



Welcome to Masterton Motorplex (MMP) and just like that the season is back again!

Things have been pretty busy down at the track over the winter months. The most exciting thing is that we have purchased the new Timing Boards from Portatree in the USA – these are due to arrive anytime. The employees of MMP, the MMP Board and some of our volunteers are working hard to make this happen and we hope to have these up and running for the first Competition meeting in December.

The 2018/2019 season will also showcase, for the first time ever, the Kiwi Thunder Group One National Series. The Top Alcohol and Top Door-Slammer - Group One competitors will take the best NZ Drag Strips ‘by the horns’ battling it out for the top spot on the NZ Drag Racing podium. This will be held over four meetings at both Masterton Motorplex and Meremere Dragway venues. This initiative has been developed by Bob Wilton and Gary Bogaart (Meremere Track Promoter) to bring together NZ’s fastest racers from both governing bodies to compete head-to-head. MMP will host Round 2 in February and the Finals in March – this promises to be an exciting show for everyone!

Perfect time to extend our thanks to all our current and previous Board members – These guys and gals are the ones that made it all happen, without them there would be no MMP, they are a humble group of people that have made MMP what it is today. Also to all our Volunteers, again whether you are still involved or have been in the past – MMP could not run these meetings without you – again a humble group who “Volunteer” their time on race weekend (and at other times during the year).

Sponsors and supporters – without these businesses and individuals again there would be no MMP – you see their signs on display at the track and some of them are involved in race weekends, they may be a driver, crew, volunteer, spectator they are everywhere – we have some of the best signage of any drag racing track – that shows how much support we have.

Drivers & Crew – we thank you for coming to our meetings and supporting our track, you have seen the changes over the last 20 years and with us you have progressed, moving up in classes, improving your vehicles, getting crews involved with you and getting those juniors out on the track (that is a class that has really grown).

So thanks again to everyone – SEE YOU OUT THERE!

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Track Progress report

Over the winter the MMP Board and helpers have been busy:

- The new Timing Boards are to be installed at the end of the track – with dimensions of 5.6m x 1.5m each Board with two on each side of the track – these are going to be an amazing addition to our track.
- Additional Speakers have been installed in the pit
- A bunding has been built at the end of the Spectators grandstands. These will be grassed over the next few months and will be a great viewing platform for the public to watch the racing from.
- Planting more trees and lots of track maintenance
- And general tidying and maintenance which is always ongoing around the grounds & buildings

2018 – 19 Season Dates

- 10th & 11th November 2018 **Test & Tune** - both days
Sunday – “**Street Bike Comp**”
- 8th & 9th December 2018 **MMP Competition Meeting**
Full competition meeting – all classes
Featuring the all-new **OUTLAW 71** Class
- 5th & 6th January 2019 **Dragstalgia**
Full Competition Meeting – all classes
Featuring the all-new **VINTAGE GAS** class
- 16th & 17th February 2019 **Kiwi Thunder Group 1 National Series – Round 1**
Auckland Invasion – Full competition meeting – all classes
- 23rd & 24th March 2019 **51st NZ Nationals – Final Round of Kiwi Thunder Group 1 National Series**
Full competition meeting – all classes

Pre Entry

Online Pre Entry and forms are located on our new website www.masterstonmotorplex.co.nz

Travel Money

Travel money will be paid for the December, January, February & March meetings to those who meet our criteria South Island, North of Taupo and New Plymouth & above). Bike's receive half the below travel money.

- Invercargill and below : \$600.00
- Christchurch: \$400.00
- Nelson: \$300.00
- North of Taupo & New Plymouth (not including): \$100.00 & \$200.00 (depending on area)



To be eligible for travel money you must: (full details & form www.masterstonmotorplex.co.nz)

- MMP must receive travel money request at least one month prior to event
- Provide pictures of car/bike so MMP can promote your attendance (you do not have to complete a pre-entry to apply for Travel Money)
- Give an additional "blurb" about your vehicle, racing career, achievements, crew etc....
- Run quicker than 9.9 seconds.
- Complete the first round of eliminations.

Travel money entry deadlines are:

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| • December – MMP Competition Meeting | deadline 8 th November 2018 |
| • January - Dragstalgia | deadline 5 th December 2018 |
| • February – Group 1 Series Rd 2 & Auckland Invasion | deadline 16 th January 2019 |
| • March – 51 st NZ Nationals & Group 1 Series Finals | deadline 23 rd February 2019 |

Entry Procedure – ALL racers must complete Entry & SSP form

- **Street Cars/Bikes** – When you arrive at the track please line up for scrutineering (7.am – 8.45am Saturday only). If you have a current sportsman licence, your licence number is your car number for the season. If you purchase a meeting licence (day licence \$30.00) we will issue you with a temporary car number for the weekend on the day. If you have any questions please contact one of the officials.
- **Competition Cars/Bikes** – Registration Booth open Friday night 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Saturday 7.00am to 9.00am. You must have your licence, log book and completed entry and SSP form. All crew must sign in at the entry to receive armbands.
- **All forms are on our website and we encourage you to fill them in before the meeting (SSP forms must be filled in correctly, signed and dated for the meeting)**

Late entries

- We do not accept late entries – if for some valid reason you are going to be late you **MUST** contact Bob or Tarn and discuss.

Drivers Briefing

- All Drivers and Crew Chiefs **MUST** attend the drivers briefing prior to the start of racing – approx. 9.30am (announced over the pit PA prior to drivers briefing starting).

New Racers

- All new racers **MUST** attend the "Newbies" Brief" – this is announced over the pit PA and starts at 9.10am on the pedestrian crossing in the tagging lanes – gives a rundown of racing rules and procedures – some drivers and crew may want a refresher on this – feel free to attend.



Qualifying

- Qualifying will be on the first day only except at the Event Coordinator's sole discretion. If this day is cancelled or rained off MMP may extend qualifying to the second day. The number of qualifying rounds will be at MMP's discretion. If the driver wants to change to a different competition category, they must inform the officials (at Registration Booth) no later than 10 minutes after the last qualifying round for the intended category has finished.

Crew

- We will be strictly enforcing the limits on crew numbers. Your crew **MUST BE PRESENT** at the entry booth to sign in and receive their armbands. These armbands will get them into the venue on Sunday morning only.
- Super Street, Modified Bike or other sportsman DYO classes are only permitted 1 official crew.
- Junior Dragster, Junior Dragbike, are permitted 2 official crew.
- All other classes are permitted a maximum of 4 official crew.
- Additional crew are allowed & should sign entry form, but will not receive armbands.
- Crew that have not signed the entry form are only permitted in the public areas. The vehicle driver takes full responsibility for them and their actions if they are in the drivers pit space.
- If you require more than 4 crew (Group 1 only) please let Bob or Anneke know.

Pits

- Only race cars/bikes and tow-vehicles are approved to be in the Pits (these have stickers from registration booth) , any unapproved vehicles / trailers will be required to move – This will be enforced this season – please let the Registration Booth know if you see vehicles in the pits that are not authorised
- There is a map of the pit layout on our website. There will be a large map of the pit layout at entry to the pits – and one at the Registration Booth – If you don't park in the correct area – please don't be offended when you are asked to move.
- Camping - If you can't set up your tent within your pit space, you will be directed to the camping area (at the back of staging lanes). If you do camp in your pit space, you must pack up your tent before racing starts each day.
- Any one on a bike, quad or trike **MUST** be wearing a helmet at ALL times

Prizegiving

- Prizegiving will be held ½ an hour after the last Competition final is completed.
- The location for prizegiving is the area in front of the Registration Booth – if there is a change in location it will be announced at drivers briefing



Passengers

- No passengers are permitted unless Masterton Motorplex (MMP) receives a Passenger request form at least 7 days prior to event (under forms on the website). Passengers must have a direct involvement to the car i.e.: Sponsor, Crew, family (at MMP discretion). MMP reserves the right to refuse any application. MMP or the NZDRA Area Steward reserves the right to revoke any application on the day of the event.
- You MUST advise the Entry booth that you are taking passengers, and the passenger(s) must sign the indemnity form – no later than 9.00am on Saturday.
- All cars with a passenger onboard must display the letter 'P' 150mm or taller on the right front window. This letter must be removed when there is no passenger onboard

A few extra points

- The Competition Area is the staging lanes, start line area, track and return road
- Only racers/crew that have signed the indemnity form and have an armband are permitted in the Competition area.
- An adult MUST accompany any participants under the age of sixteen when they are in the Competition area (this includes Junior Dragster teams).
- Any one on a bike, quad or trike MUST be wearing a helmet at ALL times

Alcohol

- Drivers may be subjected to random breath alcohol testing. Failing a test means disqualification
- No alcohol in the pits until 30 minutes after all racing has finished (not just your vehicle)
- No alcohol in the public spectator area unless bought at the concession stand.

Camping

- Overnight camping is available at the track for racers and crew only for \$10 pp.
- Please ensure you pay for camping at the gate and you will receive a camping armbands– we will be doing spot checks
- There are no showering facilities.
- Please keep the camping area clean and tidy. There are several bins – please use them
- This is a family camping area. Please - no loud music after 11pm.
- No race car engines to be run after dark – please use the pits for work vehicles
- **STRICTLY NO CROSSING THE FENCES OUTSIDE THE MMP AREA – THERE IS AN OPERATIONAL AIRPORT DIRECTLY BESIDE THE MMP BOUNDARY AND YOU NEED TO STAY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES FOR YOUR SAFETY.**

NZDRA Rule changes

- Please make sure you are familiar with all rules, not just the ones in your class. A full copy of the rule book can be downloaded from the NZDRA website - www.nzdra.co.nz. Remember to also download the additional rule supplements.
- If you require a logbook contact NZDRA – www.nzdra.co.nz
- New rules are usually confirmed by the NZDRA Board in May each year. Their website will be updated once their decision has been finalised.



Price List – November / December / January & February Meetings

- Gate entry per person \$20.00
- Gate entry (14 years old and under)..... Free
- Super Street, Modified Bike race entry \$70.00
- Junior Dragster race entry \$70.00
- All other Car / Bike race entry \$120.00
- Day License (NZDRA sanctioned Meetings)..... \$30.00
- Additional driver \$20.00
- Approved passenger \$10.00
- Overnight Camping \$10.00pp

Price List – March 2019 – 51st NZ Nationals

- Gate entry per person \$20.00
- Gate entry (14 years old and under)..... Free
- Super Street & Modified Bike race entry \$120.00
- Junior Dragster race entry Free
- Modified & Super Sedan race entry \$140.00
- Competition & Super Charged Outlaw race entry..... \$180.00
- Super Stock/Top Street & Comp Bike race entry..... \$180.00
- Day License (NZDRA sanctioned Meetings)..... \$30.00
- Additional driver \$20.00
- Approved passenger \$10.00
- Overnight Camping \$10.00pp

Price List – Kiwi Thunder Group 1 NZ National Series

- Top Doorslammer & Top Alcohol race entry \$140.00
- Additional driver \$20.00
- Approved passenger \$10.00
- Day License (NZDRA sanctioned Meetings)..... \$30.00
- Day License (IHRA sanctioned Meetings) \$20.00

MMP may change racer entry prices for one off events (e.g NZDRA Nationals or IHRA Rounds). This will be advertised in advance and on our website. Above entries may be subject to change.



Startline Breakdowns

We use the following procedure if there is a breakdown.

- If the car is between the start line and the yellow line on the barriers (about 100 feet / 30 metres out) the driver must stay in the car if they cannot restart. The starter will signal to the backup person to get behind the wall, and the starter will allow the other lane to go. The crew **MUST NOT** go onto the track
- If the car is past the yellow line on the barriers, the starter will shut the other lane down. He will then signal the crew to tow the stalled car to the finish line and onto the return road. Do not return to the start line. The other lane will then be restarted and have a bye run.
- If the driver requires **MINOR** assistance (e.g. can't get into reverse) signal the starter, or have your back up person signal, and he will allow the crew past the startline. This **DOES NOT** include remote starting or using battery packs in the tow vehicle.
- Please tell your crew – **DO NOT** go onto the track without the starter's permission. **DO NOT CROSS/JUMP THE BARRIERS AT ANY TIME** regardless of the situation.

Prize Incentives for Racers

This year we again offer some additional incentives for competitors at each race meeting:

- Best Appearing Vehicle & Crew – \$100 or voucher
- Lowest ET of the meet – \$100
- Top MPH of Meet – \$100

Personal Bests (PB's)

- We will have a PB board located at Registration Booth
- If you do a PB during the meeting it is up to you to write it on the board
- We will give you a PB certificate at Prize-giving