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Just a quick note to let every one what's happening before Christmas and over the new year. There are plenty of events scheduled over the next couple of months with the Clubs show and shine and breakfast at the Pakuranga Country Club, and a fun day at the track in Taupo in January.

PREVIOUS CLUB EVENTS

September 11th

A fun run up to the Salty Dog at Snells Beach on what looked to be, or could have been a miserable day. Six cars turned up and a casual run was completed, heading up to the Salty Dog. Over a convivial lunch stories were exchanged and the world was put to right. After lunch some toured around the area to sample the delights of the local vineyards, while others casually drove home.

September 26th

Annual Karting Evening was held at the Henderson Cart Track, with only six people attending, which was somewhat disappointing. Two races were completed of fifteen laps each. Paul McCarthy took out the first race while on a reverse grid Ian Christie won the second from start to finish. I believe Ian must have been slacking on the first race as he started on pole position for the second and won it? Fasted time of 41.52 seconds was achieved by Paul McCarthy.

The Auckland Karting Staff complemented Club Lotus on some of the most competitive and fast racing with little to no incidences. During the second race only seconds separated the first Kart from the last, with the Pauls time of 41.52 being only a tenth of a second off the track record.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

November 19th (Saturday)– 2005 Taupo Sprints & Classic Trial

Regs and entry forms are enclosed with this newsletter for this event. We have been delayed in getting them out due to uncertainty over whether we in by return. The event this year is on a Saturday so get away from work early for the drive down Friday night. If there is enough interest, we will arrange for everyone to go out for a meal together on the Saturday night ..

November 26th & 27th Concorso Euro: A Calibration of the best of European Automotive

Concorso Euro is being sponsored and promoted by NZ Classic Car and Lotus Cars NZ Ltd, with proceeds to the Starship Foundation. Concorso Euro will be held in the grounds of Lotus Cars NZ Ltd, 165 Kitchener Road Waiuku, with an exhibition of cars on the Saturday followed by a tour on the Sunday. I believe that we have a full entry of cars for the day, so thanks to those who have volunteered.

November 28th (Monday Club Night)

Ground-Sky Photography will present a talk and photos. Ground Sky are the official photographers for Events like the Dunlop Targa, Leisure Time and TACCOC, and also take a considerable amount of motor sport photographs including Classic Trials etc. This should be a great evening as Ground-Sky Photography will present a very professional presentation with plenty of photographs. For more details of Ground-Sky Photography visit there website www.groundsky.co.nz.

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December 4th (Sunday).

The annual Show and Shine, and Breakfast. Again this year the Breakfast is to be held at the Pakuranga Country Club on the 4th December 8,30 start for 9,00 am Breakfast. The breakfast is free for members and their partners. So start polishing your cars, this is always a popular event.

In order for us to confirm numbers (to the Country Club), please let a committee member know if you are intending to attend the breakfast by the 26th November.

January 23rd (Monday)

Club Lotus have booked the track for the day for members and their families to come along and have a low key fun day on the track with what ever car you want to bring. Definitely NOT a raceday, just a fun day out. Swap cars, let family and friends drive yours, whatever you like. Practice your lines around the circuit in a way you could never do in practice at events. Go out with a race driver for some 'training' on technique and racing lines. Teach the kids along the lines of a driver training day.

Only ever two cars on the track at a time, no times recorded and no racing.

Make a long weekend of it. Take the Monday off work. Come to Taupo for the day, or include the weekend, have the day at the track and then make your way home afterwards.

No charge for members and immediate family. The clubhouse will be open and we will have the barbeque fired up.

Requirements:

Car - must have WoF and Registration or racecars with logbook.

Driver - NZ driving licence, or MNZ clubsport/race licence.

- Helmet (some will be available to borrow) and clean cotton overalls.

Book your accommodation now and let us know that you intend to come so we can plan accordingly. Email to president@clublotus.org.nz or ring 027 494 8119.

Once again the Cascade Motor Inn will be the place to stay. Phone Catherine **(07) 378 3774** or email enquires@cascades.co.nz Don't forget to mention Club Lotus for your discount.

February 27th (Monday Club Night)

This will be the first club night for the year of 2006.

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Upcoming Events

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24-Oct-05	Mon		Labour Day - NO CLNZ Clubnight - cancelled	CLNZ
12 & 13 Nov	Sat & Sun		Whittakers Meeting at Manfeild	MG Wlg
19-Nov-05	SAT		Lotus Sprints - Taupo	CLNZ
28-Nov-05	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight - TBA	CLNZ
4 Dec	SUN	8,30 am	Lotus Christmas Breakfast – Show and Shine	CLNZ

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23-Jan-06	MON		Lotus Fun day at Taupo track - members only	CLNZ
28 & 29 Jan	Sat & Sun		Tasman Grand Prix Meeting Pukekohe 2006	MG / HRC
4 & 5 Mar	Sat & Sun		Classic Wheels', Taupo 2006 (new circuit)	TACCOC
18 & 19 Mar	Sat & Sun		Formula Libre Pukekohe 2006	HRC
02-Apr-06	Sun		Le Mans' racing at Pukekohe 2006	TACCOC
09-Apr-06	SUN		Lotus Sprints - Pukekohe 2006	CLNZ
24-Apr-06	Mon		AGM & Prizegiving	CLNZ
07-May-06	Sun		Domain hillclimb 2006 (if allowed)	HRC
14-May-06	Sun		Autumn Classic' Pukekohe 2006	TACCOC
mid Sept??	Sun		HRC Icebreaker Classic Racing - Pukekohe	HRC
7 & 8 Oct	Sat & Sun		Spring Classic Taupo 2006	TACCOC
26-Nov-06	SUN		Lotus Sprints - Taupo 2006	CLNZ

I have been informed by the Clubs Treasurer that there are still a few outstanding subscriptions. You know who you are!

If you have any interesting stories, know of places the Club could visit, idea's for Club nights, fun runs etc, please let us know, all idea's suggestions are welcome.

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