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Up and COMING CMRC EVENTS:

Date.	Event	Venue
7-9 th February	Southern Classic 2025	Levels Raceway
24 th May	Autumn Fling	Levels Raceway

Presidents Report – Karen Clearwater

How quickly the last three months seem to have gone with plans for our premier event held over Waitangi weekend in February well under way. Paul and the team are doing a great job getting the finer details of the event planned and executed. There has been a lot of hard work going on in the background to make sure this event will be one to remember as we celebrate 20 years of it being run by CMRC.

The picnic atmosphere with the emphasis on competing and having a great social event will be exemplified by the prize giving function this year. Like our recent meetings it will be hopefully short and sweet, with a little bit of fun and should be over by 6.30pm to allow groups to organise their own social gatherings for the Saturday night. Nibbles will be provided by CMRC and the bar will be open for you to purchase drinks.

Our sponsorship and marketing team of Steve and Mark have been working hard to find a major sponsor but at this stage it does look as though CMRC will be the main sponsor again this year. However, they still working on it and also class sponsors etc. If you know of anyone who would like to be a sponsor or provide items for the competitor gift bags please contact Steve on 021 740 855, Mark on 021 474 738 or Karen on 027 240 678.

As you may have seen from social media we are looking at nine classes with close to 200 competitors so make sure you get your entry in as soon as possible. VCC members will be entering via the Banks Peninsula Branch of the VCC and will have a form sent to them to fill in but the rest of you will be using Sporty the new Motorsport NZ online entry form. If anyone has issues entering, please contact Zara (zara.coghill@hotmail.com) who will be more than happy to help.

On the Executive front the committee have been meeting monthly and are working on a couple of new projects now the constitution has been approved. Currently we have approx. 200 members although some have not paid their sub for this year. I recommend this is done ASAP as one of the projects will definitely advantage current members. The current Exec are a great group of people and after a bit of a wobbly start from me, remembering how to make sure all protocol is observed, I have settled back into running a meeting. Using teams is a great way to be able to meet face to face and much easier than meetings years ago when we could only hear each other's' voices. The club is definitely in good hands.

The presidential race car is once again having its engine sorted after the issues at the beginning of the year and hopefully, I will be back driving it again in 2025. In the meantime, I am looking forward to helping Zara with the February meeting.

May you all enjoy the holiday break and remember there are "idiots out there" so be safe and we'll see you on the 7th to 9th of February at Levels Raceway, Timaru.

Race Report – Paul Coghill

Entries have been sent out for next year's Southern Classic 2025. As Karen said above this is the 20 anniversary of our club running this event and it looks like it could be the largest entry we have seen. With our CMRC classes, CMRC Allcomers, Pre78 Classic Saloons, Formula Libre and 6 invited classes: - HVRA, Historic Formula Ford S.I., Historic Allcomers and Sports Sedan, OSCA, Pre 65 and Mini 7's and the VCC & Historics.

Just a reminder of the format over the 3 days. It's the same as the last 2 years with practice and qualifying starting at 1pm on Friday with racing starting at 9am Saturday morning. There will be 5 races over the weekend which promises to be and actioned packed for both competitors and spectators.

A promotional graphic for the Southern Classic 2025 event. The background is dark red with a white checkered flag pattern in the top left corner. In the center, there is a white outline of a race track. The text 'CLASSIC MOTOR RACING CLUB' is written in large, bold, white capital letters at the top. Below it, 'Southern Classic 2025' is written in a white, cursive font. On the left side, there is a list of participating classes. At the bottom, there is a QR code, contact information for Paul Coghill, and a red banner with the text 'Celebrating 20 years of the Southern Classic in 2025'. On the right side, there is a logo for the Classic Motor Racing Club, featuring a checkered flag, a helmet, and the letters 'NZ' with 'est. 1983' below it.

CLASSIC MOTOR RACING CLUB

Southern Classic 2025

- Pre 78 Classic Saloons
- CMRC Allcomer Saloons
- VCC & Historics
- Formula Libre
- Historic Sports Sedans & Allcomers
- Historic & Vintage Racing Association (HVRA)
- Open Saloon Car Association (OSCA)
- Historic Formula Ford South Island
- Pre 65 & Mini 7

7th to 9th Feb 2025 – Levels Raceway

For more information contact Paul Coghill, race organizer at race@classicmotorracingclub.nz or www.classicmotorracingclub.nz

Celebrating 20 years of the Southern Classic in 2025



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Vehicle Acceptance Committee (VAC) – Kevin Telford

The aim of the VAC moving forward is to have all the CMRC members cars either Certificate of Description (COD) or to be Vehicle Acceptance Procedure (VAP) compliant.

With the requirements of our club rules, we need to have all members race cars complying with the club rules.

I will be at the Southern Classic 2025 and will take time to catch up with as many as I can and look at your car and work through the VAP helping you to complete it.

Remember this is your club, run by a small group of volunteers that need your help too.

Kevin Telford
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Summers looking hot – and so is the race season

With the recent Wigram revival now in the rear-view mirror and Xmas just around the corner, we now turn our attention to the Southern Festival of Speed, and I have to say, if the recent turnout at Canterbury Car Clubs Wigram revival Allcomers grid is anything to go by, the quality of the fields and the racing will be of the highest order.

It was encouraging to see a large turnout at Wigram. Last year's Allcomers grid garnered only 14 entries, and 2024 brought together 26 cars which made for a visual feast for the crowds, and from all accounts some good racing throughout the field. And again, the smiling faces in the pits told the story.



Driving standards throughout the field looked great, and I am not aware of any incidents, which is what it is all about.

Looking ahead to Skope, CMRC and Canterbury Club Club have worked closely to organise an invitational grid of Historic Sports Sedans and Allcomers with 16 cars North Island cars and competitors heading down to join with the South Islands big banger Allcomers Class A cars to create what should be an incredible grid. This will continue the following weekend at the Southern Classic where we will also run a second grid of Classic Allcomers (Class B) and then a full grid of OSCA cars racing for championship points.

This will be the first time in a long while where so many Allcomers cars and top level OSCA cars will compete at any event, and along with 6 other full grids of top-level cars, the Southern Classic is going to be an absolute highlight in the racing calendar for 2025. Tell all your friends to come down and enjoy the spectacle, as Levels Raceway is the perfect place for families and friends to pull up a picnic blanket and watch the action.

Entries are now open for Skope and Southern Classic, and if you have any questions, please feel free to make contact with me at any stage, but I can assure you it will be a worth the entry fees, and let's hope that this summer continues in the way it has started, and we have a classic South Island racing summer like the old days when the racing was hot, and the Beer was cold!

Merry Xmas and best wishes for the new year to all of you and look forward to seeing you in the paddock in the new year!

Steve Keene

Facebook page

Our club face book address is:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1379395309504773>

The normal posting rules apply. The post will be promoted as long as it is positive and about club type stuff. Don't forget to "like" the page and ask your friends to like it as well.

Website

www.classicmotorracingclub.co.nz

Remember this is your website and you can add photos to it to make it more interesting.

The latest entry form is always on the Website as is the membership form

