



## The 'NZ Festival of Motor Racing celebrating Chris Amon'

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In a little over 4 months from now, the '**NZ Festival of Motor Racing (NZFMR) celebrating Chris Amon**' will be held at Hampton Downs Motor Sport Park over two three-day weekends in January 2011. Hampton Downs is located alongside Highway 1, 65 km south of central Auckland, New Zealand, and 60 km north of Hamilton. Check information about Hampton Downs on their website [www.hamptondowns.com](http://www.hamptondowns.com)

Ticket sales for the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival are already going very well for what promises to be a great celebration of New Zealand's very own motor racing ace in Chris Amon. Chris will be at the Festival to meet friends, drivers and fans, sign copies of the new Chris Amon book to be printed in time for the Festival as a fundraising project for the Bruce McLaren Trust, drive a few laps in some of his former race cars – and just be Chris. When asked if he will enjoy the experience he said "I'm still slightly nervous about it to be honest, but it is great to be remembered this way".

Mark out the dates in your diary now and make plans to be at NZFMR Chris Amon Festival to see great Classic and Historic motor racing and Pre-1963 Classic motorcycle racing from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. One weekend later - from Friday 28 Jan to Sunday 30 Jan 2011 - see a similar programme of racing but this time watch 'Muscle Cars' in place of motorcycles.

Keep a regular check on our website [www.nzfmr.co.nz](http://www.nzfmr.co.nz) and be kept up to date as new Festival information is added.

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**Registrations of Interest from Competitors** – early 'Registrations of Interest' from competitors has proceeded ahead of expectations such that there are now already over 260 cars and bikes. Online race entries will soon be available but in the meantime a very healthy number of owners have registered early with the Festival Chairman, Jim Barclay [jim@nzfmr.co.nz](mailto:jim@nzfmr.co.nz), in order to be sure they have secured a place on the start grid in one of the 12 race classes. NZFMR has recently been advised the maximum numbers to face the starter will be 37 single seaters and open wheelers, and 46 cars for closed vehicle classes.

Of special interest is the return of Neil McCrudden's team from the West Australian Race Museum [www.warm.org.au](http://www.warm.org.au) This time, clever Neil will put 9 cars into a 40 foot shipping container. If you get a chance to see his container when it is at Hampton Downs, do so, because the engineering in it is a work of art in itself. NZFMR thanks Neil for his unbounded enthusiasm that brings these cars from Perth.

Let's take a quick look at the number of registrations by class and some of the cars that will be at the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival.

**F5000 and F1** cars – 31 registrations, so far. We hear that Reg Cook will be driving the Loa T400 of Glen Richards at the Festival. Reg drove a Lola T300 Formula 5000 in the 1974 Tasman Series. Word is that Hamish Paterson has his one-off 1975 Chevron B32-01 F5000 in the workshop for mid-winter servicing. With a bit of coaxing there might be a bit more horse power to be gained from the engine in this unique ex Brian Redman car.



**Hamish Paterson, Auckland – 1975 Chevron B32-01 F5000**

**Tasman Cars** – 21 Registrations, so far. Andrew Gifford of Western Australia will bring a very pretty Australian built CWG F2 car to the Festival



**Andrew Gifford, Western Australia – 1967 CWG ANF2 1600cc – photo by Speedwest.Net**

**1960s Saloons & GTs** – 14 cars so far. The co-ordinator of this class at the Festival will be Dale Mathers and Dale is currently in USA racing his Boss Mustang. Even though he is away, registrations are being received at a steady rate. Rob Boulton is also away in USA and he reports that all going well with the big restoration job needed on the car, we should see the 7-litre 1963 Jennings Special back on the track again. Meantime, one car familiar to many will be the ubiquitous Ford Anglia 105E. A nice example of this will be that of Bill Cottle of the Kapiti Coast.



**Bill Cottle, Kapiti Coast - 1964 Ford Anglia 1598cc**

**Sports & Sports Racing cars** – 35 cars, already! NZFMR has decided to put all the Sports GT cars into the Sports & Sports Racing class and thus leave more space in the ‘Saloons’ classes for Touring cars. Accordingly, the Sports & Sports Racing class is already nearing the grid limit. Elliott Crawford will be racing his mighty Corvette in this class where he will challenge Hampton Downs owner and NZFMR Co-Director Tony Roberts with his big Corvette.



**Elliott Crawford, Whitford – 1969 Chev L88 Corvette Stingray 7400cc**

**Formula Junior and Invited F3 and Invited Formula Vee** – 25 cars, so far. Yes, that is right – Formula Vee!! Chris Amon raced a Formula Vee at the 1965 Nassau Speed Week in the Bahamas where he finished in 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the “GP of Volkswagen” ! We will have two cars from Queensland to mark Chris’s Vee drive all those years ago. Another car from Australia will be the Brabham BT21 F3 of Kevin Taylor who returns after enjoying his racing in the NZFMR Bruce McLaren Festival in 2010.



**Kevin Taylor, Western Australia -1967 Brabham BT21-12-F3 1094cc**

**1970s Saloons & GTs (Touring cars)** – 18 cars, so far. Michael Sexton will once again be the co-ord for this class and he is now well underway seeking interest from the owners of the correct period cars. Anthony Rosser will be racing his immaculate Porsche 911 in this class.



**Anthony Rosser, Auckland - 1974 Porsche 911 Carrera 2700cc**

**Classic Pre 1963 250/350/500cc Racing Motorcycles** – Motorcycle registrations will be handled by the NZ Classic Motor Cycle Register Inc, but NZFMR is aware of 4 bikes already. New Plymouth enthusiast Ross Graham will bring three classic bikes as well as his Holden Torana.



**Dave Cole will be riding Ross Graham's 1961 McIntyre Matchless G50 500cc**

**Muscle Cars** – only 4 cars have been registered, to date, so NZFMR will be looking for more very soon ! One of the cars that has been registered is that of Ross Graham from New Plymouth.



**Ross Graham, New Plymouth – 1977 Holden Torana LXSS Hatchback**

**Formula Ford** – 47 cars already !! Not surprisingly with this being the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Formula Ford in NZ, there is very keen interest to secure a place on the 37 car grid. NZFMR has registrations from NZ, Australia, UK, France and Dubai. A return visit is being made by Australian, Doug Williams.



**Doug Williams, Aus-Vic – 1986 Van Diemen RF 86 1600cc**

**Early Historics – 1930s/40s/50s Racing & Sports Racing cars** – 14 cars so far – The famous 'Ralph Watson Lycoming Special' will be back, as will Ernie Nagamatsu from Los Angeles with his equally famous 1959 Old Yeller II. There are more – to be revealed next month ! One interesting car from Australia will be the CWM Special.



**John Rowe, Western Australia – 1949/56 CWM V8 Special 4235cc**

**Super Historics** – 14 cars so far. Kenny Smith has got his NZIGP winning 1989 Swift DB4 ready and there are a number of other Swifts and Ralts as well. Can-Ams will join this class and we will once again see Paul Halford's McLaren M1A/B as well as Tim Push in the McRae GM9 centre seat Can-Am. Another West Australian car to join us will be that of Leigh Turner.



**Leigh Turner, Western Australia – 1974 Lola T360 HU09 1600cc BDA**

**1980s Saloons & GTs** – 32 cars already ! – The coordinator for this class will be Gerry Hodges and he has been very busy getting registrations of interest. Many great cars will return to the track for the first time in 'ages.' See below a photograph of Gerry's own car – an ex works BMW 635csi Group A/Group N car.



Gerry Hodges, Auckland – 1984 BMW 635csi E24-RA2-46 3500cc

### Early Bird Festival ticket sales

Since they were launched in mid August, 'Early Bird' tickets have been available at a special price for the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival and have been selling really well. Tickets can be purchased online by going to the homepage of the website [www.nzfmr.co.nz](http://www.nzfmr.co.nz) and click on 'Buy Tickets Now.'

### Race Class association and sponsorship now available

The opportunity is now available to accept 'naming right' association and sponsorship for each of the Race classes. Benefits to Sponsors will include 'branding' the race class with their chosen product, logo or company, have sponsor supplied logos displayed on each car of that class, display company branding in the respective race class Marquee located in the Pit Paddock, have an advertisement in the race programme and associated TV coverage, secure discount tickets for clients and much more. If you or your business would like to be associated with the Festival and have 'your own' race class, give Matt Taylor a call 021 628 891, or email Matt now [matt@nzfmr.co.nz](mailto:matt@nzfmr.co.nz)

### Hospitality opportunities

Such is the popularity of the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival, we have been able to secure only 8 of the 80 residential apartments at Hampton Downs. These apartments offer stunning trackside viewing for up to 20 people per apartment, per day. If you would like to secure one of these apartments for yourself, your friends or your business for the whole, or part, of the Festival, call Matt Taylor now on 021 628 891 or email him right way [matt@nzfmr.co.nz](mailto:matt@nzfmr.co.nz). Matt will provide all the information you need about cost, availability and bookings.

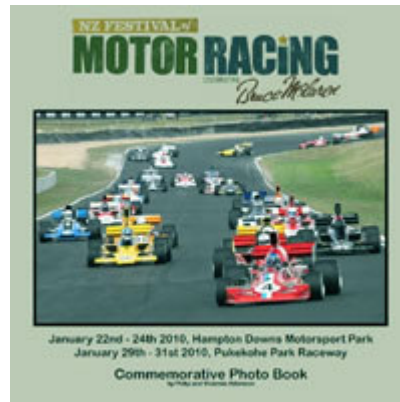
Matt also has a limited number of tables available in the **Hamptons** fine dining area located in the Pit Paddock. **Tables for 10** with a view of the track are available and catering will be provided by Austins quality caterers. As the number of tables is very limited, call or email Matt right way to secure you booking.

**Exhibitors at the Festival** – If you would like to exhibit or trade product at the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival, please complete the information sheet that will be found on our website [www.nzfmr.co.nz](http://www.nzfmr.co.nz) - go to the 'Contact Us' heading on the Group Heading bar and drop down to 'Exhibitors'. For any enquiries, contact Matt Taylor [matt@nzfmr.co.nz](mailto:matt@nzfmr.co.nz) or phone 021 628 891

**Commemorative DVD Set – NZ Festival of Motor Racing celebrating Bruce McLaren 2010** – Just launched at Hampton Downs on 5 Sep 10 is a triple disc set. **The first disc** features 1 hour 45 minutes of racing at Hampton Downs and Pukekohe at the NZFMR Bruce McLaren Festival 2010. **The second disc** comprises Special Features – interviews about Bruce McLaren with Dennis Marwood, Phil Kerr, Mike Barney, Bob McMurray, Howden Ganley and Chris Amon plus an insight into the reconstruction of the 1968 McLaren M8A-2 Can-Am car as raced by Denny Hulme and now belonging to the Bruce McLaren Trust. **The third disc** is a bonus audio CD of interviews with

Bruce as recorded from Europe in the late 1950s and 1960s. To order this great set at a cost of only \$60.00 +pp, contact the Jan McLaren at the Bruce McLaren Trust [brucemclarentrust@clear.net.nz](mailto:brucemclarentrust@clear.net.nz)

## Commemorative Book - NZ Festival of Motor Racing celebrating Bruce McLaren 2010 -



To commemorate the first New Zealand Festival of Motor Racing held in January 2010, Philip and Vivienne Adamson have produced a high quality book of the best of the Ground-Sky photographs, featuring ALL the cars that competed in the Festival and covering both Hampton Downs and Pukekohe.

It is a 12" x 12" (30cm x 30cm) hard-bound book with 192 pages, including entry lists and at least one photo of every entrant along with full page features of over 120 of the competitors. At \$90 (+ p&p) it will be something special for your coffee table, particularly if you raced in the event, as you feature in the book!

Over 600 photos covering all the action, the pits, the racing and a section featuring the off-track excursions and things that didn't go quite according to plan. Order online at [www.treadbrook.co.nz](http://www.treadbrook.co.nz) or contact Philip at [philip.adamson@outsource.co.nz](mailto:philip.adamson@outsource.co.nz)

## Notices to all Competitors –

### Registrations of Interest

Owners/drivers wishing to enter their cars in the Festival are first requested to register their interest by contacting Jim Barclay, Festival Chairman, by email [jim@nzfmr.co.nz](mailto:jim@nzfmr.co.nz)

Information needed with a registration of interest, (with examples of info required), is as follows-

- Preferred Race number - 25
- Name of driver - Jim Barclay
- Hometown - Auckland
- Year of car - 1961
- Type/mark of car – Gemini MK3A FJ
- Chassis number (if applicable) - 09
- cc rating of engine – 1040cc
- Colour of car - Red
- Photo of car – for reproduction reasons a 'hi-res' photo with minimum of 300dpi is required

Once registrations of interest have been received, cars that meet respective class criteria will be invited to submit an entry form. Entries will not be accepted until entry fees and other associated charges have been paid in full.

**Container shipping discount** – Simon Edwards, GM Commercial, **Hamburg Sud NZ Ltd** has once again kindly offered to provide a significant discount on the cost of overseas shipping to the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival. This discount will be available to competitors through international freight forwarders, either Jenners Cargo or GT International Logistics. Jenners, or GT International, will also look after Customs clearance and conveyance of containers to/from Hampton Downs. Information for competitors who wish to contact Jenners, or GT International, is as follows:-

**Jenners Cargo** – Jeff Crawley, Director. [Jeff@jenners.co.nz](mailto:Jeff@jenners.co.nz) website [www.jenners.co.nz](http://www.jenners.co.nz)  
**GT International** – Phil Gibbs Director. [phil@glogistics.co.nz](mailto:phil@glogistics.co.nz)

Competitors in Australia should contact Stewart Garmey at **Tradelanes** [stewart@tradelanes.com.au](mailto:stewart@tradelanes.com.au)

**AVGAS Fuel Service** – NZFMR has been advised that Hampton Downs Motor Sport Park have engaged a certified supplier of Racegas and AVGAS and these fuels will be available in the Fuel compound located near the Pit Paddock end of the under-track vehicle tunnel at Hampton Downs.

**Fuel Claims** - In the past month NZFMR has been advised there has been a change to the arrangement regarding those competitors awaiting resolution of damage claims that apparently resulted from incorrect fuel supplied by Motorsports Logistics at the NZFMR Bruce McLaren Festival held in 2010. Competitors should now make email contact with Chris Allan, Senior Partner, Grove Darlow & Partners, email [ChrisA@grovedarlow.co.nz](mailto:ChrisA@grovedarlow.co.nz)

**Tyres and Pit Services** - Peter Van Breugel, of Prestige Motorsports & Performance, Manakau City will be at the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival at Hampton Downs in January 2011 to provide a tyre fitting and balancing service as he did at the NZFMR Bruce McLaren Festival in 2010. Drivers should supply their own new tyres or contact Peter well ahead of the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival if you want him to provide new tyres for you at the track. Peter will also look after any logistical, engineering, race car preparation and maintenance for visiting race drivers while they are in Auckland/Hampton Downs. Contact Peter on email [peter@prestigeautomotive.co.nz](mailto:peter@prestigeautomotive.co.nz) or phone numbers are +64 (0) 9 277 9700 (**note new number**) or mobile +64 (0) 21 947 556. Website [www.prestigeautomotive.co.nz](http://www.prestigeautomotive.co.nz)



**Cheaper Cook Strait Ferry Crossing**

NZFMR has had a call from Tony Hirst, Logistics Manager, International Motorsport, Auckland, offering cheaper Cook Strait ferry crossings for all motorsport competitors **and any race supporters**. The deal on offer is significantly cheaper than the standard rates and in some instances up to half price. NZFMR was told by Tony there is no financial risk involved as no payment is required until check in at the Interislander Ferry Terminal where travellers will pay Interislander direct. Should anybody wish for a quote please email Tony Hirst at [tony@internationalmotorsport.co.nz](mailto:tony@internationalmotorsport.co.nz) or phone him on +64 (0) 277 267 779.

**Festival Newsletter - Comments & Enquiries**

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions about this Newsletter, contact the Newsletter, Editor Jim Barclay [jim@nzfmr.co.nz](mailto:jim@nzfmr.co.nz)

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