

Formula Junior Gentlemen (May 2007)

It is reminder time again, just in time to get a late entry in for the Historic Racing Club's Auckland Domain hillclimb, this coming Sunday, 6 May. The last HRC e-mail said that entries would be accepted up until Thursday (tomorrow !). Up until Monday this week two NZFJR members had entered.

Next weekend, Sunday, 13 May (Mother's Day !) sees the finale event of the 2006-2007 historic racing season with TACCOC's Le Mans Relay at Pukekohe - our buddies with the Sports Cars have entered two teams in the relay - pity single seaters can't have a go. If you have entered or intend entering please e-mail (garmey@xtra.co.nz) or phone 09 294-9310 so we can work out how much space to steal on the "right" side of Dummy Grid Road. At the conclusion of our races, before the relay, we have planned an end-of-season presentation with hopefully a beer and some nibbles, and of course, some Pringles. Non-competing members and friends of Formula Junior are especially welcome, again an e-mail or phone call will help.

Preliminary arrangements for the Formula Junior Golden Jubilee trans-Tasman series are progressing with a dialogue set up between our membership, the Victoria Historic Racing Register and the Australian Formula Junior Association. The time to book a container(s) is getting close even though the event is still seven months away, four overseas competitors have enquired about joining us and the word is being spread among other Junior owners in both England and America. A new management regime is in place at a South Island circuit and they are being more receptive to a Formula Junior-only race at the Southern Festival of Speed, but only if we have the numbers. Please give some more serious thought to whether you would like to join us. Another appeal, if you know of a company or someone who is able to offer support (sponsorship) in money or kind we would welcome that lead.

Always at this time of year I ask the question - is it time to change our co-ordinator ? Someone with some different ideas, a different approach perhaps. The choice is yours.

The suggestion was made during the year that we could go "commercial" , charge a subscription, become sponsored, etc. Something else to discuss.

Ray Hawke is in need of a used Dunlop CR65 5.25 M 13 to set up his MER sports car while he awaits the arrival of a new set later in the year. If you can help please give him a call on 09 294-7446.

See you all on the next two Sundays.

Kindest regards
Ian Garmey





Photos of Walter Findlay's ELVA DKW prior to restoration and nearing completion.

Walter exclaims "God it is noisy !!"

Roger Herrick's Lola BRJ1 prior to loading into the container for shipping to NZ



Update Report from Roger Herrick on restoration of Lola BRJ1

Hi

We are now entering the final stages of the refurbishment of BRJ1 (just the body and engine to complete). The body is generally in good condition with just the front of the bonnet and the front of one side panel needing work.

As part of the process we were stripping the

layers of paint off and found an interesting logo on each of the side panels. It was on the first repaint (a light blue) after the Fitzwilliam dark BRG and we managed to rush and get a camera to record the logo before the paint stripper ruined it.

The logo (photos below) was a red arrow with a chequered flag with a three armed steering wheel with the words "Mille Miglia" in the centre of the wheel. There was a gold circle around the wheel with "Ecurie Automobile" at the top of the circle and "Knokke Linor Belge" in the lower part. The spelling may not be accurate as the logo was disappearing before it could be copied properly. Under this is the faint word "LE_ZOUTE" possibly reference to a small town in Belgium. I would think that it was on the car in the early 1960s as it was the first repaint and there were a number of other coats of paint on top of it.

