



The 'NZ Festival of Motor Racing celebrating Chris Amon'

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Only weeks to go now ! - In just a few weeks, 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

E-tickets for the Festival – E-tickets will be used for the first time by the Festival. Get your tickets online now on www.nzfmr.co.nz. Just click on the words 'Buy Tickets' that you will see on the website Homepage. When you purchase a ticket, you will receive an email with an e-ticket. You can also login to your account to download your e-tickets from today. For additional help, see instructions under The Event > [FAQs](#). Bring the e-ticket with you to the Festival where it will be scanned at the entry gate

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 and current News. Drivers who have confirmed their race entries will be posted on the website.

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New Chris Amon book to be Released – A new 105 page book titled 'Chris Amon – a Celebration of a Kiwi Icon' will be released at the Festival. The wide and varied content of the book includes:- Chris Amon's 11 favourite circuits, 10 favourite cars, winning Le Mans, the first Can-Am championships, random papers from the Amon scrapbook, the Amon cars, Silverstone 1970, Chris Amon today...and much more. Copies of this new book will cost \$45 each and will be available at the Festival in the 'Chris Amon Display' tent - which will be run by the Bruce McLaren Trust. Chris will be at the display tent at 1030 each day to sign copies of this book. As a Patron of the Bruce McLaren Trust, Chris is delighted that all profits from this book by Michael Clark will go to the Trust. If you can't be at the Festival but want to get your own copy, email Jan McLaren at BruceMcLarenTrust@clear.net.nz

Ex Amon Maserati 250F – the Southward Museum Trust have kindly agreed to bring the ex Chris Amon 1954 Maserati 250F chassis 2509 to the Festival for the first weekend. Whilst the car will not be available to race, it will nonetheless be part of the lunchtime Chris Amon Parade.



Chris Amon – 1954 Maserati 250F Chassis 2509 – Ohakea, 22 April 1990

A second Maserati 250F - Peter Giddings from California, USA, has confirmed he will be racing his 1953 Maserati 250F at the Festival. This 'ex works' Maserati was used by a number of drivers including Stirling Moss who won the 1956 Australian GP driving this car. Later, in 1961/62, it was owned and driven in New Zealand by Auckland, Brian Prescott. Interestingly, Chris Amon raced his little 1956 Cooper T41 Climax at Levin in April 1961 to finish 4th in one race and then 2nd in another to Prescott who in turn had a great day winning 3 times in this Maser. After Levin, Chris was convinced that he needed a Maserati to win so he purchased 2509, the car that is now owned by the Southward Car Museum. It was while driving his Maserati 250F in 1962 that Chris was spotted by Englishman, Reg Parnell. Reg subsequently offered Chris a drive in his Formula One Lola Climax cars and at age 19, Chris began his international career.



Peter Giddings, USA- 1953 Maserati 250F Chassis 2501/2523 2493 cc

Tickets for NZFMR Toyota Amon Dinner – There will be a themed gourmet buffet dinner to honour Chris Amon held at Hamptons Convention centre in the Pit Paddock complex at Hampton Downs on Saturday 29 Jan 11. Toyota NZ have kindly supported the Festival for this dinner. Toyota and Chris have enjoyed a close working relationship that spans over 40 years. Entry to the dinner will be by ticket and will cost only NZD\$55.00 per head. You can make up your own table of 10 or you can join others at a table. Enjoy the fun of a night with Chris Amon. There are limited tickets available so be in quick and buy your tickets early for the NZFMR Chris Amon dinner on www.nzfmr.co.nz.

Pit garages under construction – 16 double garages are being constructed on Pit Lane at Hampton Downs and although the Hospitality suites on top of the garages will not be built in time, the garages will be home for up to 96 cars at the Festival. Six cars will share each of 16 double garages and the public will be able to view cars from the rear doors of the garages.



Garage construction at Hampton Downs underway - 15 Dec 10

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

F5000 and F1 cars – Ron Maydon from UK has confirmed his unique 1974 Amon AF101 Formula One car will be racing at the Festival. Ron purchased the car in pieces a few years ago and after major restoration and help from Red Bull F1 designer Adrian Newey, Ron now has the car running well. Chris Amon drove this car in Formula One 1974 but due to lack of funds to develop the car, its potential was never realised and the small Team closed its doors after only 4 races. In addition to racing it himself, Ron's crusade to bring the car to Chris in New Zealand will be realised when Chris completes a few quiet demonstration laps at the Festival.



Ron Maydon, UK – 1974 Amon AF101 – Cosworth V8 3000cc

Tasman Cars – Kiwi expat from USA, Phil Harris will be driving a unique 1969 Brabham BT31-1 Repco V8 2500cc car belonging to American Peter McLaughlin from New Hampshire, USA. This car, the only BT31 made was prepared for Jack Brabham to drive in the Australian races of the 1969 Tasman Cup. Phil drove the car at HSRCA Tasman Revival event held at Eastern Creek, Sydney 26-28 November 2010 and brings it to NZ with 4 other cars from eastern USA including Bruce Hamilton's 1970 Brabham BT36 Waggott 1600cc and Peter McLaughlin's 1968 Brabham BT30 1600cc.



Phil Harris, USA, driving Peter McLaughlin's 1969 Brabham BT31-1 Tasman Repco 2500cc

Super Historics- Auckland, Craig Stacey has just purchased a big Lola from USA! This car started life as a 1969 Lola SL163 Can-Am Spyder and at some time later it was re-bodied with a Lola T70 Mk3 body. The car will arrive in NZ just before Christmas 2010 and, subject to successful 'acceptance' testing, Craig hopes to race the Lola in the Super Historics class at the Festival.



Craig Stacey, Auckland – 1969 Lola SL163/T70 Mk3

1960s Saloons & GTs – The co-ordinator of this class, Dale Mathers of Tauranga who drives a mighty 1969 Boss Mustang has assembled a very interesting cross section of cars. Additionally, Dale has invited past Saloon Champion Paul Fahey to be the guest of the class over the first weekend of the Festival. A poster of Paul and his cars has been produced and Paul will be on site to sign copies for fans. With lots of help from Mini Club Members, there will be plenty going on within the 60s class



David Ingram, Hamilton – 1957 Jaguar Mk7M 3800cc

Sports, Sports Racing & GT cars – a big field comprising a wide variety of cars has created the need to re-allocate some cars to another class. One car that has not been reallocated is the 1964 Shelby Cobra belonging to Ernie Nagamatsu of California, USA. In addition to racing his 1959 Old Yeller II Buick Special in the Early Historics class, Ernie will race his genuine small block Shelby Cobra in the Sports, Sports Racing & GT class. Fitted with a Le Mans hardtop as used by the Shelby Cobra Team at Le Mans in 1963, this car could perhaps be the first genuine Cobra to race in NZ ?



Ernie Nagamatsu, USA – 1964 Shelby 289 Cobra CSX 2203 4727 cc

Formula Ford – Bill Stone will be driving Martin Lucas' 1972 Lotus 69 Formula Ford at the Festival. Graeme Cook bought the car and assembled it at McLaren UK when he worked there in the early 1970s. It has McLaren pedals and gear change. Graeme raced the car in the NZ FF series in 1974. The car is now almost back to FF spec again - complete with a GLC (Graeme Cook) engine again. The chassis was built by Arch Motors in UK and Bill Stone worked at Arch Motors himself.



Bill Stone, Auckland – 1972 Lotus 69 Formula Ford 1600cc

SPECIAL NOTICE - Formula Ford 40th Anniversary – at the Festival the Formula Ford fraternity will celebrate 40 years of Formula Ford racing in New Zealand. A dinner will be held in the Hamptons Convention Centre at Hampton Downs on Thursday 27th Jan 11. All those keen to be part of this significant dinner should email Michael Clark clarkx@xtra.co.nz to arrange purchase of their dinner tickets.

1970s Saloons & GTs – Gordon Burr is burning a lot of midnight oil in the race to get two cars ready for the Festival. He hopes to complete work on the engine of the famed Algie Alfetta V8 in time to take part in demonstration runs in that car. He is also working with Ferrari guru Allan Cattle to have his Ferrari GT4 Le Mans R ready in time.



Gordon Burr, Auckland – 1980 Ferrari GT4 LM R 2927cc

Early Historics and Sports Racing cars – Bill Stone has stepped out of his familiar 1966 Mallock Mk6B to drive a Formula Ford at the Festival. In his place he has brought in two very notable Motorsport personalities to drive his Mallock. The first driver is Malcolm Oastler from NSW who will drive Bill's Mallock over the 1st weekend at the Festival. Malcolm is a well know designer of many Reynard racing cars including Indy 500 winners. Malcolm was also Chief Designer for BAR F1 from 1998 -2002. He held a similar position at Jaguar F1 from 2002-2004.

The second driver for Bill's Mallock is Adrian Reynard himself. Bill met Adrian when Bill, as the very first March employee was Workshop Foreman at March in 1970. Soon after, Adrian and Bill formed Sabre Motorsport which in turn became Reynard Motorsport. We welcome Malcolm and Adrian to the Festival and thank Bill for inviting these two great Motorsport designers to New Zealand.



Malcolm Oastler, NSW and Adrian Reynard, UK will drive Bill Stone's 1966 Mallock U2 Mk6b 1498cc

1980s Saloons & GTs – This is a new class for the Festival so numbers of cars in the class will be a little lower than in others. Very recent additions to the class are two Toyota Coronas and one Corolla entered by Andrew McKenzie of Albany Toyota. One of the Coronas is the ex Grieg Brink 'Castrol' liveried car and the other is the ex Robbie Kerr 'Placemakers' car. Zachary Lawrence has entered his BMW 1985 635csi Group A car and Kevin Underwood has entered two BMW M3 Group A cars.



Aidan and John Barrett, Taupo – 1980 "Moffat" Mazda RX7 Group C (R) 1146cc

Formula Junior /Formula 3/Formula Vee – Seven internationals will join the FJ/F3/FV class at the Festival. From Queensland we have Alan Conway with his Gemini Mk3A FJ and Alan Don and Jim Waugh their FVs. From Western Australia we have Bruce Edgar with his Elfin FJ, Neil McCrudden his Lotus 20/22 FJ and Kevin Taylor his Brabham BT21 F3. From NSW for the first weekend of the Festival will be expat Kiwi, Harley Oliver to drive the Lotus 18 FJ he owns jointly with regular driver, John Holmes. Seven Kiwi FJs competed recently at Eastern Creek and these cars will be returned to NZ just before Christmas. Noel Woodford is working some very long hours trying to complete the restoration project of his recently acquired 1961 Gemini Mk3A FJ.



Chris Atkinson, Auckland – 1961 Lotus 20/22 FJ 1100cc – Eastern Creek, Sydney, 26-28 Nov 10

Classic Pre 1963 250/350/500cc Racing Motorcycles – set to run over the 1st weekend of the Festival we will see around 40 pre 1963 500cc, 350cc and 250cc classic bikes in action. In addition to racing a McIntosh Manx Norton, current NZ Superbike Champion, Andrew Stroud will demonstrate his Suzuki Superbike in the lunchtime breaks of the first weekend of the Festival.



Andrew Stroud - #1 McIntosh Manx Norton

Andrew Stroud - #2 Suzuki Superbike

Muscle Cars – for the second weekend of the Festival we will have a good group of cars representing Central Muscle Cars, Northern Muscle Cars and Production Muscle cars.



Glen Honnor, Hastings – 1969 Ford Mustang 6500cc

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 . Matt will provide all the information you need about cost, availability and bookings.

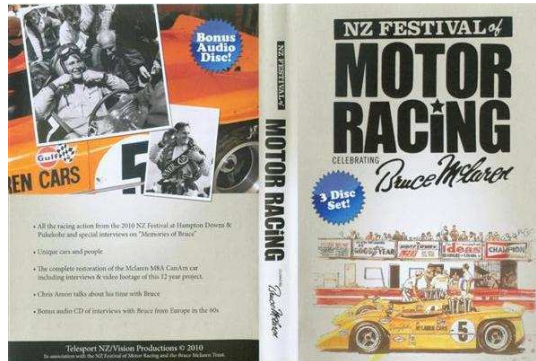
Hamptons Convention/Events Centre - Hospitality - Matt Taylor also has a limited number of tables available in the **Hamptons** fine dining area located in the Pit Paddock. **Tables for 10** with an adjacent view of the track are available and catering will be provided by Austins quality caterers. Call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



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

Exhibitors at the Festival – It is not too late to exhibit or trade your product at the NZFMR Chris Amon Festival, If you want to know more, 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'. Please send the sheet to Matt Taylor matt@nzfmr.co.nz or phone him on 021 628 891

Commemorative DVD Set – NZ Festival of Motor Racing celebrating Bruce McLaren 2010 – 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 bruceclaretrust@clear.net.nz



Notices to all Competitors –

Thursday 20th January 2011- The Race Secretary's Office located in the Race Administration building in the Pit Paddock at Hampton Downs will open at 1200 for documentation. Scrutineering will also begin at 1200 in the allocated Pit garage. At about 2.00pm, new drivers to Hampton Downs will be taken in Saloon cars around the track to show key points. Thereafter, drivers may undertake 4 'quiet' laps for each race class in their own race car behind the Safety Car.

Driver Training – Mike Eady, Managing Director of Tracktime, a Licensed Motorsport NZ Driving School now operates the BMW Race Training school from Hampton Downs. Mike has offered to take a group session of up to 50 drivers for tuition including race lines at corners on the Hampton Downs track. His session will be held on Thursday 20 Jan 11 at about **4pm-5pm** after the Festival's track general familiarisation session has been completed. Cost will be \$50 per person payable to Mike. Each driver in his tuition session will get a copy of Mike's excellent 20 pages of notes on Hampton Downs, plus group laps in BMWs stopping at each corner to point out key issues. Please register your interest now with Mike on mike.eady@Tracktime.co.nz or call on +64 9 585-1134 or cellphone +64 21 982-700

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 or phone numbers are +64 (0) 9 277 9700 (**note new number**) or mobile +64 (0) 21 947 556. Website www.prestigeautomotive.co.nz



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 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

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 or phone +64 (0)7 824 9435

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. The HRC will also promote an event at Pukekohe 19-20 February 2011.

Festival Newsletter - Comments & Enquiries

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