



Classic Trials Championship 2014/15



# Classic Trials Newsletter

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**Hi everyone,**

We knew early in the week that the weather for the PPG Winter Championship was going to be brilliant! And so it was, albeit a bit chilly at the start – minus 3C at Hunua when I left! There was a bit of fog just after the Bombay's and down close to the Waikato River but all was clear at Hampton Downs.

As expected, there were a number of late entries and the Classic Trial had one of the biggest entries in what was to be a low-key meeting. To make most use of the track and bring in a bit more revenue a Track Playday Group was also invited to the meeting.

We welcomed Iain Taylor to the register. Iain arrived with a very smart Mazda RX2. We will be seeing a few more rotary engine powered classics at future meetings.

Rex Bentham returned with a new classic – a beautifully prepared 1960 Jaguar Mark 2.

He bought the car, fully race prepared, from a South Island owner. In future we will see Rex in the AES/TradeZone series.

Paul Couper arrived with his new Westfield Eleven for its very first event. While completely an unknown quantity in both reliability and pace, the car finished the day and Paul has some minor modifications to make before starting the new season.

Practice was soon over and it was obvious from the lap times that the conditions were right for quicker than usual laps.

With at least one lap timed under the Speed Bar, six drivers did not get a recorded result.

We were second on the programme for our first Trial.

The first 6 were within 0.2 second of each other and Ian Christie in the MG BGT took the win.



## **Trial 1 Results:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Christie	MG BGT	Lap time variance: 0.66 sec
2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Brent Middlemiss	Mini 1275	Lap time variance: 0.74 sec
2 <sup>nd</sup> =	David Tolhurst	Ford Capri	Lap time variance: 0.74 sec
4 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Horner	Austin Healey Sprite	Lap time variance: 0.87 sec
5 <sup>th</sup>	Murray Ralls	MG Midget	Lap time variance: 0.88 sec

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A meeting of drivers was held to reinforce the Speed Bar regulations and the second trial resulted in a much more sedate approach. Brent and Murray being the only drivers to break 1 Second

## Trial 2 Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Brent Middlemiss	Mini 1275	Lap time variance: 0.79 sec
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Murray Ralls	MG Midget	Lap time variance: 0.92 sec
3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Tolhurst	Ford Capri	Lap time variance: 1.05 sec
4 <sup>th</sup>	John Campbell	MG BGT	Lap time variance: 1.23 sec
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Foy	Ford Escort	Lap time variance: 1.32 sec



With continuing fine weather the final trial was again going to be the Winter Championship decider. Mike Foy, Frank Dennison and Rex Bentham retired with mechanical problems.



## Trial 3 Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Horner	Austin Healey Sprite	Lap time variance: 0.47 sec
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Tolhurst	Ford Capri	Lap time variance: 0.48 sec
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Murray Ralls	MG Midget	Lap time variance: 0.51 sec
4 <sup>th</sup>	Brent Middlemiss	Mini 1275	Lap time variance: 0.62 sec
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Christie	MG BGT	Lap time variance: 1.19 sec

Alan Horner, Austin Healey Sprite, had a nail biting win over David Tolhurst with Murray Ralls another 3 hundredths of a second further back. It was going to be close and we eagerly awaited Terry Riding to come up with the goods.

A great win for David Tolhurst in his yellow Capri GT, with Alan, Brent and Murray snapping at his heels.

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1 <sup>st</sup>	David Tolhurst	Ford Capri	Overall lap time variance: 0.61 sec
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Horner	Austin Healey Sprite	Overall lap time variance: 0.67 sec
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brent Middlemiss	Mini 1275	Overall lap time variance: 0.68 sec
4 <sup>th</sup>	Murray Ralls	MG Midget	Overall lap time variance: 0.70 sec
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Christie	MG BGT	Overall lap time variance: 0.93 sec





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With the low overall entries this may be the last Brass Monkey meeting. HRC will be deciding over the next year if it is financially viable to hold this meeting.

Let's hope that David is not the last Classic Trial Winter Champion!

## Coming Up:

### **Classic Trial Register Prize Giving and Luncheon**

**When:** Sunday 23 August from 11.30am

**Where:** Horse and Trap  
Enfield Street  
Mt Eden



Mark it on your calendar. Family, children, friends and any other interested parties will be most welcome. A fixed price menu won't break the bank too!

We look forward to seeing you all there

Cheers

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