

SOUTH ISLAND FORMULA FORD



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May 2021

Hi All and welcome to the May newsletter, and not a bad month for Kiwis who earn a crust from the game. A maiden Supercar win for Andre Heimgartner is overdue reward for years of individual and family commitment. Marcus Armstrong and Liam Lawson prominent at Monaco, although not featuring in the results the way either would have wished, and Scott Dixon on pole for Indy. What a pro, and to cap it all off, the Ganassi team are in a sweet spot at the moment too. Also sports car ace Brendon Hartley (right) collecting another long distance win at Spa in the works Toyota and emphasising his quality in these sorts of cars. One



of "ours" who is not enjoying the best of runs at the moment is Hunter McElrea, (left) slipping to fifth in the Indy Pro2000 series. A combination of mechanicals and other peoples' on track dramas haven't helped the cause, but it is early days and Hunter certainly has the speed and attitude to climb up the points.

On the home front it has been a great month for our SIF1600 champion, James Penrose, adding the National title to his resume' at the Nigel Barclay Festival meeting at the beginning of the month.

The acid was on James too, having to come from behind to head off points leader Matt McCutcheon at the final meeting and what a nice gesture (right). Winning every race in the Shaw Stealth helped, and the upshot of all this is that the Penroses are off to the UK to win the Formula Ford Festival at Brands Hatch in October. No pressure of course, but if anyone can do it James will. The package is good too. A new Ray that is coming back to NZ afterwards, so no conflicting interests there. They are going in good time, and "they" includes Tom, who is officially second mechanic, but if



the Poms have any brains they will cut him plenty of slack. The whole exercise is a great opportunity for James. The Penroses haven't made the rich list, so this is a rare opportunity for him to showcase his talents on an infinitely bigger stage than our local one, and just maybe get noticed.

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All three championships this year have been notable for one other feature ; they have been won by seventeen or eighteen year old Stealths, admittedly superbly prepared and piloted by two extremely good drivers, but it does show the enduring nature of a good chassis design. The other feature that



we are proud of is that James used one of our pointy noses to win the title. Look at the picture. In fact it would be fair to say that until the Penroses screwed it on, things were a bit touch and go, and after it was fitted, he won every race ! No more needs to be said really except that they are advertised in the classifieds for a very reasonable \$170, and if you own a Stealth, you should ring Andy Robertson right now.

And speaking of AR :

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Hi Racers, I'm not sure where May has gone, well it certainly started of with a bang if you attended the Formula Ford Festival at Ruapuna, (no pun intended) A massive acknowledgement must go to Nigel Barclay for putting on a fantastic event, great to see so many cars out on track and James Penrose taking out the NZ championship. From a personal view I thoroughly enjoyed the day and with my son Dom getting back into the 94 Swift, it certainly kept me busy. In the background your committee continues to work hard and has been busy planing a six round 21/22 season and I must say it is going to be a beauty, Speedworks events are returning to the Mainland with Highlands and possibly Ruapuna been flagged for the events. Look out for the calendar in the next few weeks. The grids are looking good again for next season and large fields will make for more great racing. The Yokohama Tyres are due to arrive late July, we will advise on how to go about purchasing them in due course and remember freight free to any main centre commercial address.



You may have heard by now that MSNZ have awarded the NZ Championship to the North & South Island Formula Ford clubs to run and promote for the next three years, some exciting things will be announced in the upcoming weeks about the dates and formats for the National Rounds. Keep an eye on the Facebook page and the news letters. That's all from me so back to the spanners.



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Andy also mentioned the Yokohama tyres. These tyres will now be used by NIFF & SIFF for their own regional series and the National Championship. They will be optional for class 3, and obligatory for classes 1 & 2. The significance of this will escape no-one. All three major championships will run under the same tyre and people will have a seamless ability to compete in any of the championships without the need to re-set the car. This has been an easy arrangement to lock in once the national agreement was signed off, and the fact that it has all come together is a credit to the effort and persistence of the respective organisations' committees, and (I can't believe I'm saying this) MSNZ. Pass me my pills !



Another initiative that is gaining traction is a separate race series for our older class 3 cars. This was flagged in the April newsletter. There are two main reasons behind this. Our SIF1600 grid just keeps on growing. We will have somewhere near fifty competitors in total for next season. They won't all race at once but just the same, the grid limits at Levels in particular (30) and maybe Teretonga (34) are going to be threatened. To send anyone home because they don't make the cut would be a quick way to unravel all the work done up until now. The other reason for

looking at another series is the speed of the cars now. It was interesting when Kim Crocker drove Wayne Colville's lovely '06 VD (for sale) at our last Ruapuna meeting, he posted a 31.5 and qualified seventh ! It has been a common comment from the drivers of the older cars that they don't particularly enjoy the speed difference, and would prefer to race in the company of similar vehicles.

It is relatively early days, but the reaction to the idea has been positive. Twenty eight people have been contacted and we will survey those people, (and anyone else who hasn't been contacted) to establish preferences. The thinking at the moment is that it will be a sanctioned series run under Schedule F and the South Island Formula Ford Club umbrella with the various bolt-ons that we have for the SIF1600 series. There will be at least one trophy on offer and the series fraternity would be part of



our end of season awards evening. There is a fair bit of water to go under the bridge yet, but it looks like fun so if you have or know of cars / drivers that would be interested give Hayden Cox

hayden@acornpr.co.nz Nigel Barclay nigel@pennyhomes.co.nz Gill Cox gill.cox@snap.net.nz or yours truly adw0398@yahoo.co.nz a call; we would be pleased to hear from you.

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As has been the case for some years now, we will be looking for applicants for our scholarship car programme and at the moment the focus is on the Jeremy Shaw Stealth driven by James Penrose. This car will be returned as a roller. Clearly it has all the credentials, and because of that the committee has decided,

- (a) To make it available as a rolling chassis with the successful applicant owning / supplying a motor
- (b) The successful applicant must have had one season's experience in a F1600.
- (c) The successful applicant must agree to the usual terms in the South Island Formula Ford Club scholarship car Memorandum of Agreement.

Interested ? Applications can be made to the scholarship car Co-ordinator
Dene Christensen dene.christensen@airnz.co.nz

Next month there will be news on the E-car front, but until then,

Stay Lucky,

Derek.

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email saunders.home@xtra.co.nz



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\$36,000

Contact John Sloane 0274 519 994



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Email : sloanedogon@xtra.co.nz



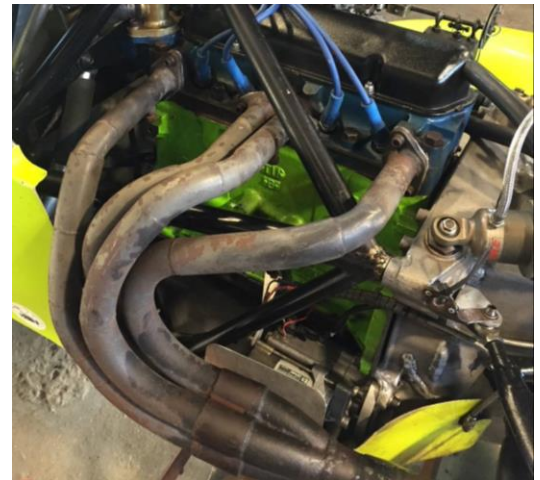
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.A piece of advice from Malcolm Yardley. On these distributors the cover over the module can short out. Insulation should be fitted in the side cover. The terminals should also be insulated and possibly bent over.
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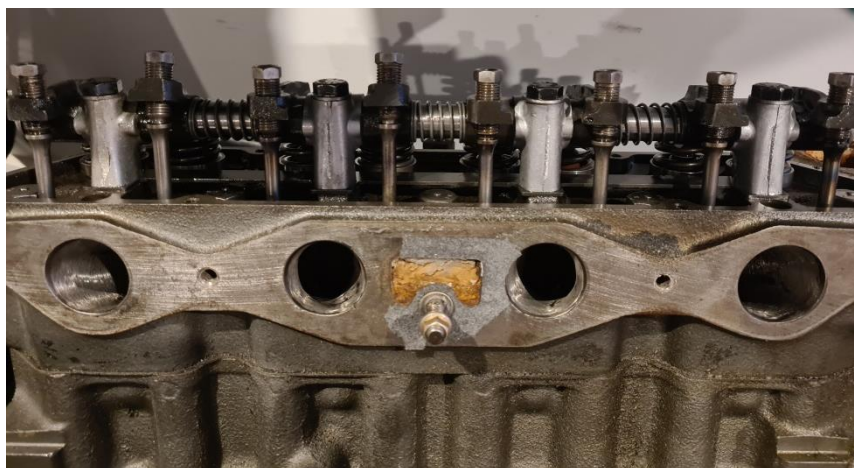
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SIM RACING : Keen to have a go ?? Contact siffsimracing@gmail.com for advice and information, or go to Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Sif1600SimRacing>.

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HELPERS : We have members who could do with a hand on race weekends. If you enjoy motor racing and fancy being involved with the cars and drivers, let me or Andy know.

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MEMBERSHIP : These are due from the 1/7/21.

A full membership (\$210) entitles the member to compete in the entire SIF1600 series.

A social membership (\$55) entitles a member to compete in one race meeting only.

The membership forms are available from Janine Yardley (SIFF Treasurer) jeyardley65@gmail.com

