



The 'NZ Festival of Motor Racing celebrating Chris Amon'

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We are nearly there - In a little over 3 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 how to find Hampton Downs on their website www.hamptondowns.com



A 'Rolling Start' F5000 race gets underway at the NZ Festival of Motor Racing – Hampton Downs January 2010

Early Bird tickets – last chance - 'Early Bird' ticket sales are going very well for the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival. Early Birds who don't yet have their tickets will need to be quick as this special promotion will end in just a few weeks. Get your tickets online now on www.nzfmr.co.nz - and click on the words 'Buy Tickets' that you will see on the website Homepage.

Festival dates - Plan to be at NZFMR Chris Amon Festival to see great Classic and Historic motor racing and Pre-1963 Classic motorcycle racing from Friday 21st Jan to Sunday 23rd Jan 2011. 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.

Festival Website – See recent additions to our website www.nzfmr.co.nz including photographs of a selection of cars that will be racing in various classes. Soon the Race class entry lists will be posted.

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Race Entries now Open - Competitors who have already 'Registered their Interest' with Festival Chairman Jim Barclay jim@nzfmr.co.nz will soon be sent an email to invite them to go to the www.motorsportentry.com website and enter online for the Festival. Those who would like to race and have not yet registered their interest should email Jim with details of their car (see Notice to Competitors below) – preferred race number, name of driver/rider, hometown, year of car/bike, type and model of car/bike, cc rating of engine and colour of car/bike. Race classes for the Festival are outlined on our website

Visit to the Festival by John Harvey – Australian motor racing Legend, John Harvey, hopes to come to the Festival. John said, "Before driving Touring Cars I raced open wheelers including the Tasman Series in Australia and Bob Jane's McLaren M6B Repco. Open wheelers are my real passion and when I retired I took up open wheelers in Historics. I have always admired Chris Amon and that is one of the reasons I hope to make it to the Festival." Regards, John



John Harvey driving the Bob Jane owned 1969 McLaren M6B 50-01- Repco (photo source unknown)

Cars and Bikes by Race Class for the Festival - Let's take a look at a representation of cars registered for the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival to be held at Hampton Downs in January 2011.

F5000 and F1 cars –



Greg Thornton UK – 1973 Chevron B24-03 F5000 – driven in this photo by Peter Gethin (UK) to 3rd place in the 21st NZIGP and 25th Lady Wigram Trophy Race, Wigram, 19 January 1974

Tasman Cars –



Bruce Hamilton, USA - 1971 Brabham BT30/36-27 Waggott 2000cc – photo of John Harvey (Aus) driving the car in 1971 – (photo source unknown)

1960s Saloons & GTs –



John Marslin, Taupo – 1966 “Rod Coppins” Zephyr Corvette (R) 5760cc

Sports, Sports Racing & GT cars –



John Wishart, Aus-Qld – 1972 Welson-08 Clubman 1298cc

1970s Saloons & GTs (Touring cars) –



Russell Grace, Wanganui – 1974 BMW 2002 2000cc

Classic Pre 1963 250/350/500cc Racing Motorcycles –



Rob Chappell, Coromandel - 1961 Triumph 3TA 350cc

Muscle Cars –



Paul Burnet - 1973 Holden Torana GTR XU1 3300cc

Formula Ford –



Stephen Wilkins Aus-Qld – 1976 Lola T440 HU 41 1600cc Formula Ford

Early Historics – 1930s/40s/50s Racing & Sports Racing cars –



Brian Duffy, Sydney, NSW – 1950 Austin Healey 3000 Mk1 2912cc

Formula Junior /Formula 3/Formula Vee



Paul Halford, Auckland – 1959 Autosud FJ 0012 1100cc

Super Historics –



Barry Kirk-Burnand, Auckland - 1969 McLaren M12-60-18 7800cc

1980s Saloons & GTs –



Gary Johnstone Christchurch - 1986 Jaguar XJS V12 Group A (R) 5300cc

Race Class 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

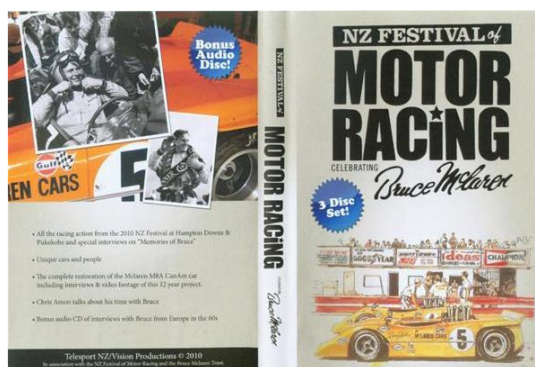
Hospitality opportunities - Such is the popularity of the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival, we have been able to secure only 8 of the 80 residential apartments at Hampton Downs. Already there are options on 4 apartments. These apartments offer stunning trackside viewing for up to 20 people per apartment, per 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 . Matt will provide all the information you need about cost, availability and bookings.



The new Hamptons Convention/Events centre located in the Pit Paddock at Hampton Downs Motorsport Park

Hamptons Convention/Events Centre - Hospitality - Matt Taylor also has a limited number of tables available in the **Hamptons** fine dining area located in the Pit Paddock. **Tables for 10** with an adjacent view of the track are available and catering will be provided by Austins quality caterers. As the number of tables is very limited, call Matt Taylor on 021 628 891 or email matt@nzfmr.co.nz right way to secure your 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 - 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 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

Notices to all Competitors –

Online Race Entry now Open – those competitors who have registered their interest with Festival Chairman Jim Barclay jim@nzfmr.co.nz will be invited to proceed with the online entry process www.motorsportentry.com. Note that entry costs include race entry fee for practice and qualifying over both weekends of racing, plus space for 11 days in a Pit Garage or a Marquee erected for each separate race class. GST has been added to the costs.

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

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 website www.jenners.co.nz

GT International – Phil Gibbs Director. phil@gtlogistics.co.nz

Competitors in Australia should contact Stewart Garmey at **Tradelanes** stewart@tradelanes.com.au

NZ Border Control Requirements – For those competitors bringing race cars to NZ in shipping containers, the following points made by the Bio Security officers will assist the handling of the imported cars:-

- 1/ No Personal effects in the container (race bag is ok with helmet and overalls).
- 2/ No loose used tyres that are not mounted on rims.
- 3/ Ensure that tool boxes and insides are spotless, i.e. no vegetation in the bottom of the toolbox from the last circuit that you were at.
- 4/ Ensure that the outside of the container is also clean, e.g. no cobwebs in the corners!

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. **Note that Competitors will need to provide their own containers.**

Fuel Claims - In the past months 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

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 or phone numbers are +64 (0) 9 277 9700 (**note new number**) or mobile +64 (0) 21 947 556. Website 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 or phone him on +64 (0) 277 267 779.

Accommodation for the Festival – for those looking for a place to stay while attending the Festival, check out Hillside Hotel & Nature Resort. Hosts Rob & Rosemary Leader have a Qualmark 4 Star facility located 4km from Huntly which itself is 15 minutes south of Hampton Downs Motorsport Park on the main highway towards Hamilton. Check out their website www.hillsidehotel.co.nz or phone +64 (0)7 824 9435

Fun at the Festival – in addition to being able to purchase breakfast and lunch in the new 'Hamptons' facility, located in the Pit paddock at Hampton Downs, we plan to have some fun at themed functions held each night after racing. To help with catering numbers, tickets will be available. Watch this space for announcements of activities including off-site tours and visits for ladies, Chris Amon book signing times, judging of 'Fashion at the Festival' for those in **period dress** on both Sundays at 3pm, and more.

Period Dress – enter the spirit of the Festival, take the plunge and dress your team and supporters in 'period dress'.



**The Greg Woods '73 Alfa GTV "Hungry Snake Racing Team" –
L to R Greg Butler, Ben Thomson, Hamish Butler**

Other Historic Racing Club (HRC) events – NZFMR Chris Amon Festival supporters may like to race at the HRC Tasman Revival event at Taupo 15-16 Jan 2011 - see more info on www.grandprix.org.nz. The HRC will also promote an event at Pukekohe 19-20 February 2011.

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

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