

Icebreaker Meeting. Sat 16/Sun 17 September 2006 Pukekohe Circuit

Hi Guys,

Well the racing season is back and with that the Icebreaker meeting at Puke was held last weekend. It was a bit of an icebreaker as well, with fairly cold days but thankfully little rain and reasonably dry pits. Most unusual for Puke.

7 sports cars at this meeting, what a good turnout for the start of the season. Not only that but we all managed to get through the weekend without any major problems. Practice was so short if you blinked you missed it.

Race one on Saturday went well with Bruce Smythe in the Dick Jones Corvette taking the honours and a second overall. Bruce has laid down the benchmark and proved there IS no substitution for horsepower. The Corvette is very fast and will take some catching. Unfortunately a couple of DNF's dropped Bruce's points tally but I'm sure when he replaces that broken push rod (typical Chevy) he will be back in business.

Race 2 (the first on Sunday's program) was a wet track after a downpour 10 minutes before the day's racing started. After 2 laps, a red flag, to enable the clearance of the spinners. Then a restart and it was all on a very exciting race with the first sports car home Brian Service in the Mallock Mk8.

Race 3 handicap boy was that busy the roll up start was reasonably good and then it was all on, 30 car grids make for lots of traffic and passing but it was all done in the normal gentlemanly way which allowed everyone to have fun. John Courtney in the Kato won that one.

Speaking of which, JC has brought a Lotus Cortina and is defecting to Leasuretime, so the Kato is for sale, complete with 2 engines and the trailer. Give JC or me a call if you or someone you know is interested.

Brian Grant has the Lotus Consul up and running and as the Begg is off to Australia for the Tasman revival series we can expect to see Brian out racing sports cars again soon.

Well that's about it for this time so you all at Taupo in October

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