

Results Trial 5: 1st Sheridan Broadbent (Valiant Pacer) 0.28sec; 2nd Robby Riding 0.44sec; 3rd Maria Sutherland 0.54sec; 4th Paul Couper (Mazda MX5) 0.6sec; 5th Peter O'Sullivan (Ford Cortina Mk2) 0.67sec.



Paul Couper nearly had a late lunch of Pukeko when a couple meandered across the short straight between turns 1 and 2. A quick wiggle of the MX5 left



Trial 9: Good things couldn't last forever and the rain set in for our last run. Drivers need to rethink their wet time nominations. As Rex noted when he produced the results, most drivers nominated times 8 to 15 seconds faster than their actual recorded times. Helen O'Sullivan was the exception: 10 seconds faster! Sheridan finished the meeting being driven in like the Queen with the Pacer on the back of the recovery truck!

Results Trial 9: 1st Ross Vaughan 3.03sec; 2nd Paul Couper 3.99sec; 3rd Sheridan Broadbent 5.54sec; 4th Brent Middlemiss 6.16sec; 5th Peter O'Sullivan 6.57sec



With the last Trial a dead duck, the Round winner would be found from the best performances in the first 2 Trials. Congratulations to Robby Riding on a well deserved win in Round 1 of the 2014 Apparelmaster Classic Trial Championship. Robby was knocking on the door last season and it is great to see her take the lead in the Championship



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1st Robby Riding (Porsche 924) 0.59sec; 2nd Brent Middlemiss (Mini1275GT) 0.64 sec; 3rd Ken Smith (Ford Escort RS2000) 0.73sec; 4th Sheridan Broadbent (Valiant Pacer) 0.74sec; 5th Peter O'Sullivan (Mazda MX5) 0.85sec.



2014 Apparelmaster Classic Trial Championship



What's coming up:

Round 2 5 October 2013 TACCOC Spring Classic
Pukekohe

Round 3 3 November 2013 TACCOC Summer Classic
Hampton Downs

Round 4 8 December 2013 TACCOC IT Outsource Christmas
at the Downs Hampton Downs

Round 5 11/12 January 2014 HRC Tasman Revival Taupo

Round 6 18/19 January 2014 HRC NZ Festival of Motor
Racing

Hampton Downs

Round 7 22/23 February 2014 HRC Tasman Revival Pukekohe



Round 8 29/30
March 2014 HRC Legends
of Speed Hampton Downs

Round 9 20 April
2014 Monza Meeting
Hampton Downs



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is to confirm that the Classic Trial Register is part of the forthcoming TACCOC meetings on Saturday, 5th October at Pukekohe and Sunday 3rd November at Hampton Downs.

In order to encourage a good turn out from your competitors, TACCOC will provide a significant incentive to enter both meetings with a **\$100 cash back per car**, to be given at the Hampton Downs event Documentation, to drivers who have entered both events and paid a full entry fee for each event. **Would you please ensure that all of your competitors are made aware of this great offer, which will provide an effective entry fee of only \$105 per meeting.**

Both meetings will be run along the lines of our previous meetings.

Look out for the entry and regulations on www.motorsportentry.com very soon.

We look forward to two great days of racing.

Cheers

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