



BULLETIN

December 2011

This is the last Bulletin for 2011

Part of the new publicity team's focus is to keep members more up to date with coming events, both hosted by the Hamilton Car Club and other local clubs. In return, it is expected that they will promote our events to their members. This is in an effort to collectively improve competitor numbers amongst local clubs. Your input for improvements would be appreciated.

The next edition of the Bulletin will be distributed in February, and will include a feedback form so that we can continue to improve our club communications.

The first club night for 2012 is Wednesday the 11th of February.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Important Info

Ladies' Autocross

Held at the Vaile Road Clubrooms on Wednesday the 12th of December.

Round 2 starts at 5.30pm. \$30 entry.

Helmet, cotton overalls are required. Cars are supplied by the club.

Ngutunui Hill Climb 2012

This year's event at Ngutunui is going to be part of the national hill climb series and it is going to be held over two days on the 25th and 26th of February.

Saturday is going to be the tarmac climb and Sunday will be the gravel stage. There is going to be ferocious competition from around the country as it is the third round in a five round competition.

We have information for you as it comes to hand keep an eye on the web site as we take a break from the bulletin over the New Year.

Keep this weekend free as we will be needing helpers over the weekend with marshaling and the like or just come out and watch some of our members attack this stage.

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Ladies Auto Cross Results

Well doesn't time fly, it's our turn to have a go at the cones and see who will remember to go the right way (not me first time out) but with a great line-up of ladies and some new cars to play with we took our turns at negotiating the paddock.

The new cars were going to make life interesting and just in time it started to drizzle, the falcon proved to be a handful but the two corollas were well behaved and everyone enjoyed themselves.

We had 12 ladies bravely step up and take part in the first round with a couple of first timers. It was great to see that

everyone was having fun. It was a daunting task for some to drive a manual on grass in the rain. Congratulations to all the ladies.

A big thank you goes to the people who have donated the cars for the ladies to use in the autocross Fairview Motors, Apex Brakes, Liquid Feed systems and Research Motors and Life care Pharmacy for donating the ladies prizes. Without your support we wouldn't be able to hold this popular event.

Sandi Sullivan

Competitor	Practice	Blue Falcon	Red Corolla	White Corolla	Total Time	Overall Place
Debbie Bevins		2:06.90	1:54.90	1:53.30	5:55.10	1
Dee Nichols		2:11.10	2:00.30	1:57.10	6:08.50	2
Lenare Martin		2:14.50	1:53.20	2:03.10	6:10.80	3
Sharon Lowther		2:19.40	1:53.60	1:58.80	6:11.80	4
NatalieBarrett		2:18.90	1:56.30	1:59.10	6:14.30	5
Hannah Lowther		2:15.10	2:03.60	2:01.50	6:20.20	6
Julie Williamson		2:20.20	2:02.20	2:02.00	6:24.40	7
Bronwyn Clothier		2:39.80	1:59.10	1:59.30	6:38.20	8
Sandi Sullivan		WW	1:54.10	1:58.60	6:38.60	9
Kate Williamson		2:40.90	2:04.10	2:10.00	6:55.00	10
Chelsea Lowther		2:22.00	2:11.10	2:27.40	7:00.50	11
Brett Staples		2:30.00	2:13.60	2:21.60	7:05.20	12



Hamilton Car Club Ladies Autocross Series

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Celebrity/Publicity Day Photoshoot



On the 4th of December we had a photo shoot with a photographer from the Waikato times on the 15/11/11 at the clubrooms.



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Celebrity/Publicity Day Photoshoot (continued)



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Coming Events

Date	Event	Details
Wednesday, 14th of December 2011, 7:30pm – 9:30pm	Club night and ladies' autocross	Vaile Road Clubrooms
Sunday, 18th of December, 11:00am	Kids' Santa Party	Vaile Road Clubrooms
Tuesday, 20th of December 2011, 7:30pm – 9:30pm	Committee meeting	Vaile Road Clubrooms
Tuesday, 17th of January 2012, 7:30pm – 9:30pm	Committee meeting	Vaile Road Clubrooms
Wednesday, 8th of February 2012, 7:30pm – 9:30pm	Club night and ladies' autocross	Vaile Road Clubrooms
Tuesday, 21st of February 2012, 7:30pm – 9:30pm	Committee meeting	Vaile Road Clubrooms

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Drive Safe Publicity Day at Hamilton Car Clubrooms

The weather forecast wasn't meant to be that great, and just as the event was being set up the drizzle arrived...



By the time the drivers had been introduced to their respective cars it had become a light rain.

The brave car owners and their celebrity drivers got underway with the Motorkhana courses, it was a slippery track with the cornering being not as easy as some would have liked.

The field went out and had a go and Grant Bremner (Westpac Helicopter) prevailed with a 1.32.5. Jim Palmer (former NZ motorsport champion and Hamilton Car Club patron) next in line with 1.33.0, Ronnie Phillips (Radio Announcer) rounding up the top 3 with 1.37.1.

They were followed by Glen Summerville (Life Pharmacy), Leo Tooman (Road Police Chief), Phil Connell (High Court Judge), Dellyn Mortleman (Motortimes), David Bennett (National MP) and Matthew Cooper (Sport Waikato).

Ours member's results are:

Lenare Martin 1.36.4, followed by Mark Warren, Ethan O'Hagan, Julie Mitchell, Bernard Verryt, Scott McDonald, Daniel Norris, Bill McEwan and Josh Martin.

Then we had a short break where Andrew Warren feed the crowd with sausages, onion and bread.

Bob had a short presentation on driver safety and cornering correctly, the autocross course was put out. Then with a group viewing on which way to go, the drivers found their cars and off they went. The rain had set in by this stage and the paddock was wet with little or no traction to be had.

The Celebrities conquer again with Matthew Cooper being the fastest on the course with a 2.12.5 run, followed by Jim Palmer, Leo Tooman, Glen Summerville, Ronnie Phillips, Grant Bremner, Dellyn Mortleman, Phil Connell and David Bennett.

Our member's results are:

Lenare Martin 2.14.7, Bernard Verryt, Ethan O'Hagan, Mark Warren, Scott McDonald, Julie Mitchell, Bill McEwan, Daniel Norris and Josh Martin.

The Women's Refuge had a great raffle with an awesome tool box worth \$4000 (320 piece tool kit) prize sponsored by Research Motors, RFM, and Ultimate Design, with this being drawn on the 21st of December 2011. Good Luck to those who supported a great cause and brought tickets.



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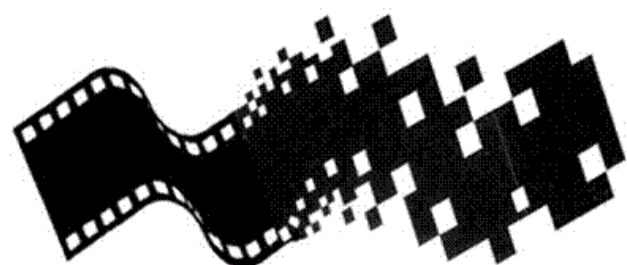


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Taylor Impresses with Podium and Top 5 on Debut



New driver to the series Steve Taylor shook up the UDC V8 Ute Championship at the weekend by placing third in the opening race of the season in his

Protecta Insurance Racing Ford Ute at Pukekohe Park Raceway.

Previously a championship winner in the production class driving a substantially more nimble Honda Civic the Hamilton driver took to the high-powered yet weighty formula like a veteran hammer-head mixing it up with the ready-to-rumble V8 ute regulars.

“It’s a bit different and everything needs to be done at about half speed compared to what I’m used to. The car stops and handles well but are very heavy, if they were lighter they would be quite a deadly weapon.” said Taylor.

Coming away from the first round in fifth place overall Taylor sits behind championship favourites Andrew Waite (Ford) and Chris Hanley (Holden) who are then followed by seasoned old boys Geoff Spencer and Peter Ward in third and fourth.

“I think we opened some eyes at the weekend and it’s not all about the young ones being near the front.” said Taylor.

Taylor followed up his impressive podium with a 10th place in the reverse start grid race then sixth in the third

and final race of the weekend awarding him with an excellent debut result of fifth overall.

Dramas unfolded when in the final run of the weekend the racing had to be cut short when another driver collided heavily with the armco and the damage was so severe that the race was red flagged in order to repair it to a safe standard.

With Pukekohe being mostly a point-and-squirt circuit Taylor did feel the Holden utes held an advantage over the Fords this time around.

“I think the aero is a bit better on the Holdens for this track and they seem to cut through the air more than the Fords. They are coming off Railway better and getting more speed down the straight.” said Taylor.

In past seasons the Fords appear to have performed better on the tighter circuits against the Holdens and both models are power regulated to maintain parity.

The weekend for Taylor was not without dramas and he was happy to keep a cool head and bring the Ford back home unscathed even when close calls and strong challenges came his way.

“There was one point there when one of the other drivers pushed me out and stuck me onto the grass but I didn’t want to bring the car home looking like some of the others at the weekend so I let him go.” he said.

The next round of the UDC V8 Ute Championship is at Powerbuilt International Raceway, Ruapuna in Christchurch over the weekend of 9-11th December.

IRC Thunder in the Park - 3rd of December 2011



The day dawned fine with a bit of a breeze as we headed off to Pukeohe Park Raceway to watch some exciting racing. With over 250 entries, it was going to be a full-on day.

We arrived just in time for the first round of qualifying. The times were fast and the racing was clean. We had a wander around to find out where the teams were based. I was able to get photos of some of the cars. The Super 6 field had Brandon Elder competing, qualifying 5th.

The car has a new paint job, and he was happy with the way car was going. The Super 6 field were midway through the days program so we got to watch some of the other races, with noise issues for some competitors. The track was fast and the racing was clean, with no major

incidents. In the first race for Brandon's weekend, he finished in 4th place.

A happy team headed home.

Sunday morning dawned with a lot more cloud and dark gray angry clouds. The showers quickly turned to steady rain with some heavy falls. The Super 6 race 1 was abandoned after two of the competitors had a huge crash on lap 1 with J. McLaughlin and S. Wenzlick being taken to hospital with serious injuries. That left Brandon with one race for the day. He started eighth of a depleted field of 8 cars and managed a 4th place. The weather made testing conditions so teams were happy to complete the day and take home cars ready to race next round.

Here is a small selection of cars that were out on Saturday...





Hamilton Car Club Prizing Giving



The prizing giving dinner was well attended with new and old faces in the crowd.

The evening was fine and everyone was in for a great night. The dinner was excellent - many thanks the catering team.

The official part of the evening kicked off with the trophies and certificates being handed out to all the deserving members. Adam, Steve and Charlie did an excellent job of presenting the awards.

NZ Motorsport NZ Promotion award

This is presented to the person or persons who have made an outstanding effort in promoting motorsport and our club with club functions, organizing events etc.

Nominations were: Scott McDonald, Daniel Vincent, Bob Cullinane

The winner; Scott MacDonald

Outstanding Contributions to Motorsport Trophy

This trophy is awarded in recognition of excellent promotion of Motorsport

Nominations were: Steve Burley and Tania Gwyn, Peter Johnston (PJ), Graeme Robertson (Robo), Bob Cullinane

The winners: Steve Burley and Tania Gwyn

Hard Bearings Trophy

This trophy acknowledges the hard luck stories of the year, the difficulties encountered in just finishing events

Nominations were: Paul Muldoon, Debbie Bevins, Alan Smith, Brandon Elder

The winner: Brandon Elder

Dunlop Towie Trophy

This is a fairly new trophy and it acknowledges although motorsport is heaps of fun, there can be mishaps at a huge cost, financially, physically and mentally.

Nominations were: Paul Muldoon, Brent Taylor, Miles McElwain

The winner: Miles McElwain

Meekings Memorial Cup

This trophy acknowledges members successes and the sportsmanship shown in achieving them.

Nominations were: Mark Walters Steve Taylor, John DeVeth, Charlie Evans

The winner: Charlie Evans

The Clubman's Trophy

The Clubman's Trophy is presented to the non-committee member who has put in a lot of time and effort for the club.

Nominations were: Lenare Martin, Sandi Sullivan, Greg Willamson

The winner: Greg Willamson

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Hamilton Car Club Prizing Giving

Coachman's Cup

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Nominations were: Steve Wilcox, Bill Ewan, Les Sullivan Daniel Norris, the Martin family

The winner: Les Sullivan



Novice Trophy

For new competitors to the sport who have gained some good results and steady progress.

Nominations were: Les Sullivan, Kate Williamson, Ethan O'Hagan, Daniel Norris

The winner: Daniel Norris



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