

## **Good Evening Gentlemen Racers (Feb 2007).**

A timely reminder that entries for TACCOC's Classic Wheels meeting at Taupo on 10 and 11 March close on 3 March. Entries are \$180 and entry forms are available from [www.taccoc.co.nz](http://www.taccoc.co.nz).

During the same weekend a group from the NZFJR will be attending the Phillip Island Historics where we will be meeting with Kelvin Prior from the Australian Formula Junior Association and Ian Tate from the Victoria Historic Racing Register to try and finalise some definite planning for a Trans-Tasman series to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Formula Junior in 2008. It has been proposed that commemorative events be aimed at the A1GP at Taupo, F5000 GP at Pukekohe, Ruapuna and Timaru rounds of the Southern Festival of Speed and then across the Tasman for the Phillip Island Historics, a demonstration at the Australian Grand Prix and then the Clipsal 500 Australian V8 touring car meeting in Adelaide.

That all sounds very ambitious but we have to make a start somewhere and it is probably easier to drop events than add them. Two tentative inquiries have already been received from competitors in the UK. If you have any questions you would like put to the steering committee please contact either Nigel Russell ([nigel@ecpltd.co.nz](mailto:nigel@ecpltd.co.nz)) or Ian Garmey ([garmey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:garmey@xtra.co.nz)). Likewise it would be good to have an indication - not a commitment - of which events you would like to attend, either North Island only, New Zealand only, Australia only, or all.

One of our members was thanked for his sportsmanship by the officials at the Formula 5000 Grand Prix after he stopped racing and helped another competitor fight a fire in his car. Thank you Roger, we are all indebted to you.

David Fenton, a New Zealander living on the each coast of the United States is home in New Zealand with his Lotus 18 and competing in the Southern Festival of Speed. A very fine picture of David's car is attached. Regrettably the car suffered damage after being hit by another competitor at Ruapuna. Our commiserations to you David, be assured, Formula Junior in New Zealand are only driven by gentlemen !

We have finally "found" the Gillespie Fiat, an Australian Special Formula Junior. Not that it was "lost", we were just uncertain as to its whereabouts. The car is safely in the keeping of Bob McIntyre who imported it and ran it at a Whenuapai Wings and Wheels about 10 years ago.

Another new car announcement is imminent. A major marque not currently represented within the NZFJR, by someone we all know and respect well. I can say no more.

Your e-mail replies are solicited.

Good racing at Taupo and may the sun shine on you.

Ian Garmey

David Fenton's Lotus 18:

