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12-14th February 2027	Southern Classic (CMRC)	Levels Raceway
19-21st February 2027	Speedfest	Teretonga Park
19-21st March 2027	George Begg Festival	Teretonga Park
8th May 2027	Autumn Fling (CMRC)	Levels Raceway
12th September 2027	Brooklands Members Meeting (CMRC)	Levels Raceway

PRESIDENTS REPORT - Karen Clearwater



Addition to the Presidents report for the September AGM.

June and July are always a quiet month for the club with just the normal executive meetings with planning for the AGM and, as I departed for the UK for a lengthy holiday, I'm afraid I have not much to add to the AGM report.
A role I have taken over is chairing our vehicle committee producing Vehicle Identity Papers (VIP) that we have moved to as a method of providing a history and current documentation for our cars that are part of the groups running in our club.

This process is about making sure that we have a document that we can provide to members and for our club records which gives information about the car and also its history. Emma Bishop and Brian James have joined the team to help with this process. Brian is well known to many as a person who has been a member of the club for many years and has a good knowledge of cars of the past and the history associated with them. Emma brings an administrative and IT background and will be great at collating and producing our VIP's. So far four cars have been through this process. Emma is now getting the info together to produce the VIP's for the owners.

My trip to the UK was full on with visits to the actual Brooklands Circuit (or what's left of it), a day at Donnington Circuit for the GB3 & GB4 racing which also included a round of the British GT championship, a drive around the Bedford Autodrome in a JP-LM SPORTS PROTOTYPE, a trip to Musée National de l'Automobile, Collection Schlumpf at Mulhouse, France and of course three days at the Goodwood Revival Festival which was amazing. In addition we visited museums, travelled up as far as Whitby in Yorkshire, across to the Lakes District (William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter country), down through Wales and southern England and of course visited London (several times). Also included were trips on the Thames through London, punting on a cannel in Colmar (France), a trip on a steamboat on Lake Windemere and seeing London from the top of the Battersea Power Station Chimney Lift at 109 metres high it an amazing sight.

I'm looking forward to October and the new season of racing including the Queenstown Road Race revival at the Southland Sport Car meeting on Sunday 18th at Teretonga with the Pre78's and Regularity Trial which our members are assisting in running.
Karen Clearwater

RACE REPORT- Paul Coghill

The Brooklands Challenge was once again a very special meeting with teams competing for the historic trophy donated by George Begg.
Classic Action Motorcycle Sport (CAMS) taking the prize and winning the trophy back from CMRC.
Well done and looking forward to next year.
Once again, we had a very special display of racing Valiant Chargers with was arranged by Mike Norris. The on-track display of cars was outstanding.



Paul in his Mk2 3.8 at the QUeenstown Road Race Revival Regularity Trial "racing" with James May ! Image Credit - Dave Louden Photography

Our Brooklands event this year had a record 135 entrants with not only great support from our club classes but a very impressive entry of 35 bikes from CAMS. Thankyou for all of the support and also the Race Committee, MSNZ Officials and the volunteers from Levels for making it such a successful day and working through a very tight timetable to allow all class 3 races during the day.

With or usual club class of Vintage & Historic, Formula Libre, Pre78 Classic Saloons and two groups of CMRC Allcomers providing outstanding racing as reported by others in the newsletter

This year we also introduced out latest class of entrants, with our Regularity Trial, to Brooklands and was well supported by a wonderful mix of cars. We have helped the Southland Sports Car Club run a Trail in October and will write about it in the next newsletter to come out mid-December.

So now onto the Southern Classic for 2027. The dates are 12-14th February as in our calendar and you will see the marketing on Facebook. Steve Keene will continue to promote the event over the next few months with the Entry information expected to come out ant the latter part of November.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at next year's Southern Classic.

Paul Coghill

CMRC TEAM	CAMS TEAM
Connor Goddard	Gary Coterell
James May	Logan Jackson
Greg Mowat	Vince Burreel

This year was very unusual as everyone did everything exactly right !

There were no stuff ups, breakdowns or ruined laps.

CAMS nominated a total time for the 4 laps of 16min and 48 seconds. They completed the challenge in 17mins and 23 secs, 35 secs slower than predicted.

The CMRC team reckoned on 18mins and 02 secs. This was 46.53 seconds slower than they planned, the CAMS team were declared the winner by a margin of 11.53 seconds to the CAMS bikes.

Congratulations to the CAMS team !



CLUB AND CLASS AWARDS - BROOKLANDS 2026

CAMS Class Award

Was awarded to Neville Wills on his Manx Norton. Neville was awarded due to being possibly the largest combined age of Bike and Rider combined ! Congratulations Neville !

Pre 78 Classic Saloons Class Award

The Class award was awarded to Monty Machaffie in his Capri in which he displayed clean, quick and polished driving all day. Congratulations Monty !



Formula Libre Class Award

Graeme Kerr takes out this award for his successful first time out in his Royale RP21, returning to the track after a number of years. Clean, quick driving straight out of the gate !

Congratulations Graeme !



CMRC Allcomers Class A award

The Class A award was taken away by Choppa Stevenson for his consistent and quick driving throughout the day, whilst the Starion does not have all the outright power of some other A class cars, Choppas driving makes up for it lack of raw power. Congratulations Choppa !



CMRC Allcomers Class B award

Class B's award was taken out by Belinda Hargreaves in her BMW. Belinda has been coming to grips with the car, and overcoming issues, and is now faster, and more consistent than ever before.

Congratulations Belinda !



VCC & Historic Class award

Richard Tyree was awarded the award for his perseverance, which is slowly buy surely making perfection with his Lotus 23.

Congratulations Richard !



Ross Clifford Sportsmanship Award

Brent Findlay took this award out for the day in his Datsun Coupe, for helping a fellow Datsun competitor by heading home, getting them some spare parts, and getting them back on the track

Congratulations Brent !



CLUB AND CLASS AWARDS - BROOKLANDS 2026

Scotts Auto's Best Presented

Piers Mingham takes out this one for Brooklands as he debuted his freshly rebuilt / restored Mk1 Cortina Lotus.

Congratulations Piers !



Ransley Shaft Hard Luck Award

Tony Hewlett was awarded this trophy for suffering unfortunate mechanical issues which prevented him running in the Regularity Trial for more than the practice session in his incredibly historic Mk2 Escort Rally Car.
Congratulations (we think) Tony !



PDL Best NZ Special

And the winner is Paul Coghill, with his beautiful Jaguar Special. whilst it was peeing water out the back, when it could be seen it looked and sounded incredible.

Congratulations Paul.



Peter Gendall Most Polished Performance

This award was won by Mark McGuinness who showed to the race officials a great display of clean driving, not only from the front of the grid, but starting off the back.

Congratulations Mark !



Spinners Award

A new name took this trophy from Wayne Perkins, with Gavin Jackson being elected as the "top spinner" for Brooklands, who effectively looped the Triumph all on his own with great professionalism !
Congratulations Gavin !



Lindsay Neilson Best Performance

This award was won by Taylor Forbes and as noted by the race officials, Taylor showed exceptional driving who was quickly on the pace. Everyone enjoyed seeing the Mini take on the larger cars !

Congratulations Taylor



Volunteers Award

This very prestigious award is always awarded with a great deal of respect and thanks to a hard working volunteer who has stood out for going beyond the call of duty. Congratulations to Erica in the timing office for working so hard to come to grips with a CMRC meeting !

Congratulations Erica !

SEASON OVERALL AWARDS - 2025 / 2026

Peter Gendall Most Polished Performance

Luke Richardson - Alfa Romeo 75

This was a tightly contested award with a number of drivers throughout the field in contention, however Luke Richardson won through with his excellent first drive out in the Alfa.
Congratulations Luke !
(Image - Philip Dickie, Autofocus Images)



Lindsay Neilson Best Performance

James Berry - Escort Mk 1 Mexico

James has done a lot of speedway driving but to run his Dad's escort in Regularity first time out showed his skill. We look forward to seeing James returning with his Dad to many more CMRC events.
Congratulations James !
(Image - Josh Kelly)



Scotts Auto's Best Presented

This seasons award went to Ian Perry for his magnificent Ginetta. A fresh nut and bolt restoration has amounted to not only one of the rarest cars we enjoy on our grids, but one of the prettiest, with a level of finish that show cars would be envious of.
Congratulations Ian, you certainly deserve this award.
(Image - Unknown)



Ransley Shaft Hard Luck Award

Ken Thompson - Datsun 1200 Coupe
Ken you have had a really difficult season with your gorgeous Datsun. After a few mechanical issues, and a couple of love taps the car is shinier and quicker than ever, but we really do hope your luck changes, and were glad to see you've always got a smile !
Congratulations Ken !
(Image - Colin P Lim)



PDL Best NZ Special

Andrew McLean Nilmah Sports
This very rare car arrived onto the classic racing scene more recently, and has been so consistent with excellent driving, and reliability. Andrews car presentation both mechanically and aesthetically won the day this season.
Congratulations Andrew your hard work has paid off !
(Image - Enuff Photography)



Ross Clifford Sportsmanship Award



Ewan Macpherson has deservedly won this hotly contested award for not only his outstanding support and driving within the Pre78 but also his commitment and hard work supporting the class in the back ground. One of the friendliest chaps in the paddock, and always happy to lend a hand. Congratulations for a well deserved award Ewan !
(Image - Colin P Lim)

Sundstrum Trophy (Regularity Trial)



James May marks history as the inaugural winner of the coveted Sundstrum Trophy for his excellent winning result across the debut season of the Regularity Trial. James, who is quickly becoming known as "the human metronome" not only won the trial series outright, but developed his Escort along the way adapting to the extra performance within his lap nominations.
(Image - Karen Keene)

Classic Motor Racing Club Award

Not Awarded in 2026

Spinners Award

Not Awarded in 2026

HOW TO TAKE HOME THE SILVERWARE.....

As we have many new competitors and club members with us in 2026 I've been asked a number of times how the trophies are awarded.

The system is very simple, at each of our events, Brooklands ,The Southern Classic and the Autumn Fling, competitors are selected as winners for each trophy for that round, and they are presented a certificate at that round. At our AGM which is always the night before Brooklands, its time to award the Overall winner of each trophy for the season and a winner is selected from the 3 people who have been awarded a round win for the trophy at each meeting.
So the key is to be consistent, whether its driving performance, car presentation, sportsmanship or even having bad luck, consistency counts, as finishing first isn't the aim of the game.

Steve Keene



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CAMS - TWO WHEELED ACTION AT BROOKLANDS



Just some of the very large entry of CAMS Riders heads through turns one and two Image Credit - Autofocus Images Philip Dickie



Racing was extremely close all day throughout the feild.
Image Credit - Autofocus Images Philip Dickie



The sidecars were at it again and thrilling the crowds with thier exhilirating antics !
Image Credit - Autofocus Images Philip Dickie

An early start and the van and race trailer set out for one our favorite events; to Levels and the Brooklands Challenge.
This year CAMS fielded a very large group of 37 motorcycles, nearly all of them Post Classic. A wide range of manufacturers, from England, Italy, Spain, and of course, Japan.
At this meeting, all motorcycles run in one group, and it was obvious that there would be a significant speed differential between machines. We had bikes of 1100 cc, down to 150 cc, and probably over 100k speed difference on the main straight. We also had the appearance of our stalwart sidecar teams of Dave Rees-by, with Sue van den Heuvel in the chair, and Grant Waters, with Matt Gibbs in the chair. To ensure safety, the sidecars left following the massed starts, and were to leave the circuit as soon as the lead motorcycle caught them up. This was unfortunate in some ways, as the fastest race bike caught them within three laps, so both our chair teams had limited track time.

Some great racing was provided, and some even greater sounds! The wail of Gary Cotterell's Rob North Triumph triple, and the bass noises of the Ducatis, mixed with the wondrous sound of Neville Will's Manx Norton. It was good to see John Humm there too, riding a Yamaha Special he has concocted with a 450 Moto engine in a TZ frame. A change from his usual GP Yamaha TZ 250. There were 10 Ducatis present, including Bryan Ashworth who was double dipping, riding his Ducati, and driving his Daimler Dart Race car. A different sound among the Ducati beat, was the sound of the Moto Guzzis of Vince Burrell and Kerry Wil-liams.

Our Steward on the day called for a second riders briefing to tidy up the riding through the Bus Stop; a part of the track motorcycles use. But a few were missing the turn in, and going straight. This was heart in the mouth stuff, but this second briefing sorted it all out. Well done by our Official!

Happily, from then on, we raced without any stress, and good racing was provided.
CAMS fielded a mixed team with Gary Cotterell on his Rob North, Vince Burrell on his Moto Guzzi V Sport, and the wild card, Logan Jackson on his bucket! A bucket you say? Yes 150 cc of any special brew one can build, and Logan is a mainstay of this class, and F4 racing in our club. We all know the key to the Brooklands is consistency, and we chose riders who can give really consistent lap times. It was great to see how fast Logan gets that 150 around Levels, and he doesn't seem to slow down for the bends!
But Hey Ho, we won the cup!

Though our guys hardly had the consistency of a metronome, we still achieved closer to our calculated time than the car team, by about 7 seconds. The closest Brooklands ever.
So another great meeting very well organized (as usual), with great car racing among some spectacular cars. The bonus of seeing all those Chargers in one place, and being out in good weather, among good people, doing what we love to do, makes for the Brooklands Challenge to be one of our favorite meetings of the year.
Let's all do it again in 2027.
Roger O'Regan
CAMS Race Secretary

VCC & HISTORICS - Rob Cope-Williams

VCC again arrived in numbers with a full grid of interesting cars.
The mix ranged from the regular historic single seater's through to a group of sports cars.

Of note Paul Pannell of MGB V8 fame was back in overalls in his recently purchased Mistral. Sadly, he was plagued with fuel problems before his team of old timers worked their magic and sorted it.



Paul Pannell, gets to grips with his newly aquired Mistral
Credit - Enuff Photography

Hamish Pidgeon was fast as usual in his BBM Mk2 which kept the rest of the pack on their toes. Clutch problems ended his day, while Royce Bayer had his Beowulf stuck in 3rd gear.
Old cars can do that sort of thing despite serious preparation regimes.


Hamish Pidgeon was his usual fast self in BBM Mk2 ,
shown here leading Paul Coghill's Jaguar Special.
Image Credit - Enuff Photography

Also on form was Paul Coory in the CAE Sprint Car, Paul is probably the only driver who could drive the thing as fast as he does. The cockpit and pedals formation is a sight you must look at.


Paul Coory was on form at Brooklands in his CAE Sprint Car.
Image Credit - Enuff Photography

If there was to be an outstanding car it would be Mark Barrett in the Lotus 23b who showed a clean exhaust to the rest of the field all day.

Banks Peninsula
VINTAGE VCC CAR CLUB of N.Z


An incredibly diverse VCC grid hit the go pedal for what would be close racing all day. **Image Credit - Enuff Photography**

Pre 78 Classic Saloons - Wayne Perkins



Huge Pre 78 feild heads off from the green flag . With Mark McGuinness at leading the way into turn 1
Image Credit - Enuff Photography

The Pre 78's got off to a ripper start with the 2026/27 season beginning at Levels Raceway with the Brooklands Challenge on Saturday 12th September.

We had a total of 34 entrants although only 32 rolled up onto the dummy grid for qualifying which I was very happy with and it was great to catch up with some of the entrants that we haven't seen for a fair while as well as new competitors to the group.

Qualifying was a bit of an unfortunate shambles as we only got 3 laps and only a third of the entrants got lap times so I had to guesstimate where everybody should have qualified which panned out well although having said that one of the newcomers was less than happy when he mistakenly rolled up onto the very front row of the grid for the first race even though he was new to the group and was lapping 4 seconds a lap slower than the front runners which meant he obviously got swamped and overtaken by about a third of the field which he was not happy about. All of which was my fault - ah the joys of being the Coordinator.

The Classic Motor Racing Club put a big emphasis onto Driver Standards for the Pre 78's and arranged for Damon Leitch the Highlands Circuit Manager and Senior Driving Instructor to attend the Brooklands event where we had a dedicated session in the Clubrooms at the start of the day about how we should be racing with an emphasis on just relax as it is not the final round of a World Championship. As a result we had yet another squeaky clean race day as we have had with only a couple of exceptions since 2020 when we started.

We had one scratch or fastest time at the front race and then two more races based on the previous race results which meant the enthusiastic large crowd didn't get to see our legendary handicap races but at least it made for safe racing which can be an issue when we have big fields with cars so evenly matched.



Steve Pauling leads this pack in his Mk1 RS2000.
Image Credit - Neil Howie Enuff Photography



Action aplenty out of the hairpin as Wayne Hull leads a looooong line of Pre78's who would like to get past !
Image Credit - Neil Howie Enuff Photography

Pre 78 Classic Saloons - Wayne Perkins continued

For our brand new event the Queenstown Road Race Revival on Sunday 18th October we had 18 enthusiastic entrants from as far away as Nelson and not a single one of them regretted making the road trip down to Teretonga to get one of the much treasured Queenstown Road Race Revival decals. For a handful of us or four to be exact it actually provided both closure to the original event and the beginning of a new chapter which was quite emotionally moving to have a new spiritual and permanent home for the South Islands favorite road race circuit.

Eric Swinbourn the mathematician of the Pre 78's worked out a logical and easy to understand points system for the four races we had at Teretonga consisting of a scratch race, then two handicaps followed by the legendary Skyline Queenstown Flying Farewell (for which we had the original cup) as well as the new Queenstown Road Race Revival Trophy. Amazingly and rather embarrassingly for himself Eric managed through very good luck plus good management to actually win the QRRR Trophy in his 1977 Suzuki SC-100 whilst the Flying Farewell Cup was won by Max Perkins in the family (?) 1967 Chevrolet Camaro RS/SS.



Eric Swinbourne was busy on the steering wheel, and the abacus with success on both accounts Image Credit - Colin P Lim



The field in close company through the back section.
Image Credit - Josh Kelly



Ken Thompson was smiling from ear to ear in his Datsun
Image Credit - Josh Kelly



Gerald Hargreaves was right near the front all day.
Image Credit - Colin P Lim



Blair Bishop went as good as it looked, but suffered gearbox failure as the day went on.
Image Credit - Colin P Lim



Peter Scobie was fast and consistent all day.
Image Credit - Colin P Lim

It was a bright sunny but cool-ish day at Teretonga that we thoroughly enjoyed as did our close friends from the Regularity or Time Trial organized by the hard working volunteers from the Classic Motor Racing Club.

Our next meeting is the Wigram Revival at Ruapuna on the 27th to 29th November which I'm sure we'll have a great turn out for.

Cheers Wayne

CMRC ALLCOMERS CLASS A - Steve Keene

I'm very pleased to see that the CMRC members meetings are growing in the number and quality of entrants year on year, and again Brooklands 2026 was no exception.



The "Heavy Metal" brigade head into turn 1 at the start of the combined Class A and B Race
Image Credit - Enuff Photography

Whilst the Allcomers class was a little down on numbers to what we expected, the quality of cars and competitors was excellent with good clean racing throughout the day.

The A and B classes were merged for Race 1 and there was good racing throughout the field with John Hepburn (Monza) and Steve Ross (PDL Mustang) heading the field. A result of note was Brent McCullough returning to Levels for his second outing in his Mk2 Escort finishing 7th in a pretty quick field.



Two V8's with four doors, but of very different design ! Jim Wallace heads to the inside of Peter Britons V8 Avenger in Race 1 Image Credit - Enuff Photography

A and B was then split into 2 separate grids for their second outing, and Class A saw John Hepburn lead Rob Lewis and Steve Ross for the win, with a close finish between David Berry (HQ Holden) Steve Parker (Porsche 911) and Jim Wallace (BMW M5).



Choppa Stevenson (Starion) and Steve Parker (Porsche 911) were hard at it throughout the day.
Image Credit - Enuff Photography

Race 3 for Class A was taken out by Jim Wallace who hung on through the handicap to take the flag from John Hepburn by 6 seconds. Steve Ross was always close behind John Hepburn throughout the day in the PDL Mustang, and Rob Lewis also drove very well in his newly acquired VH Commodore circulating with the leaders throughout.

A new Allcomers entrant debuting at Brooklands was Jeff Judd in his recently acquired Capri V8 Perana. Jeff brought the car from the North Island, and after some sorting ran the car with us for its first laps of Levels. The car proved quick straight out of the gate, but an unfortunate electrical problem caused retirement early on the day. We look forward to seeing Jeff return soon, and I am certain the car will be very quick in his hands.



Jeff Judd's Capri V8 features a 302 Ford, and goes as good as it looks.

Steve Parker also had a very consistent run with his Porsche, and posted some very quick times during the day, and ran very close to a tight pack made up of Dave Berry (HQ) who was consistent and quick, and very busy juggling his car and helping his son James run his Mk1 Escort in the Regularity Trial, Choppa Stevenson who again proved quick and consistent in his Starion (which keeps getting shinier !), and Jim Wallace who again crossed the Tasman to run his BMW M5.

CMRC ALLCOMERS CLASS B - Steve Keene

After lunch and after a minor malfunction on my behalf of splitting the grids correctly (my apologies), Class B launched into their second race, and as this is becoming a strongly contested field it was on from young and old.

At the pointy end Graeme Menzies took the win in his Datsun by 8 seconds from David Hunter giving chase in his MGB GT.



David Hunter was again quick and consistent in his MGB V8.
Image Credit - Enuff Photography

There was a lot of racing in the mid field with a sterling performance from Belinda Hargreaves in her BMW to finish 5th with some ever improving and quick lap times, I'm not sure what they've been up to, but I did not think a car like this should go that quick ! And the same can be said for young Corban Sprague who put some very quick times in with his Honda Intergra.

Another new addition to the field was Gary Blackler in his Altezza. Brooklands marked the debut of Gary in the car at Levels, and his times just kept getting better throughout the day. This combination is certainly one to watch.



Two V8's with four doors, but of very different design ! Jim Wallace heads to the inside of Peter Britons V8 Avenger in Race 1 Image Credit - Enuff Photography

Keeping up with the 4 door touring car crowd was David Stone in his Sapphire Cosworth, which as is proving normal for David put in some very rapid lap times to finish well in both races. And another very busy "4 door rocket" club member was Luke Richardson who spent all day juggling his Pre78 Corolla and his Allcomers Alfa 75. He drove well in both cars and grids.



Luke Richardson (Alfa) leads Daivd Stone (Sapphire Cosworth) and Brent McCullough Mk2 Escort) through one and two in Race 1 .
Image Credit - Enuff Photography

Holding up the fort for the Rotary brigade was Peter Blomfield who drove well in his RX7, with Bruce Henderson in his RX3 providing back up in the decibels department with both drivers and cars posting quick times throughout the day. We expect to see a large turnout of Rotaries at the upcoming ***Wigram Revival*** meeting at ***Ruapuna.***
I'm greatly looking forward to this meeting as last year the grid provided great racing throughout and a really wide range of cars for the weekend. 2026 will be no exception so competitors get your entries in for ***November 27th - 29th.***

I look forward to seeing you all there !



Hows this for diversity ? Peter Blomfeild (Mazda) leads David Hunter (MG) leads Corban Sprague (Hnnda) Belinda Hargeaves (BMW) and Corey Ashworth (Toyota) through turns 1 and 2. In Class B there were 9 different manufacturers brands on the grid !
Image Credit - Enuff Photography

FORMULA LIBRE- Brian Dixon

A large thank you to the nine single seat entrants who entered the Formula Libre Class in the CMRC's first race meeting of the season at Levels Raceway, Timaru. Unfortunately, my car "Blue" was not ready in time for this meeting. The chassis and running gear were all done but delays in the body work had caused a problem; but hopefully looking ok for the up and coming Wigram Revival Meeting at Ruapuna.

It was great to see the return of my neighbor Graeme Kerr driving his immaculate 1974 Royal RP21 Formula Ford. It has been a while since Graeme has been behind the wheel with us but as each lap progressed in the racing he was seen to have some great dices with Andrew in the Nilmah Sports.

Graeme was never far away from the RT4 of Brian Scott another new member. Brian was debuting his newly acquired 1986 Ralt RT4.
Brian is usually seen racing his powerful muscle Porsche OSCA Saloons. He has recently taken possession of the ex Pinepac Camaro. This, his first time with us in the Ralt, he was taking it gently and getting the feel of the Atlantic Pacific single seater. They are not an easy car to drive. I believe that this car is the ex Carl Wall car and ex Stan Redmond car.
Unfortunately, every time I popped over to catch up with him for a chat he was not on site. Next time hopefully.

It was great to see Mike Crehan out in the Libre class for this meeting. He usually drives in the VCC class with his BRP U2. This car has always been very quick and Mike campaigns it well.



Hamish Corbett (Bowin P6F) leads Andrew McLean (Nilmah) Don Elvy (Swift SE3B), Graeme Kerr (Royale RP21), and Brian Scott (Ralt RT4) through one and two.
Image Credit - Neil Howie Enuff Photography



Don Elvy (Swift SE3B) leads Hamish Corbett (Bowin P6F), and Steve Donaldson (Titan Mk6).
Image Credit - Autofocus Image Philip DIckie



Cliff Bruning (Talisen) leads Mike Crehan (BRPU2), with both drivers putting on a great reenactment a Mid 1980's SCANZ race.
Image Credit - Autofocus Images Philip Dickie

FORMULA LIBRE- Brian Dixon

The two 2 Litre Fords of Don Elvy and Mick Ross were having fun and great to see them out again always at the pointy end of the field. Mike I think was having a few minor problems during the day and spent a fair bit of time tinkering with the mechanicals while Don had a more relaxed days racing.

Hamish Corbett made another trip down from the North Island to support us which is very much appreciated. His 1973 Bowin P6F Formula Ford is always looking immaculate and was driven extremely well as always.

Cliff Brunning had the 1976 Talisen Sports running a lot better than his last meeting and is getting the car sorted. It was only the second time out since its complete build and it is only a matter of time before he will be up with the middle of the field class.

As always Steve Donaldson's long time experience in racing and setting up Formula Fords and other open wheelers keeps him at the front in most races and he is always ready to offer advice and help to the other drivers when asked.
His 1970 Titan MK6 has a long and successful history and Steve will keep adding to this. Thanks for your showing us your driving skills.

As co-ordinator the nine cars competing at the Brooklands meeting this year produced some great racing and when Greg, Garry and myself get back up and running, the field will increase along with Greg Mowat and Trevor Fairley.

Hopefully, we can encourage some more of the Historic Formula Fords and other sports racing cars out to support us again. Keep up the good work and enjoy our racing.

Thanks to Phil Dickie and Neil Howie for the great photos.

Brian Dixon.



Steve Donaldson exits Castrol in his Titan Mk6.
Image Credit - Neil Howie Enuff Photography



Graeme Kerr (Royale RP21) shows Andrew McLean the smooth way through turn 1, Andrew looks to be taking note !
Image Credit - Autofocus Images Philip Dickie



Great shot of Brian Scott in his Ralt RT4.
Image Credit - Autofocus Images Philip Dickie



Mike Crehan hugs the tight line through one in his BRPU2.
Image Credit - Autofocus Images Philip Dickie

HEY CHARGER ! - BROOKLANDS CELEBRATION





Again Mike Norris and the very supportive Valiant Charger owners group put together a fantastic display of cars For the Brooklands meeting. The main focus of the meeting was to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Jim Little and Graeme Richardt winning the 1976 Benson and Hedges 1000.

The group also collectively raised $780 for the Child Cancer Foundation which is a great result, and one we hope to continue as a club by running these lunchtime track displays in the future.



The 1976 Benson and Hedges winning Charger driven by Jim Little and Graeme Richard.

STAYING CONNECTED - CMRC online

FACEBOOK PAGE

Remember CMRC operates a very cool Facebook page
Our club face book address is:- **https://www.facebook.com/groups/1379395309504773**
Theres always something going on, and always some great banter in the comments section of the Posts, so jump on and join the page, and if you've got something interesting to add put up a post. 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

Simply go onto www.classicmotorracingclub.nz
Remember this is your website and you can add photos and have articles published to make it more interesting. We're always looking for more great stuff to add onto the site, so feel free to send through your photo's and writings to us and we will upload them (where appropriate !).

Also as a reminder the latest entry form is always on the Website as is the membership form.

MEMORIES FROM BROOKLANDS 2026



Here is two blokes having a go at winning the world championship for story telling !



And just a bit further along in the paddock heres another two contenders !



Tayler Forbes in car 70 sure has a got a very devoted pit crew, and fan club !



If Conner Goddard flared the gaurds on the Vitesee, they will have to chip in for an extension to the Gazebo !



Not sure if Peter Briton has recieved offical MSNZ sign off for his passenger !



Everything looks as orderly as usual down at Team Lotus (Barrett racing division !).

MEMORIES FROM BROOKLANDS 2026



This stunning Neil Howie shot of Glen Wedlake in his E-Type Jaguar competitng in the regularity really sums up everything there is to like about classic motor racing and Levels Raceway during a CMRC Members meeting.



And from iconic classic cars through to iconic classic bikes, this stunning Honda is captured beautifully by Philip Dickie.



Cliff, we are not sure thats the direction of the track !
Image Credit - Enuff Photography



Another stunning wide angle shot from Neil Howie, this time some of the Libre Field heading into turn 1.



Where have all the cars gone ??!!



Greg Mowat's stunning Vitesse awaits the Regularity Trial.