



Classic Trials Championship 2015/16



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Congratulations to Brent Middlemiss

the PPG Classic Trial Champion for 2016.

This last event for the 2016 season was going to be the decider and the dry track for two of the Trials meant that everyone in contention for a Championship win was in with a chance.

After the completion of round 7 Brent had moved into the lead 12 points ahead of Bronwynne Leech with Neil Moore a further 2 points back in third.

While any of the first three could take the title, the next runners had an outside chance if they posted an exceptional result. The rest is history! Brent won the two dry Trials with outstanding averages (0.32 and 0.22 seconds) to win the round (0.27sec average) and the 2016 PPG Classic Trial Championship. While collecting other awards on the way Brent's hat-trick performance can only be described as 'blitzing the field'!

Neil Moore increased his total points by 24 to move up to second place. Bronwynne Leech moved to third overall but also took out the 2016 PPG Ladies Classic Trial Championship. Congratulations to all the winners.



Results: Trial 1:

1st	Brent Middlemiss	Mini 1275GT	0.32sec
2nd	Terry Burgess	Leyland Mini	0.50sec
3rd	Neil Moore	Jowett Jupiter	0.62sec
4th	Robby Riding	Porsche924	0.77sec
5th	Ross Vaughan	Alfa Romeo Gtv	0.78sec

Trial 2 was the wet one! We arrived on the dummy grid in fine weather and then the rain came down. We waited and waited for the call to enter pit lane. Fortunately, Paul Couper and Allan Horner (in their open cockpits) had umbrellas! Terry Riding took on the job of informing drivers that the dry grid was now a wet one and that wet nominated times were in force. After a thorough soaking Terry passed the sign on to Trevor Clarke who continued on the wet trek. It was one time I felt thankful to be strapped inside a dry car. Thank you guys from all the drivers.

As the Trial progressed the weather cleared and the drying track allowed lap times to fall. Well done Neil Moore for driving the only consistent time for the Trial.



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Results: Trial 2:

1 st	Neil Moore	Jowett Jupiter	0.40sec
2 nd	Rex Fifield	Ford Escort Mexico	1.09sec
3 rd	Russell Goodwin	Ford Escort	1.10sec
4 th	Peter O'Sullivan	Ford Cortina Mk2	1.11sec
5 th	Brent Middlemiss	Mini 1275GT	1.71sec



The Geoff Manning Memorial Trophy

Geoff Manning owns a special place in hearts of New Zealand motorsport fans and in particular with those who now enjoy the motorsport facilities at Hampton Downs.

It was Geoff's dream that there would be a modern international standard motor racing facility in the Auckland region. Over a number of years Geoff with his wife Barbara searched for a suitable site around the Auckland area, finally locating the Hampton Downs land that was taken up and developed by his associates Tony Roberts and Chris Watson. Sadly Geoff passed away in 2005 and did not see the Hampton Downs circuit completed.

The Geoff Manning Memorial celebrates Geoff's life long involvement with motorsport that included years at the pinnacle of the sport. As a race mechanic Geoff worked for Frank Williams and Graham Hill. In 1966 he was head mechanic at Le Mans for Ford's GT40 programme when Bruce McLaren and Chris Amon were to win the event. In recent years Geoff was well known as a motorsport competitor racing a Formula Junior Volpini and occasionally an XK120 roadster.

The Geoff Manning Memorial was competed for the first time in 2009 at the first classic motorsport meeting held on the new Hampton Downs circuit. It will continue to be competed for each year at a major classic meeting at the circuit. The winner of the memorial event will be awarded the Geoff Manning Trophy, a trophy made from the original steering wheel of Geoff's Volpini FJ. His wife Barbara Manning presents the trophy in his memory.

The format of the memorial event may change over the years but the event is initially being run as a classic trial as Geoff had a double link with the event. Firstly he was President of the Thoroughbred and Classic Car Owners Club when they brought trialing to New Zealand and secondly as a Classic Trial competitor.

The Geoff Manning Memorial Trophy is awarded each year to the winner of the second Classic Trial at the HRC Legends of Speed meeting. The recipient of the trophy this year was Neil Moore driving the Jowett Jupiter.





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Legends of Speed Trophy

Each year for the Legend of Speed meeting, the organisers HRC generously provide a trophy for the winner of the final race for each competing group. This year, the trophies were made to honour a number of living modern legends. Classic Trial were fortunate to receive Lewis Hamilton, double Formula 1 World Champion, and the winner was Brent Middlemiss in the flying Pork Pie!

Speaking of 'Pork Pie,' there is a remake of the original 'Goodbye Pork Pie' film happening at the moment and the star is a BMW Mini that has the same number plate (IZ6393) as the original Leyland Mini.



The sun shone on Trial 3 – especially on car number 8!

Results: Trial 3:

1 st	Brent Middlemiss	Mini 1275GT	0.22sec
2 nd	Ross Vaughan	Alfa Romeo Gtv	0.36sec
3 rd	Allan Horner	Austin Healey Sprite	0.46sec
4 th	Terry Burgess	Leyland Mini	0.61sec
5 th	Robby Riding	Porsche924	0.67sec





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Overall result Round 8 2016 PPG Classic Trial Championship

HRC Legends of Speed meeting

1 st	Brent Middlemiss	Mini 1275GT	0.27sec
2 nd	Neil Moore	Jowett Jupiter	0.51sec
3 rd	Terry Burgess	Leyland Mini	0.56sec
4 th	Ross Vaughan	Alfa Romeo Gtv	0.57sec
5 th	Robby Riding	Porsche924	0.72sec



For the 2016 Championship we had 48 drivers competing. Neil Moore, in the oldest car in the field, chalked up a good lead as the season progressed. The best four results count system of scoring always meant that the lead could change over the last few rounds as better results came to hand. Bronwynne Leech moved into the lead after 6 rounds and then Brent moved in after Round 7. As they say, the rest is history!



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1 st	Brent Middlemiss	Mini 1275GT	628 points
2 nd	Neil Moore	Jowett Jupiter	591 points
3 rd	Bronwynne Leech	Peugeot 205GTi	569 points
4 th	Robby Riding	Porsche 924	545 points
5 th =	Allan Horner	Austin Healey Sprite	537 points
5 th =	Peter O'Sullivan	Ford Cortina Mk2	537 points
7 th	Sheridan Broadbent	Valiant Pacer	508 points
8 th	Russell Ness	Mini Cooper S	492 points
9 th	Ian Christie	MG BGT	478 points
10 th	Paul Couper	Westfield 11	471 points



2016 PPG Classic Trial Championship Ladies Trophy

1 st	Bronwynne Leech	Peugeot 205GTi	569 points
2 nd	Robby Riding	Porsche 924	545 points
3 rd	Sheridan Broadbent	Valiant Pacer	508 points
4 th	Helen O'Sullivan	Mazda MX5	457 points





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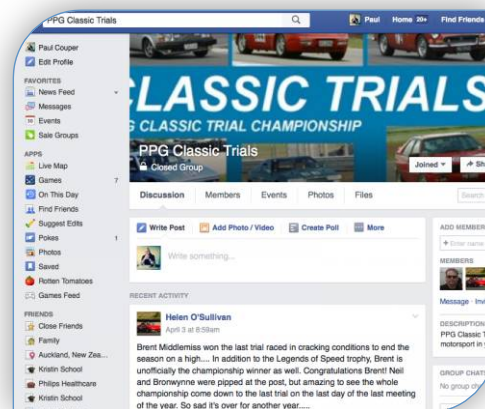
Classic Trial on Facebook!

Helen O'Sullivan has offered to 'modernise' the Register by setting up a Facebook page for us. Thanks Helen, details below:

Classic Trials has a Facebook page! This is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/583465371830115/>

However as it's a closed group, if you can't find it, please email Helen O'Sullivan on helen@osullivan.co.nz with details of the email address you use on Facebook. Helen will find you & add you to the page. Share your pics of the meetings & you're off season maintenance, invite friends who are yet to discover the joys of Classic Trials!



Prize Giving Luncheon/AGM

Same time, same place, and almost the same date with the addition of a quick AGM first.

Venue: Horse and Trap, Enfield Rd, Mt Eden

Date: Sunday 21st August 2016

Start time: 11am

For catering purposes I will need to know, nearer the time, the numbers attending.

Family, children, prospective new members and friends are all cordially invited to this very reasonably priced celebration. It is rumoured this year that the chef's special is Pork Pie!



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2017 Classic Trial Season

This year the Brass Monkey meeting has been put on ice and unless we can organise another venue for our Winter Championship the first meeting for the new season will be the **HRC Icebreaker on Saturday 10 September**

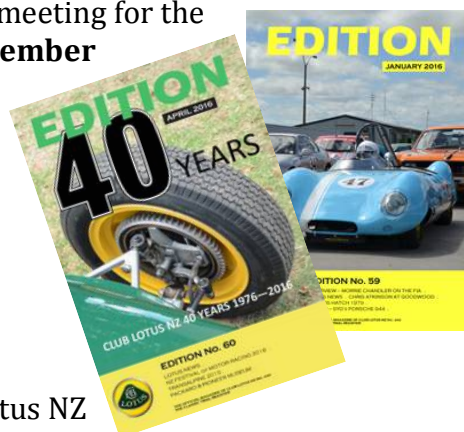
To wind up 2016 I have received three dates from TACCOC:

Saturday 8 October 2016

Sunday 27 November 2016

Sunday 11 December 2016

Make these dates on the calendar.



Club Lotus Edition -

Have you checked out this new publication yet?

Edited by Rex Oddy, former Classic Trial Director and Club Lotus NZ President, Edition is the classy CLNZ newsheet that has a great Classic Trial section with many coloured photographs. The Lotus cars aren't half bad either!

EDITION 60

EDITION 60 is now online. See link below. www.clublotus.org.nz/Edition%2060.pdf

If you want to check out the seasons results and all the past Championship results go to our web page on the Club Lotus website: www.clublotus.org.nz/classictrial



We welcomed Two new drivers, Graham Jones (MX5) and Warren Glassford (A9X Torana)

And now... to the NEWS...



Yes.. that's ONE MILLION!



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Invitation to the Mini Funday (got a Mini in the back of the garage?)

Once again the Mini Racing Drivers Club invites all Mini Club members to its annual Funday. Saturday, 21st May at the Taupo circuit. (9am to 4pm). Circuit 2, ie the eastern loop, main pits and grid.

Also invited is Star Touring Cars as they now participate in the Super Mini Challenge.

Funday format.

The day will be as previous years with approved cars and drivers circulating for several laps at their own pace, developing their skills. (ie Competitor Coaching). You may go out many times during the day.

Separate sessions will be run for "first time track drivers" so that they can circulate free of Race and other high speed cars.

Approved Cars.

Any Mini constructed to Appendix 2, Schedule A of the NZ MotorSport manual. (Inclusive of Mini Variants and BMW Mini's). All cars will be scrutineered. Note, a car to WOF standard and with a fire extinguisher will comply.

Any Star Car constructed to Appendix 2, Schedule A of the NZ MotorSport manual.

Approved Drivers

Any member or prospective member of a MotorSportNZ club.

Costs

\$80 per driver. This single entry covers multiple drives and the use of one or more approved cars (with the owners permission).

Entry

To minimize documentation delays on the day, entry will be by post or email, closing Friday 13 May. At Documentation you will present your Club membership, licence, log book (race cars) and pay the entry fee.

Entries will be taken on the day but will incur a \$10 late fee.

How to Enter.

Request Entry documents from the Secretary, MRDC. Return mail will include Entry form and Supplementary Regulations.

Request from Kevin Sweeney, Secretary MRDC kevin.margaret@xtra.co.nz

1 Beaumaris Place, Hamilton 3204 or phone 07 8466607 mobile 027 2425398

Cheers

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