



Hampton Downs 13th November Round 3 (which was a one day event)

Hi there everyone, it was so nice to catch up with everyone on the weekend, it was nice sunny over cast weather but with a chilly wind, but it wasn't a bad turn out for a one day of racing.

I went and met some new drivers and nearly new drivers again over the weekend and of course some of our regulars, and again the people I missed I will try and get to you over the rounds to catch up and see what you are up to, just remember everyone, the interviews are only so you all get to meet new people or find out what the usual crowd are up to, I did have a few people think that they were in trouble, but it's not the case, it's just so everyone gets to know each other, so don't forget the BBQs on Saturday nights, come and mix and mingle.

Now down to the drivers.

NO 5; Andy Greenslade GT1: Lives in Tauranga, and is driving a carbon XKR Jag, the engine is a V8 Cosworth, 6 litre, gearbox a weisman 5 speed, diff tex and racing diff 9 inch Detroit locker, the car was built by Peter Cunliffe (P.C) at Autotek Christchurch and was built in 2000 and yes he will be at thunder in the park.

NO 7; Simon McLennon GT1: Lives in Wellington, he is driving a GT3 Porsche 997 Cup Car and also drives with The Porsche Club and GTRNZ, the setup for this car is for endurance racing, but he won't be doing the endurance racing at this time, this is his first time with GTRNZ, and he tells me, it is full on racing with two race classes on the same weekend, he also wants to race at Bathurst next year, he hopes to be at Thunder in the Park, and would like to thank his sponsors New World Metro, Willis Street)

NO 24 ; Morris Shapley NZGT: Lives in Whakatane, he is driving a Holden Monaro 2002, 6 litre LS2, he has been racing for 20 years, he started in HQ and has done lots of endurance racing, and has done 10 Targas, raced in super GT for 4 years, he also has a rego and warrant on his car and has driven it to Teretonga to race and driven it home again(started 30th and finished 14th) He would like to thank his sponsors Chesters and Shapley Plumbing.

NO 45; Hilary Ashworth NZGT: we have another lady join us and welcome. Lives in Wanganui, and she drives a Honda Civic 1800cc, Hilary has done the Manfield winter series, has also done other series such as 2009 RS Cup, 2010 1B cup, this year done 1B cup seasons Honda cup and has done 2x endurance races(Taupo and Mansfield) she tells me sponsors are always wanted and has always raced and loved it. Her crew member is Allan and a big thank you to him. Also a big thank you goes to Karen and Phill Dravitski for the transponder.

NO 53; Nigel Snow NZGT: Lives in Ohope, he is driving a Nissan Bluebird 2 litre N.A, he has raced with SS2000, Oscar, Super GT and Super Sedans and now is our vice president. He would like to thank his crew member Sue.

NO 57; Eric Hennephof NZGT: Lives in Auckland, he is driving a HSV Clubsport VZ the engine is a 6 litre LS style. He used to race yachts, this is his first race car and is his second season and is really enjoying it and tells me he is slowly getting better, also a big thank you to Tony and James his pit crew.

NO 58; Dallas Green NZGT: Lives in Auckland, and is driving V8 RX7 Nissan engine, it is 2 years old and done 35 laps, built in New Plymouth by Murray Gordge.

NO 79; Wayne Conder NZGT: Lives in Auckland, raced go-karts for 13 years and then raced a Camaro for 4 years in New Zealand, and raced it in Thailand last year. Then raced a Nissan Silvia SR20, he is now having a break and the Nissan is up for sale so he can get the Camaro back on the track.

NO 83; Luke Hilhorst NZGT: Lives in Auckland, he is driving a Nissan Skyline GTST 3 litre (Commodore engine)turbo and running 17 pound boost, standard drive train, this is his 3rd season with NZGT. He tells me he has got two handicaps old age and no money. He would like to thank his sponsors Zoom Cars and Wholesale cars and his wife.

NO 88; Roy Bingley NZGT: Lives in Auckland, he is driving a VL Commodore 3 litre Holden Nissan turbo. He has been racing for 2 to 3 years on and off. He also raced at the Hamilton 400. Raced for Northern Muscle Cars and also won the under 4 ½ litre Muscle Car series.

NO 96; Grant Hannah GT2: Lives in Auckland, He drives a Chevrolet Corvette, 383 stroker 454 horse power jerico gearbox, 5 speed, standard diff, it weighs 1750kgs with the driver, he came from Classics and has had the car for two race seasons, this is his first race this season and is looking forward to racing at thunder in the park.

NO 116; Max Pennington NZGT: Lives in New Plymouth, he drives a Nissan GTR, 2600 turbo, part time racer, but he has been racing since he was 18 years old, he raced in Benson and Hedges and got 3rd overall in 1973. He has raced motor cross for 7 years, and was the Taranaki 250 champ in 1984, has raced jet boats for 4 years, raced a Nissan Centra GT Cup and in the Wellington street race and also trained celebrity drivers for Nissan. He tells me he loves racing cars and he would race every weekend if he could.

NO 917; Glen Smith GT2: He lives in Hawera, he drives an Evo 10, 2.2 engine turbo, coswoth engine, 6 speed sequential and has done rallying for 10 years and got 3rd in Targa and he would like to thanks his sponsor Taranaki By Products.

Our new driver Hilary Ashworth, broke her gearbox in practice on Saturday, so unfortunately was out for the rest of the weekend.

GT1/GT2 1ST RACE1 12 LAPS ROLLING START

1ST Nick Chester

2nd Brain Gray

3rd Simon McLennan

4th Shaun Judd

5th Grant Hannah

DNF Andy Greenslade came in due to his car missing

DNF Glen Smith broke out and blew an engine, but his intention is to be at Pukekohe.

Justin Herbert also broke out.

NZGT QUALIFYING

Richard Grainger broke out and got a 10 second penalty which meant he had to start in 19th place in race1.

Dallas Green blew a head gasket or a liner has moved, but there was a lot of oil over his car and a big clean up to come.

NZGT RACE 1 10 LAPS ROLLING START

1st Rick Bone

2nd Rodney Gimblett

3rd Rodger Conder

4th Brett Harris

5th Eric Budd

DNF Nigel Snow as he had a gear box issue, so he was out for the rest of the day

DNF Roy Bingley as there was something wrong with his ignition, so he was out for the rest of the day.

DNS Ethan Coleman because he had a clutch issues and was out for the rest of the day.

BREAKOUTS; (all moved to GT2)

Max Pennington #116 40 second penalty

Richard Grainger #97 80 second penalty

Brett Harris #29 10 second penalty

GT1/GT2 RACE2 12 LAPS REVERSE GRID

1st Nick Chester

2nd Justin Herbet

3rd Conal Dempsey

4th Brain Gray

5th Simon McLennon

DNS Andy Greenslade did not start due to an engine issue.

DNF Max Pennington due to a broken axle and is out for the rest of the day.

NZGT RACE 2 10 LAPS REVERSE GRID

1st Rodney Gimblett

2nd Rodger Conder

3rd Brett Harris

4th Stephen Brown-Thomas

5th Eric Budd

DNF Greg Kilworth split an oil hose and out for the rest of the day.

BREAKOUTS

Maurice Shapley #24, 40 second penalty

Greg Kilworth #73, 10 second penalty

Rick Bone is out due to engine issues, had a bent intake valve, I heard (a broken rocker arm) but will be at Pukekohe.

GT1/GT2 AND NZGT HAD A COMBINED RACE

Starting in pit lane, Justin Herbet, Nick Chester, Brain Gray, Conal Dempsey, Richard Grainger and Shaun Judd

1st Justin Herbet GT2

2nd Nick Chester GT1

3rd Conal Dempsey GT2

4th Stephen Brown-Thomas NZGT

5th Maurice Shapley NZGT

DNF Grant Hannah sorry I didn't find out the reason.

DNS Luke Hilhorst, due to a turbo seal.

Shaun Judd got a flat tyre, but had done 75% of the race.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NICK CHESTER FOR SETTING A NEW GT1 LAP RECORD OF 1.04.010 AND QUALIFIED, 1.03.359

It was good to see the fire extinguishers were being used on the weekend, but I did catch a couple of you out for not having them close to you , come on guys you know the rules, and you know who you are, because I came and told you off.

Thanks for the BBQ and drinks and for the people that helped out, there is a really good team working together and if anybody can help, please do.

I have a message from Yvonne our secretary, thankyou to the members for their emails and texting, letting her know they want to enter a race meeting. (This means Yvonne doesn't have to chase people)

Prize giving will be at the Pukekohe BBQ, the prize giving will be for Taupo and Hampton Downs meetings.

I also have a message from our leader which is our president Phill Dravitski

There are a few reminders

1. Rain lights- all cars are to have rain lights as required in our rules and regs.
The rain lights are to be fitted outside the car on the rear facing backwards, and on a vertical plane. These can be purchased from our club, the contact person is MARK BROWN-THOMAS 021884575 dvb@waspnet.co.nz or you can purchase from a shop that sells HELLA lights, there is a part number in the regs.
2. Drivers need to get their entries in earlier; it does make it hard for Yvonne, the committee and the tracks.
3. A reminder to ALL DRIVERS the fire extinguishers and fuel/refueling at Pukekohe. When we have a problem with fuel and extinguishers, it is usually Pukekohe, so please read the rules and comply, the least complaints we get, the better for everyone.

THANKYOU TO NICKY (RICK BONE LADY FOR OUR GREAT PHOTOS SHE HAS TAKEN)

Don't forget you can buy and sell on our website FOR FREE!!!!

THANKYOU TO GREENSLADES FURNITURE STORE TAURANGA FOR SPONSORING THIS ROUND. (Andy Greenslade)

SEE YOU ALL AT THUNDER IN THE PARK, I CANT WAIT, IT'S ALWAYS SUCH A FUN MEETING.

GTR NZ

GT RACING NEW ZEALAND

