

SPORTS CAR REPORT #04/08

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Hi Guys,

Well if I do say so myself we made a damn good job of this meeting. Back on the Taupo Car Club, club circuit it was like a return home. The track has changed and crossing the main track was a bit of a head job with the desire to look right for traffic. Once you got used to that and the new sweeper it seems like a good little track.

8 sports cars and our own grid was heaps of fun, however we did have 4 saloon cars on Saturday and for the first race on Sunday. Sitting with your arse on the ground and being passed by Ken Williams in the Mercedes coupe was a real experience as your head is about level with the middle of the Merc door. Anyway it was no problem and we all had great fun. With practice and 3 races on Saturday and 4 races on Sunday Everyone had a good weekend and no major problems. Brian was having a few tuning issues but other than that all was sweet. That's a lie. As you may or may not know after spending some time at Saturday's driver briefing telling everyone that the round black things stay on the flat black stuff I got it wrong.

Yep the McRae U2 took a major detour into a concrete wall sideways. Now the official story is SOMETHING BROKE but we will never know. After standing on the brakes at the end of the main straight the next thing I know I'm saying to myself this is going to hurt,. f*** that hurt. F*** that hurt. But in the end the damage to the body was not too bad, just a sore shoulder back and neck, that should have been worse today but surprisingly seem to be getting better. The car however was not so great with both LH wheels pointing in funny directions and a few bent and broken bars here and there and a broken rim. Now this happened just hours after telling Graham McRae how much I appreciated him building the car that I was having sooo much fun in. Of course the car is already stripped for repair and I am on the hunt for parts as you read this, so I should have it fixed before to long.

The next meetings on the calendar are the HRC F5000, FJ 50 anniversary meetings at Puke and Taupo(long track) Last weekend of Jan and first weekend of FEB. Enter online NOW or we won't get a grid.

In the meantime have a great Xmas and New Year and thanks for the comradeship and fun times we have all had so far this season.

See you at Puke.

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