

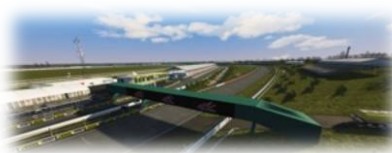


Classic Trials Championship 2015/16



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Round 2 of the 2016 PPG Classic Trial Championship was held at Pukekohe Park Raceway. This was the first of the two TACCOC meetings, the second being the next round on 1 November. Early morning showers were forecast to clear by the afternoon and as we were the last group to practice we were all hoping for a dry track.

We welcomed Bronwynne's son Robert Parker to the Register.

Robert will be driving a 1977 Porsche 924.

We also welcome back, after a 6-year absence, Kelly Archer from Kerikeri. Many will remember Kelly's beige 1974 Rover P6 BS V8 with its distinctive spare wheel mount on the boot lid. Kelly told me the heavy spare has long gone and the cover now hides a polystyrene replica!



As hoped, the earlier groups dried out the track nicely before our practice session. Misfortune struck again for the Riding team when an exhaust manifold stud broke on Robyn's Porsche. Unfortunately, it was not a quick fix repair and Robyn was out for the rest of the meeting. Kelly Archer also had problems that necessitated a trip into Pukekohe to find a tyre shop to repair a punctured tyre. He was lucky this was not a Sunday meeting!

The weather Gods were definitely against the Trialers this weekend as the black clouds let loose at the start of the first trial. The brief downpour stopped quickly and the track was dry again for the last 2 laps. However, Neil Moore (Jowett Jupiter) mastered the difficult conditions and won with a time differential of 1.13 second. (Neil was the only driver to get under 2.5 second!)



Results: Trial 1

1 st	Neil Moore	Jowett Jupiter	1.13 sec
2 nd	Mike McCowan	MGB GTV8	2.57 sec
3 rd	Robert Parker	Porsche 924	2.91 sec
4 th	Paul Couper	Mazda MX5	3.39 sec
5 th	Syd Davis	Porsche 944	3.56 sec





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After the lunch break Graham Hallen withdrew the MR2 due to "handling problems". (ed. Err, Handling problems defined as your rear tyres looking a bit like this:)

The fine weather again deserted the Trialists as the second trial commenced. While the Trial was called 'Damp,' the track surface ranged from wet through to dry as the trial progressed. Again, not good conditions for a great result! Allan Horner (Austin Healey Sprite) was the only driver with a result under 2.5 seconds!



Results: Trial 2

1 st	Alan Horner	Austin Healey Sprite	1.16 sec
2 nd	Paul Couper	Mazda MX5	2.62 sec
3 rd	Robert Parker	Porsche 924	3.32 sec
4 th	John Miller	Ford Escort RS2000	3.49 sec
5 th	Ken Smith	Ford Escort RS2000	4.34 sec



After two wet trials, the final excursion onto the track was to be the one that would decide the round winner.

Trial 3 Proved to be a dry and cool track, and as the last event of the day, in the late afternoon everyone was happy that the Pukekohe weather gods finally smiled on us.

Paul Couper (Mazda MX5) returned the best time of the day (0.48 second) and was followed home by new Register member Terry Burgess in the 1340cc Mini.

Results: Trial 3

1 st	Paul Couper	Mazda MX5	0.48 sec
2 nd	Terry Burgess	Leyland Mini	0.78 sec
3 rd =	Russell Ness	Mini Couper S	1.02 sec
3 rd =	Alan Horner	Austin Healey Sprite	1.02 sec
5 th =	Ian Christie	MG BGT	1.12 sec
5 th =	Bronwynne Leech	Peugeot 205 GTi	1.12 sec





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1 st	Alan Horner	Austin Healey Sprite	1.31 sec
2 nd	Neil Moore	Jowett Jupiter	1.49 sec
3 rd	Paul Couper	Mazda MX5	1.55 sec
2 nd	Mike McCowan	MGB GTV8	1.94 sec
5 th =	Syd Davis	Porsche 944	2.36 sec
5 th =	Bronwynne Leech	Peugeot 205 GTi	2.36 sec



Congratulations to Allan Horner for taking the Round in very trying conditions. We return to Pukekohe next February and hopefully then we will experience one of those hot midsummer days.

On the way home I came across Ray Chubb's Skyline parked on the side of the road. Ray had been troubled all day with fuel starvation issues (Ed... yeah and even with 10% fuel flow, probably down to a mere 250 wheel HP!) and was off home to get his trailer. Ray and Robby need their cars for the upcoming Targa so we wish them both a speedy repair.



Want a Photo of your car?

Top motorsport photographer Steve Richie follows all the Classic meetings. Take a look at his website: www.steverichiephotography.co.nz





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Log Books: Reminder that all Classic Trial cars must now have a Log Book. Download an application form from the MSNZ website per the last newslette.

Terry Riding Rules update:

This is a new section from Terry our MANZ Steward: Terry will keep us up to date with the MSNZ rules. These come from Schedule Z, Motorsport Manual 35.

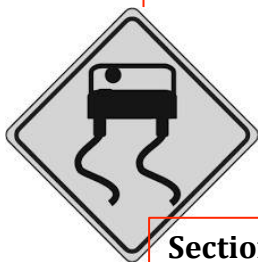
Section 7 Assembly / Warmup:

7.7 There shall be no practise starts during the Warmup lap(s). A practise start is only permitted at **pit lane exit** and at the commencement of the Warmup / formation lap when applicable

7.8 Vehicles are **not permitted to weave across more than 50% of the circuit** width during warm up and all weaving shall cease at the point of passing the last flag post before the rear of the marked grid positions.

This will be Point 7 at Hampton Downs, which is just at the exit of Turn 10 or the sweeper and at Pukekohe Point 13, which is just as you start to climb up the hill and enter the front straight.

Any vehicle weaving to the extent that in the opinion of the Clerk of the Course creates a danger to other competitors may be penalised



Section 10 Circuit Regulations

10.5 No competing vehicle shall be driven in the reverse direction except for the minimum distance to remove it from an unexpected situation, and then only under official supervision.

Should this occur then the driver could be fined under schedule P as follows;

Schedule P, article A4Z.5, Dangerous driving causing or likely to cause a crash, including driving off the circuit, a minimum fine of \$200 and a maximum fine of \$1,000 and exclusion from the event and a licence endorsement from 1 to 6 months, or;

Schedule P article A4Z.11 Careless driving causing or likely to cause an incident, a minimum fine of \$100 and a maximum fine of \$500 and exclusion from the event and a licence endorsement from 1 to 3 months.



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This car is not eligible for Classic Trials!

Graeme Park has finally tracked down the car he built and raced in the 80's. It's been stored in a barn in the Hawkes Bay for over 20 years. Graeme, brother Murray and Syd's son Roger Davis plan to restore it and have it racing in the Sports Sedan Series next year. Graeme tells me that "the car had a midmounted V8 turbo motor with a formula 1 type front & rear suspension; a very quick car." Can you determine the cars origin? It once looked like Steve Moon's coupe. Compare them side-by-side. We all look forward to more reports as the rebuild continues.



What's coming up?

We have the second TACCOC round (the TACCOC Summer Classic) coming next on Sunday 1st December at Hampton Downs. I got it wrong in the last Newsletter! If you entered the October TACCOC round at Pukekohe and also enter this coming round at Hampton Down, you'll receive a **\$100 cash refund** at registration time at Hampton Downs. It can't get better than that!

2016 PPG Classic Trial Championship programme

Round 3	1 November 2015	TACCOC Summer Classic Hampton Downs
Round 4	13 December 2015	Outsource IT Christmas at the Downs
Round 5	9 January 2016	HRC Tasman Revival Taupo
Round 6	22-24 January 2016	NZ Festival of Motor Racing Hampton Downs
Round 7	20 February 2016	HRC Tasman Revival Pukekohe
Round 8	2 April 2016	HRC Legends of Speed Hampton Downs

Enter all events, online at www.motorsportentry.com

Cheers

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