



The South Island had an excellent series with some very tight finishes, congratulations on a very successful series, I am sure we were all kept up to date with all the social media updates which were great.

I know that the North Island competitors are looking forward to the NZ Championship round in March.

Before anything else look at the attached qualifiers list and confirm your desire to compete at the NZ Championship in Ruapuna in March. You have to do this before 1st December, otherwise your place will go to the next one on the list. You will then be sent an entry from which you will need to pay your entry fee

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North Island Endurance Series committee which is made up of NIERDC, HRC, NSC, NZIPG all met in September to review the season and work on expanding and making it even better next year. The input from you all through the survey really provided some excellent feedback and we are currently working through these with the south island.

Some points were:

- Earlier and easier entry process
- Clarification of some of the regs
- Impact of new regulations on the series
- Stickers on the cars



2017 Championship Nationals

So here is this month's need to know info, mostly in relation to the upcoming New Zealand Endurance Championship...

For those who don't know, the New Zealand Endurance Championship (NZEC) is a single race to be held at Ruapuna on Saturday March 18th 2017. As we all know with endurance racing anything can happen so just because you don't have the fastest car doesn't mean you aren't in with a shot at the overall or class title. We will be awarding NZ Championship titles across all our traditional classes in both the 1hr and 3hr races in a winner takes all format.

Plus... There is the North v South challenge trophy up for grabs as part of this event and after letting the North Islander's win this last year, we need to ensure we keep this trophy in the North!

The rules provide that the top 20 cars from each island can compete. History tells us that not all of the top 20 cars will be able to go and some of those are south island entries anyway

This leaves the opening for others in the field. The rules around this are below but in essence we have to have 40 cars field in both 3 and 1 hour to ensure viability, so if you are interested in running please fill out attached form. We will come back to you very quickly to confirm your eligibility, these registrations of interest have to be back to us by end of November

Guys we need to have good showing for this event

If you don't intend competing at the NZEC in March, please let me know ASAP. Even if you are say 30th on the list I would appreciate if you could advise whether you are keen or not. We will be taking twenty 3 Hour plus twenty 1 Hour cars per island to this event so the sooner we can confirm our actual entry list the better, and also the sooner we can inform the next car on the reserve list the easier it makes things.

An important point is that there are multiple events in Christchurch that weekend so I suggest you get bookings early

The South Island committee are finding some solutions which we will advise as soon as we find out, if we stay in the same motel area it could make things easier and more enjoyable to socialise after over the event and transportation.

The Nationals are hosted by the South island and as information comes from them it will be forwarded on.

How the Nationals works

- Invite to the top 20 cars per island.
- If any cars in that 20 withdraw, then replace them in the 20, starting with qualifier 21, then 22 etc
- If any Island can't get the full 20 cars to enter then the next placed cars from the contra island get invited to make up the 40 car field as required.



- As this would give a disproportionate amount of cars to one island for the Nth v Sth challenge, those contra cars would not be eligible for points in the nth v Sth challenge.

So say 5 SI cars pulled out, the SI would end up with qualifiers 21-25 included to make the full 20. The NI can only get 15 cars total (as happened with SI last year they asked their entire qualifying list, but didn't get to 20 cars), so once all the qualifiers have been given the chance & only get say 15 cars, then SI qualifiers 26-30 get invited to make up the field to a full 40 cars. But those qualifiers 26-30 won't get classed in the Nth V Sth challenge.

Changes to the Rules

- The other change to our traditional format is the introduction of a top ten shootout for our 3hr race, and the driver who drives in the shootout will be required to start the 3hr race. We expect that this will be an entertaining addition to the event and we are working on a cash prize for the shootout winner to make it even more exciting!
- The NZEC will be run under championship articles that are basically the same as the SIERDC rules. However we have made a couple of small changes. The first of these relates to the maximum fuel allowed in your pit bay. This was previously a maximum of 120L under our Sanctioned Series articles, however we will now rely on the MSNZ Code of fuel which has a separate section specifically for endurance racing.
<http://www.motorsport.org.nz/sites/default/files/motorsport/documents/fuel/Code-of-Practice-Fuel.pdf>
- The South island will forward to actual NZ Championship articles as soon as they are available, we hope to have the Carters Tyres NZEC entry forms available by the end of November.
- At Ruapuna, the 3hr cars will get the pit lane garages and we will be utilising some extra tents added in to house the full 40 3hr cars. Please note that garage preference will be given to those who enter first. We are also investigating having a massive marquee to garage all of our 1hr cars together, subject to cost.
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The crossing

Also remember if you are travelling from the North Island for this NZEC event, that either Motorsport New Zealand or independent agent Tony Hirst can both offer you special deals on ferry crossings. Motorsport NZ can be contacted through the MSNZ office, or Tony can be contacted directly on 021-726-711 or via his website www.cookstraitcrossings.co.nz

So the countdown is on as we head toward our inaugural hosting of the 2016/17 Carters Tyres Service NZ Endurance Championships in just 125 sleeps. Look out for more info on this exciting event, but meantime mark the 18 March 2017 in your diary now!

Accommodation

We have some options coming from the South Island soon so that we can all stay together, adds more fun to the event.



Are you heading to Championship?

North Island Drivers are you heading down South for the Championship Round March 2017?

If so could you let us know what you think about...

1. Would you like to sponsor any activities with the North Island drivers at the championship round?

If yes call David on 0274436100

E.g. sponsor testing day, towards a bar tab, meal, any other thoughts?

2. Would like an additional test day if available
3. Interested in North Island casual dinner on Thursday night
4. Would like some help with storage if sending early



2017 North Island Series:

Go to the survey link and put your details in so that we can start organisation and ensure your place on the track. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NIERDC17>

Remember to look at the membership booklet and share this around. Karen has already received driver requests for next year in class's 2 and 4.

2017 series dates:

20th May 2017 Taupo

24th June 2017 Hampton Downs

22nd July 2017 Pukekohe

Provisional March 2018 venue - TBA

The final round prize giving for the series will be at Pukekohe and we are looking for ideas and information of where to hold the prize giving, your thoughts appreciated please, just email Karen@exceed.co.nz. We want to make it as good as the prize giving we had in Palmerston North

Interested in becoming a sponsor

Firstly thank you to all our sponsors for 2016, your help made the series the success it was. Would you like to do it again, would you like to become a sponsor? David@exceed.co.nz or 0274436100 is the person to call. David will be in contact with all current sponsors early next year.

Remember you MUST BE A MEMBER of NIERDC to enter the series, please collect your cards at the rounds. Membership is valid from April 1st to March 31st. You will find membership forms on <http://www.nierdc.com/forms-and-for-sale.php>

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