

Welcome and Hi to all members old and new.



While most of you have been getting your cars ready for the coming season, your committee has had their work cut out for them making sure you have a good season ahead of you.

It was no secret that The Motorsport Company had approached GTRNZ about joining them for three North Island rounds.

Sounds simple aye?



The problems started with the rearranging of the IRC calendar to suit the TMC and Toyota Racing Series (TRS) events.

As time went by, we had curved balls thrown at us which we had to work around for everyone's sake - not just one group of cars, so we had to make sure rules

such as compulsory DOT rated tyres for NZGT cars did not affect our drivers. In the end we had the naming rights to the groups taken away - so the committee decided that the negotiations were not in the best interests for the bulk of the GTRNZ members, so we came to the decision to stay with our home - IRC.

In the meantime, we were left with another problem because the TMC/TRS had already offered IRC changes to their calendar - which then left us with two IRC rounds that we were not part of anymore.

It also left us with no Hampton Downs round, only one Manfield round, and no racing from early December until Easter.

The committee then negotiated with the IRC to get another Manfield round, a Hampton Downs round, and something to spread out the 2012 part of the season.

The result was that we have a total of 7 rounds, with one round being dropped so those like me who have trouble completing events still have a chance at the championship.

With some people wanting to support some of the TMC rounds, we are mindful that some of our IRC rounds may not be supported with enough entrants to meet our financial obligations of 40 cars per round at the IRC

events, so we may have to get innovative with finding the funds to cover the shortfall.

So we will all need to work on everyone we can to get them to show up for all rounds.

Our constitution has changed a lot, and should be on the website any day now.

Some of the changes to the constitution are that New Members now need to be nominated and seconded by a full member, and we now have some rules and procedures to bring our club up to date.



Membership forms are now on the website, and can be downloaded and sent by mail or fax, or sent via e-mail to Yvonne if internet banking is done. Our bank details are on the website as well.

If you do deposit into our bank, please put your car number or name as reference.

When membership has been approved by the committee, a laminated card will be issued and sent by Yvonne, along with a log-in for the website so you can all go and put a new profile and pictures up on the website - we have taken last year's profiles off and will start fresh.

Car numbers are issued by Ritchie Arber, so please make sure you have e-mailed Ritchie if wanting a new number.



We have a new form this year too - it is a Complaint Form.

This year only complaints submitted on the official Complaint Form will be taken seriously and actioned by the committee.

The idea is that if someone has a gripe, by the time they walk over to the caravan to get a form, fill it out, and deliver it to the appropriate person they may have cooled down a bit and the mountain soon becomes a

molehill. Any complaint not on the official form will not be taken seriously or followed up.

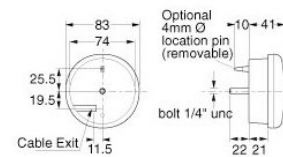
Our Sanctioned Series Articles and Schedule GTR are now due to be on the website any day now, so keep an eye out for them.

It is important that rain lights, fuel valves, and signage is correct, so make sure you have the information right.

You will also need to fill out the mandatory Vehicle Declaration Form and have it to Yvonne before you can race on any track.

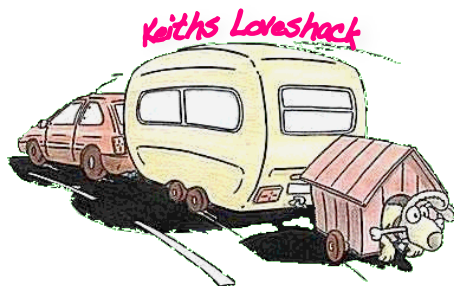


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We need someone to man the caravan at the round events.

If anyone knows anyone who could help in that way, I am sure we could find some way to make it worth their while.

Ideally we need someone to take it to the track, set it up, and be there to assist Keith with his role, and sell items such as shirts, caps, rain lights, fuel valves, and whatever else we need.

Countdown has started now until the opening round at Manfield 1st & 2nd October.

It is the IRC flagship event, and we need to support this event with a good turn out of cars, so we need every car possible on our grids.

This year we have two Class Managers - GT1/GT2 Brent Dickson, and NZGT Chris Coleman, so if you need to talk to someone about something specific to your class, contact your Class Manager.

In the meantime, if anyone needs to get in touch with anyone, feel free to call myself (0274 759 665) or any other committee member.



Our website is www.gtrnz.co.nz

I hope this has updated you with what has been happening, and hope to see you at the first round in October.

Phill Dravitski
GTRNZ President