



1-4 April 2021 Easter Weekend

NZRCA 1/10 EP Off-road Nationals @ Raukawa International Raceway.

Newsletter #2

Welcome everyone,

Firstly, thanks to everyone who attended the Nationals over the past weekend at Hawkes Bay. For a small club, they turned out a big track, and despite more obstacles than an American Presidential race with covid and the like, but turned on a great 4 days of racing, and like we have all said before, thank you for your efforts, we all had a great time.

We now turn our attention to the Manawatu Club champs here over the weekend of December 4-5-6 as a shakedown meeting of the new systems and procedures we have created for our club days. This allows us to crank through the races, and move through a program at high speed for maximum racing/track time. As this layout will remain intact through to the 2021 Nationals, it is a great opportunity to have a crack on the track, understand its surface and see how we operate. Friday is an open track practise, Saturday is vintage classes plus some modern classes, Sunday is modern cars. We can comfortably run through 45 races in 5.5 hours so will be using this meeting as our pressure test prior to Easter.

With only 149 Days until the 2021 Nationals, we have nearly completed the sponsorship packages, and as previously mentioned, this will be in the form of a raffle, with tickets being sold at \$100+GST. We are hoping to sell 100 tickets, and this in turn will allow us to make a significant investment into the facility, the event and ongoing development of RC racing in the Manawatu.

We will also have other opportunities to purchase corners, jumps, drivers stand, - infact if you want it, we will sell it to you for the weekend!!! We are going out to our local team/business first and will then expand this out to the wider community. We have started ordering banners and flags, our aim is simply to put on the greatest show we have seen in RC in NZ. If you have any RC related banners, flags, of any brand then please let us know – we want them out and on display.

By the next update, we will have confirmed the officials for the meetings and some other options we believe will further enhance the meeting, plus other recommendations to get us very close to the magic 300 cars mark.

We are able to host self-contained campervans and caravans on site should you wish to stay on site at the track. These will be backed into the main pit area, so you are able to set up for the entire time and make life a little easier. If there is enough interest we can arrange a medium marquee for those who require shelter or if the Aussie border opens up sufficiently for you to attend, otherwise we will have a layout designed around EZUP and then also have room for Trailers to be part of the pit area. We do insist on pegs for these however, we don't have windmills up the road for no reason!!!

Should you have any ideas that you believe could enhance the event further, please feel free to email me at rc@rir.nz so we can consider these and try and implement them where possible. We will state now, we are all about the racing here, and are also trying to have an early afternoon finish on Sunday to make our travellers journey home not so late. While on Sunday, we can assure you are planning on a very special time, it will be one not to be missed, with more details, but in the meantime we recommend you click [this link](#) !!!! It will be some required homework.....

Our local team are super pumped after the weekend, and we have had discussions around roles and are finalising these as we speak as well.

We congratulate all the champions from the weekend and look forward to crowning the 2021 champions here in another 153 days.

Start thinking about accommodation now, Palmerston North is a busy events centre (everyone wants to come here but not many stay???) and easter is a busy sports time. There are plenty of Air BNB places, and even across the ranges into Woodville, which is only a 15 minute drive from here.

Our location is approximately 8km from the Eastern end of Palmerston North, heading towards Hawkes Bay. For overseas racers who are considering attending, we recommend flying into Wellington, it is an approximate 2 hour drive (140km) from the Airport to us. We have a big regional airport, with plenty of flights from around the country and lots from Auckland with options of Air NZ and JetStar. The PN Airport is approximately 10 minutes from the track.

Here is the [Google map link](#) to the track.

That's it from this update, stay tuned for sponsor & entry details and keep those batteries charging.

Yours in RC

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