

# New Zealand Fire Service Motorsport Club Inc

## Presidents Report 2009

It seems only yesterday that we were looking at forming our Motorsport Club. The club is developing strength now and over the past 12 months we have been trying to come up with ideas on promoting the club through various organisations including Motorsport New Zealand.

It has been interesting watching the developments within Motorsport and trying to keep up with all the changes can be a challenge. A good watchful eye needs to be maintained and members kept informed of any relevant issues that may affect us all.

It is exciting to see a mix of membership across the emergency services, and the intent to market our club will need to be the prime focus of the new incoming committee. The interest's of our members varies through different types of Motorsport and we need to be able to cater for the various groups.

Members have attended various events and supported a number of charities over this past year. These include the Hamilton 400, the Volunteer and Emergency services Open Day, A1GP and the annual Kids in Cars event at Pukekohe raceway, KIC raises funds for children with cancer, you can be sure that through these types of events we are promoting our club in a positive way.

One of the big issues that is always on my mind is the need for more family events, the intent was to develop this club to involve our families in regular basis.

It is exciting to see discussion around the formation of subsidiary clubs, this will make the club a lot stronger. Changes to our constitution, which will be tabled for approval at our upcoming AGM, will make this a reality. This will see the club set up similar to the BMW car club of which our current vice president (Gerry Hodges) is the national president. The South Island are the first to head in this direction with discussions underway to establish this group. I am sure we will all look forward to the competition and challenge this will bring. Nothing like a North South challenge annually.

The formation of these member clubs would see the need for a national body and all subsidiary clubs having a voice on that committee, Gerry will be able to explain more at the AGM.

Other projects that we have been looking at, the need to support Motorsport activities by assisting with training of track staff for club sport event. We have had meetings with the Auckland Training manager to be able to use our training facility to go through personal safety and basic extinguisher techniques.

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Another area is providing specialised support to high profile national and international Motorsport events. This is where we can all play a part, Our club is being approached now on a regular basis to assist with suitably trained personal for these events.

We have plenty of tasks to keep the new incoming committee busy throughout the next year, which will build and increase our profile and appeal. I am looking forward to working with you to accomplish the things that will increase safety in our sport, and promote the important messages of safety to all who are in contact in the Motorsport industry and the associated charities.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their effort over this our first year, To all members please remember this is your club and it will only profit from the experience we all contribute.

To our current members please continue to support the club, we have been in our infant year and the club will continue to build from here on. There are exciting times approaching for us and we would like you all to be part of this.

Don't forget to send in those ideas for family events and get togethers I am sure your new committee will work with you.

Terry Hewitt

