

# CLASSIC TRIALS NEWSLETTER

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## Round 2 Report



After the stormy weather that has beaten Auckland over the last week we should all be thankful for the fine weather we had at Pukekohe for Round 2 of the 2014 Apparelmaster Classic Trial Championship.

Many of you will remember the rain when we had our first run on the new Pukekohe circuit at the BMW Fest in April. The swimming pool at the chicane and the aquaplaning before the hairpin and all the new steel barriers! That was the meeting that took the E30s like lambs to the slaughter. All in all, fine weather and Pukekohe are a good combination.

Its always great to welcome new drivers. For Round 2 we had two, both driving immaculate Porsche 964 cars. Firstly we welcome John McMillan in the white 964 and secondly Scott Mitchell in the green model. The Porsche 964 is the company's internal name for the Porche 911 manufactured and sold between 1989 and 1994.

After practice the Speed Bar for the newly formatted Pukekohe circuit was set at 1 minute 28 seconds, up from the previous time of 1 minute 20 seconds.

The Classic Trialers had the biggest field at the meeting (21)



We were getting ready to go when the lunch break was called and then it was all go. **Trial 4** ended with a surprise winner. First time Classic Trialer Scott Mitchell took the win closely followed by Ken Smith and Steve Moon. Scotts father bought the car 10 years ago in the USA. It was built up to be one of 40 similar Porsche 964 to compete in a race series that didnt eventuate. Scott has had a lot of driving time in LHD cars so the steering wheel position was no hindrance for him.

Nine drivers recorded lap time averages under 1 second from their nominated times.



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## Round 2 Report Cont..

**Trial 4 results:** 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Mitchell (Porsche 964) 0.52sec; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Smith (Ford Escort RS2000) 0.57sec; 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Moon (Morris Marina Coupe) 0.59sec; 4<sup>th</sup> Frank Dennison (Datsun 1200)

**Trial 9 results:** 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Couper (Mazda MX5) 0.54sec;  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Paul Miller (Porsche 911) 0.59sec;  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Steve Moon 0.59sec;  
4<sup>th</sup> Peter OSullivan (Ford Cortina Mk2) 0.65sec;  
5<sup>th</sup> Scott Mitchell 0.69sec.

The new Speed Bar proved to be spot on and all drivers complied. The meeting ended for Allan Horner after 1 lap when the usually reliable Austin Healey Sprite retired with engine trouble. Paul Couper ran his usual well judged drive to bring the MX5 into first place. He was closely followed by Paul Miller and Steve moon. In all, 8 drivers ran times under 1 second.

As is the case with fine weather, the last trial usually decides the Round winner. With the exception of 2013 Champion (who got his nominated time horribly wrong!) all drivers did remarkably well in our last event of the day. Thirteen drivers (76%) did 1 second or better. The times were a lot lower too. Graham Hunter took his Suzuki Swift GTi to the best time of the day (0.31sec). Scott Mitchell (0.40sec) and Paul Couper (0.45sec) followed and these times clinched first and second places respectively for them in Round 2.

**Trial 14 results:** 1<sup>st</sup> Graham Hunter (Suzuki Swift GTi) 0.31sec;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Mitchell 0.40sec;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Couper 0.45sec;  
4<sup>th</sup> Alistair Jones (BMW 2002tii) 0.48sec;  
5<sup>th</sup> Paul Miller 0.51sec.



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## Round 2 TACCOC Spring Classic Pukekohe Park Raceway 5 October 2013

- 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Mitchell (Porsche 964) 0.46sec;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Couper (Mazda MX%) 0.49sec;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Miller (Porsche 911) 0.55sec;  
4<sup>th</sup> Steve Moon (Morris Marina Coupe) 0.59sec;  
5<sup>th</sup> Graham Hunter (Suzuki Swift GTi) 0.68sec.

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TOTAL WORKWEAR & LAUNDRY SOLUTIONS  
2014 Apparelmaster Classic Trial Championship



No	Name		Year	Model	Make	Ave	Place	Points
88	Scott	Mitchell	1992	Porsche	964	0.46	1	154
47	Paul	Couper	1989	Mazda	MX5	0.49	2	151
32	Paul	Miller	1976	Porsche	911 Carrera	0.55	3	145
48	Steve	Moon		Morris	Marina	0.59	4	141
15	Graham	Hunter	1989	Suzuki	Swift Gti	0.68	5	132
22	Ken	Smith	1973	Ford	Escort RS 2000	0.74	6=	126
116	Peter	O'Sullivan	1969	Ford	Cortina Mk II	0.74	6=	126
931	Robyn	Riding	1981	Porsche	924	0.81	8	119
75	John	Miller	1974	Ford	Escort	0.82	9	118
265	Sheridan	Broadbent	1972	Valiant	Pacer	0.84	10	116
33	Mike	McCowan	1977	MG	BGT V8	0.87	11	113
7	Frank	Dennison	1972	Datsun	1200	0.88	12	112
248	Alistair	Jones	1974	BMW	2002tii	0.98	13	102
72	Ian	Christie	1972	MGB	GT	1.03	14	99
964	John	McMillan	1990	Porsche	964	1.14	15	93
404	Maria	Sutherland	1974	BMW	2002 Tii	1.16	16	92
91	Ross	Vaughan	1991	Mazda	MX5	1.27	17	87
34	Graeme	Park	1986	Porsche	944 Turbo	1.98	18	51
266	Helen	O'Sullivan	1990	Mazda	MX5	2.63	19	25
45	Allan	Horner	1963	Austin Healey	Sprite		20	25



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## 2014 Apparelmaster Championship (Overall result after 2 rounds)

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7	Frank	Dennison	1972	Datson 1200	112	
15	Graham	Hunter	1989	Suzuki Swift GTi	132	
22	Ken	Smith	1973	Ford Escort RS 2000	253	3
32	Paul	Miller	1976	Porsche 911	145	
33	Mike	McCowan	1977	MG BGT V8	167	
34	Graeme	Park	1986	Porsche 944T	76	
45	Allan	Horner	1963	Austin Healey Sprite	91	
47	Paul	Couper	1989	Mazda MX5	266	1
48	Steve	Moon	1973	Morris Marina	141	
72	Ian	Christie	1972	MGB GT	186	
75	John	Miller	1974	Ford Escort RS2000	205	
91	Ross	Vaughan	1991	Mazda MX5	189	
116	Peter	O'Sullivan	1969	Ford Cortina Mk2	228	
248	Alistair	Jones	1974	BMW 2002tii	155	
265	Sheridan	Broadbent	1972	Valiant Pacer	242	
266	Helen	O'Sullivan	1990	Mazda MX5	80	
404	Maria	Sutherland	1974	BMW 2002tii	196	
931	Robyn	Riding	1981	Porsche 924	260	2
964	John	McMillan	1990	Porsche 964	93	
944	Roger	Davis	1989	Porsche 944	75	
5	Brian	King	2006	Jaguar Special	25	
51	Neil	Moore	1951	Jowett Jupiter	25	
88	Scott	Mitchell	1992	Porsche 964	154	

2012 Apparelmaster Classic Trial Champion Paul Couper takes the lead after 2 rounds.

Robby Riding, Ken Smith, Sheridan Broadbent and Peter OSullivan hold the next four places.

However, the there are 7 rounds still to come and as the best 4 results count towards the Championship the there will be a lot of changes ahead.



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From this year all competitors in the Classic Trials will be asked to contribute a once only payment of \$20 towards the trophies and general running expenses of the Championship.

You may not be aware, but the Register has to pay a \$300 annual royalty for the programme used to calculate the results.

We are indebted to Rex Oddy for doing this calculation for us after each trial and printing the result. It makes a huge difference to see how you are going over the day and not to have to wait until after the event for the results to be manually calculated. To this end we need a back up (preferably two back ups) for this task. If you have a lap top and would like to help see one of the committee members.



## Next Event:

The second TACCOC meeting, the Summer Classic, will be held on Sunday 3 November at Hampton Downs. If you entered the last TACCOC meeting at Pukekohe you will receive **\$100 cash back at registration** if you enter the Summer Classic. Thanks TACCOC we need more meeting organisers like you!

## Need a socket?



If you need a spanner, socket, screwdriver etc for that unexpected trackside repair you are in luck. Terry Riding has an extensive toolbox that he will bring to each meeting and he is only too happy to loan them out. Thanks Terry for a great offer.



**Project Update**  
Pauls Westfield Eleven Project Showing signs of life- Differential is Installed awaiting a custom made De Dion Tube.  
Paul Seems to think he will be ready for the December Round- Err.. December- which year?



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## Whats coming up?

Round 3	3 November 2013 TACCOC Summer Classic. Hampton Downs
Round 4	8 December 2013 TACCOC IT Outsource Christmas at the 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

Cheers

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