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Round 3 Report TACCOC Summer Classic Hampton Downs 3 November 2013

The third Round of the Apparelmaster Classic Trial Championship was held on a fine cloudy day at Hampton Downs. The meeting attracted 27 entries, the highest number we have seen for some time. A lot of this was due to the generous \$100 cash back offer from TACCOC if entries were received for Rounds 2 and 3.

We welcomed Harold Church to his first CT meeting. Harold owns an immaculate red 1960 Austin Healey BT7 3000. Harold's tow vehicle, a Land Rover Defender TD4 flat deck, attracted nearly as much interest as the Healey! And it was a tipper to boot!

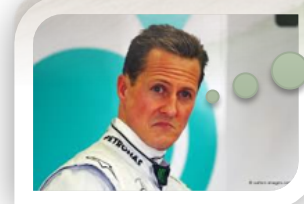


Unfortunately, fan belt trouble saw the big Healey exit early and we will have to wait for next time to see it in action again.

Another early casualty was Brian Day's equally impressive Ferrari 308 GT4 (also red!) that turned into a rough running 7-cylinder monster! All the other red cars had an enjoyable day.



Impressive!
Three cars
spinning at
once?



A significant first for Classic Trials was the entry of 6 cars from the Porsche marque. Unfortunately Paul Miller was a late withdrawal and on the day Graeme Park's 944 has "radiator problems" in practice so we were back to 4 cars in the Trials. Graeme's car was towed onto the skidpan for a group photo.

(Ed. "radiator problems" are defined as the entire Cooling system , fluid, thermostat, hoses, Hose clips and associated components depositing themselves in or around the Hairpin) To affect a field repair of such issues, refer to the definition of "second degree Burns"

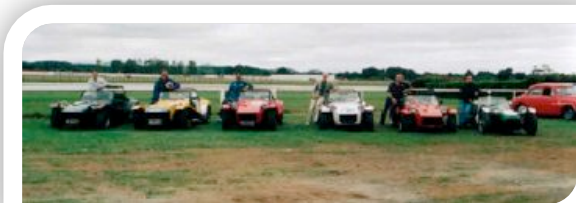


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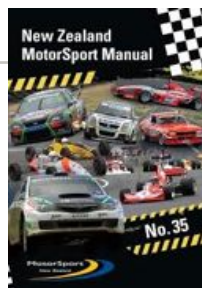
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For the Record: The record for one-model entries must go to the MGBGT boys. Also, In the early days of Classic Trials we had a number of Lotus 7s competing. At the moment we only have Maurice Andrews driving the red 7 seen below third from the left in a photograph taken at Pukekohe around 2004. Ian Christie was the owner at the time. Like many of our young people, three of the six 7's shown have migrated to Australia.



Practice went well but it was obvious that too many of our drivers were running under the speed bar. Syd had spoken to Australian Classic Trial organisers and we decided to try their lap speed control measure. The set up listed below worked well with only a couple of warnings issued in the three Trials that followed.



A minimum lap time will be set by the event organizers and advised at Drivers Briefing. Note: The Classic Trial is for those drivers with vehicles not normally raced. It is expected that lap times will be considerably greater than those of an experienced race driver in the equivalent vehicle. Drivers who overdrive or go below this time will be warned (black/white diagonal flag) and may be excluded from the event. (Black flag)

Trial 4 had an excellent result with 10 drivers recording average laps of less than 1 second under their nominated time and only one driver breaking the Speed Bar. Driving at his first meeting of the season, and in one of the Registers oldest competing cars, Hoppy Hopkins convincingly took the first Trial with a smart 0.41 second average.

Result Trial 4: 1st Hoppy Hopkins (Triumph TR3) 0.41sec; 2nd Ross Vaughan (Mazda MX5) 0.65sec; 3rd John Miller (Ford Escort RS2000) 0.73sec; 4th Scott Mitchell (Porsche 964) 0.74sec; 5th Peter O'Sullivan (Ford Cortina Mk2) 0.78sec.

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Graham Hallen's Ford Mustang developed a brake problem during the trial and unfortunately that was the last time the car appeared. The problem was expensive hand bonded disc

pads from a Hamilton brake specialist that parted company.....Grrrrrrr....



Trial 9 after lunch saw 2012 Apparelmaster Champion Paul Couper sneak in ahead of Graham Hunter and Frank Dennison – only 3 hundredths of a second separated them.

Eleven drivers recorded lap averages under 1 second from their nominated times. Three drivers went under the Speed Bar and as a consequence did not get a result for the Trial.

Result Trial 9: 1st Paul Couper (Mazda MX5) 0.39sec; 2nd Graham Hunter (Suzuki Swift GTI) 0.40sec; 3rd Frank Dennison (Datson 1200) 0.42sec; 4th = Sheridan Broadbent (Valiant Pacer) 0.52sec. 4th = Errin Hallen Toyota MR2) 0.52sec



Trial 14: After fan belt problems earlier on, the final Trial for the day was a great result for Sheridan Broadbent. Chief mechanic, Peter, was a regular sight under the Vitamin C bonnet! Graham Hunter came in next and this result along with a similar place in the second trial, gave him his first Round victory in Classic Trials. A first for Suzuki too.

Result Trial 14: 1st Sheridan Broadbent (Valiant Pacer) 0.5sec; 2nd Graham Hunter (Suzuki Swift GTI) 0.56sec; 3rd Scott Mitchell; 0.62sec; 4th = Peter O'Sullivan (Ford Cortina Mk2) 0.77sec; 4th = Hoppy Hopkins (Triumph TR3) 0.77sec.

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- 1st Graham Hunter (Suzuki Swift GTi) 0.48sec;
 2nd Sheridan Broadbent (Valiant Pacer) 0.51sec;
 3rd Hoppy Hopkins (Triumph TR3) 0.59sec;
 4th Scott Mitchell (Porsche 964) 0.68sec;
 5th Tim Walton (Lotus Elan) 0.71sec.



Name	Trial 4	Trial 9	Trial 14	Average	Points	
Graham Hunter	1.23	0.4	0.56	0.48	152	1st
Sheridan Broadbent	0.96	0.52	0.5	0.51	149	2nd
Arthur Hopkins	0.41	1.2	0.77	0.59	141	3rd
Scott Mitchell	0.74	N/R	0.62	0.68	132	4
Tim Walton	1.51	0.42	1	0.71	129	5
Ian Christie	0.83	0.65	1.21	0.74	126	6
Ross Vaughan	0.65	1.54	0.86	0.755	125	7
Errin Hallen	1.01	0.52	N/R	0.765	124	8=
Paul Couper	1.49	0.39	1.14	0.765	124	8=
Peter O'Sullivan	0.78	N/R	0.77	0.775	123	10=
David Tolhurst	0.83	0.72	1.05	0.775	123	10=
Syd Davis	0.87	0.92	1.53	0.895	111	12
John Miller	0.73	1.64	1.21	0.97	103	13
Mike McCowan	1.09	1.39	1.08	1.085	96	14
John McMillan	1.12	N/R	N/R	1.12	94	15
Ken Smith	0.94	1.34	1.65	1.14	93	16
Allan Horner	1.64	0.94	1.57	1.255	88	17
Alistair Jones	1.53	1.16	2.71	1.345	83	18
Frank Dennison	N/R	0.42	N/R	0.42	79	19
Robyn Riding	1.83	2.5	2.27	2.05	48	20
Graham Hallen	1.28	DNS	DNS	1.28	43	21
Helen O'Sullivan	3.39	5.87	4.05	3.72	24	22=
Brian Day	DNS	DNS	DNS		24	22=

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2014 APPARELMASTER CLASSIC TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

New Championship Leader

Below are the Championship standings after 3 Rounds. The Championship status will be calculated using each driver's best 4 results. With 6 Rounds still to go there will be a lot of changes before the 2014 Apparelmaster Classic Trials Champion is found. The past 2 years have seen the final Round deciding the Champion.

Scott Mitchell and Graham Hunter have high point results from only 2 meetings and I would expect them to move up the ladder over the next two meetings.



Driver	No	Car	Round 1 points	Round 2 points	Round 3 points	Total Points	Apparelmaster Championship Status
Sheridan Broadbent	265	Valiant Pacer	126	116	149	391	1
Paul Couper	47	Mazda MX5	115	151	124	390	2
Peter O'Sullivan	116	Ford Cortina Mk 2	102	126	123	351	3
Ken Smith	22	Ford Escort RS2000	127	126	93	346	4
Ross Vaughan	91	Mazda MX5	101	87	125	313	5
Ian Christie	72	MG BGT	87	99	126	312	6
John Miller	75	Escort RS2000	87	118	103	308	7=
Robyn Riding	931	Porsche 924	141	119	48	308	7=
Scott Mitchell	88	Porsche 964		154	132	286	9
Graham Hunter	15	Suzuki Swift GTi		132	152	284	10
Mike McGowan	33	MG BGT V8	54	113	96	263	11
Alistair Jones	248	BMW 2002 tii	53	102	83	238	12
Maria Sullivan	404	BMW 2002 tii	104	92	0	196	13
Frank Dennison	7	Datsun 1200		112	79	191	14
John McMillan	964	Porsche 964		93	94	187	15
Allan Horner	45	Austin Healey Sprite	66	24	88	178	16
Paul Miller	32	Porsche 911		145	0	145	17
Arthur Hopkins	57	Triumph TR3			141	141	18=
Steve Moon	48	Morris Marina		141	0	141	18=
Brent Middlemiss	8	Mini 1275GT	136	0	0	136	20
Tim Walton	36	Lotus Elan			129	129	21
Errin Hallen	6	Toyota MR2			124	124	22
David Tolhurst	43	Ford Capri GT			123	123	23
Syd Davis	944	Porsche 944			111	111	24
Helen O'Sullivan	266	Mazda MX5	55	24	24	103	25
Graeme Park	34	Porsche 944 T	25	51	0	76	26
Roger Davis	944	Porsche 944	75	0	0	75	27
John Fulford	146	MG BGT	55	0	0	55	27
Graham Hallen	68	Ford Mustang			43	43	29
Frank Fraser-Jones	350	Mazda Familia 323	36	0	0	36	30
Brian King	7	Alfriston Jaguar	25	0	0	25	31=
Neil Moore		Jowett Javelin	25	0	0	25	31=
Brian Day	118	Ferrari 308 GT4			24	24	33=
Harold Church	76	Austin Healey 3000			24	24	33=
John Stone	16	Audi Quattro			0	0	

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What's next?

Round 4 of the 2014 Apparelmaster Classic Trial Championship will be held at Hampton Downs Sunday 8 December. This will be the **Outsource IT Christmas at the Downs** meeting. If you haven't already entered get in now before it's too late. Entries as usual on www.motorsportentry.com. This is the last round of 2013 and will give us an early view of the Championship leaders after 4 rounds.

At this meeting we intend to set up the starting grid on your nominated times rather than fastest lap times. This set-up will prevent a driver with a one off quick lap starting ahead of drivers with lower nominated times. This will be better and safer for all drivers. However, it will only work if nominated times are posted as soon as practice is finished as there will only be a short window of time for us to prepare and print a starting grid. Your committee will endeavour to get the individual practice lap times as soon as practice ends. You can help by waiting for the list to arrive and quickly entering in your nominated time.

What's coming up?

Round 5	11/12 January 2014 HRC Taupo
Round 6	18/19 January 2014 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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