



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

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### Chris Amon delighted

The ex Chris Amon 1970 March 701-1 Cosworth F1 'works' car in STP colours will be on static display at the 'NZ Festival of Motor Racing celebrating Chris Amon' and Chris will be delighted to see the March 701 again. After 3 seasons as a Ferrari works driver from 1967 to 1969, Chris left Ferrari looking for a car with the race winning Cosworth 3.0 litre engine. He settled for March and drove their cars throughout 1970. In 15 races with this very car Chris was placed 9 times and retired 6 times. His best placings were 1<sup>st</sup> place in the International Trophy race at Silverstone, 2<sup>nd</sup> places in the Belgian GP and French GPs, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Canadian GP, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Mexican GP and 5<sup>th</sup> in both the British and US GPs.

Earlier this year expat Kiwi, Roger Wills (known for his heroic drives in his Cooper T51 Climax and his McLaren M1B Can-Am at the NZFMR Bruce McLaren Festival held in January 2010), very kindly offered to send his iconic ex Amon March 701-1 F1 car to the Festival where it will be on static display. Having spent the past 45 years on the wall of Donington Museum in UK, the car is in need of a major overhaul so it is not currently in running order. The first employee of March, Bill Stone, a regular racer in his historic Mallock sports racing car at Hampton Downs, will also be keen to see the March 701. Bill worked on the March way back in 1970.



Roger Wills, UK - ex Amon 1970 March 701-1 Cosworth DFV V8 3.0 litre Formula One

**Not long to go now !** - In a little over 2 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. Mark the dates in your calendar now – 21 to 23 January and 28 to 30 January 2011. Hampton Downs is located alongside Highway 1, some 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](http://www.hamptondowns.com)

**E-tickets for the Festival** – E-tickets will be used for the first time by the Festival. Get your e-tickets online now on [www.nzfmr.co.nz](http://www.nzfmr.co.nz). Just click on the words 'Buy Tickets' that you will see on the website Homepage. Having purchased your e-tickets, you will be emailed an 'acknowledgement of purchase'. Before the Festival you will be emailed an e-ticket with a barcode on it – bring this with you to the Festival where it will be scanned at the entry gate.

The 'experts' are currently installing and testing the e-ticket and scanning system. This will explain why those who have already purchased tickets online have not yet got their e-tickets. I hope the experts will soon finish their complex task. Regardless, the 'acknowledgement of purchase' email will suffice so even if you don't have your e-tickets bring the 'acknowledgement of purchase' and check in at the main pedestrian entry gate at the Festival.

**Festival Website** – See recent additions to our website [www.nzfmr.co.nz](http://www.nzfmr.co.nz) including photographs of a selection of cars that will be racing in various classes and current News. Drivers who have confirmed their race entries will be posted on the website after 30 Nov 10.

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**Race Entries now Open** - Competitors who have already 'Registered their Interest' with Festival Chairman Jim Barclay [jim@nzfmr.co.nz](mailto:jim@nzfmr.co.nz) have since been invited to submit their Festival race entry on [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com) Entries close on 30 November 2010 and already there is high interest. As entries are received they will be put on the Festival website [www.nzfmr.co.nz](http://www.nzfmr.co.nz) under the appropriate Race classes.

**Festival Dinners** – There will be two themed casual dinners to be held at Hamptons Convention centre in the Pit Paddock complex at Hampton Downs. Entry will be by ticket only on both Saturday evenings of the Festival - 22 Jan and 29 Jan 2011. At the dinners we will be treated to a few hilarious stories from short interviews with Chris Amon and some of his motor racing friends. More details will be released next month on where to get your tickets.

**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** –



**Andrew Higgins, Auckland – 1975 Lola T400 HU 6 F5000 – photo at Ruapuna, October 2010**

**Tasman Cars –**



**Rick Wareing, UK – 1964 Brabham BT 11A IC-I-64 Climax FPF 2.7 Litre**

**1960s Saloons & GTs –**



**John Miller's 1966 Renault Dauphine Chev R 5700cc to be driven by Brett Stevens, Motueka**

**Sports, Sports Racing & GT cars –**



**Ernie Nagamatsu, USA – 1964 Shelby Cobra 289 CSX 2203 with Le Mans Hardtop 4727cc. Yes that is correct – Ernie is bringing to the Festival probably the very first original Shelby Cobra to race in NZ.**

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



**Graham Peters, Pohangina – 1958 BSA Goldstar 500cc – Brigid Bell BRB Photography**

**Formula Ford –**



**Doug Price, Christchurch – 1984 Reynard RF 84-153 1600cc**

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



**Ralph Smith, Dunedin – 1955 Lycoming Special 5244cc**

**1980s Saloons & GTs –**



**Peter Maddren, Auckland – 1986 Toyota AE86 Levin 1600cc**

**Formula Junior /Formula 3/Formula Vee -**



**Walter Findlay, Gisborne – 1959 Elva DKW FJ 100-74 1050cc**

**Muscle Cars -**



**Andrew Turner, Auckland – 1984 Holden VH Commodore 5800cc**

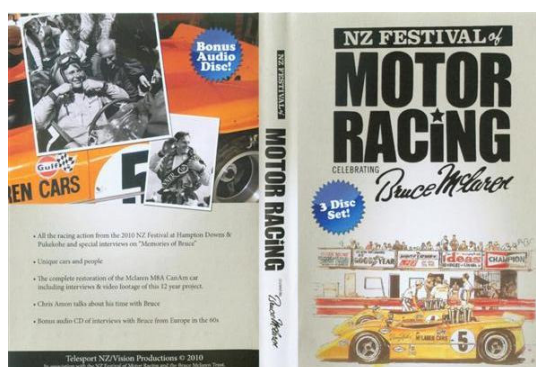
**Hospitality opportunities** – The trackside apartments offer stunning trackside viewing for up to 20 people per apartment, per day. If you would like to secure one of these apartments for yourself, your friends or your business for the whole, or part, of the Festival, it may not be too late if you call Matt Taylor right 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.



**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](mailto: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](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)

## 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](mailto:jim@nzfmr.co.nz) will be invited to proceed with the online entry process [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com). Note that entry costs include race entry fee for practice and qualifying over both weekends of racing. There is now an option to select as place in a Pit Garage/Marquee. Entries close on 30 November 2010.

**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.**

**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.

## Accommodation for the Festival –

**Millennium, Copthorne & Kingsgate Hotels** - If you are looking for Hotel accommodation in NZ, please see below a **very** generous offer from Mat Shaw at Millennium Hotels. If you wish to do a little touring in NZ, check out their website [www.millenniumhotels.co.nz](http://www.millenniumhotels.co.nz) for hotel locations.

In Auckland there are two Copthorne Hotels and one Kingsgate Hotel. If you are looking for a downtown hotel right in the hub of the city/harbour restaurants & cafes, the Copthorne Harbour City is the one. Both the Copthorne Auckland City and Kingsgate Parnell are on the eastern side of central city. Commuting to Hampton Downs should be relatively easy on the Main Highway (Motorway) South and will take about 50 mins (but longer in peak 'rush hours' so allow plenty of time !!).

Or, you might want to go to Hamilton, which is about 40 minutes south of Hampton Downs.

Also, check out Rotorua Hotels for a bit of tourist travel before, between, or after the Festival events. Or a trip to the Bay of Islands is always a favourite.

Kingsgate prices are from \$119 inc GST per night, Copthorne from \$139/night and Millennium \$159/night. If you are keen on this excellent offer, I suggest you get in touch right away with Mat Shaw [Matt.Shaw@millenniumhotels.co.nz](mailto:Matt.Shaw@millenniumhotels.co.nz)

**Hillside Hotel & Nature Resort, Huntly** - for those looking for something closer to Hampton Downs, 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](http://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, and more.

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



**Don't forget to wear your 'period' dress at the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival !!**

**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](http://www.grandprix.org.nz). The HRC will also promote an event at Pukekohe 19-20 February 2011.

**End Piece !** - For those of you who think you can do it all, take a look at the photo below and figure out how Neil McCrudden from Western Australia has fitted 9 race cars into a 40 footer hi-top shipping container. If you can see it, look at the loading diagram on the left hand door for a few clues. A work of art and some very clever engineering. Well done Neil and your team from Western Australia !!



**Neil McCrudden's work of art to fit 9 cars into a 40 foot shipping container.**

**Festival Newsletter - Comments & Enquiries**

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