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OTAGO RALLY 11-12 MAY 2002

Promoted by the Otago Sports Car Club



**INCORPORATING THE DUNLOP
INTERNATIONAL OTAGO CLASSIC RALLY**



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TOWN HALL MOTOR SHOW

Between 5pm and 10pm on Friday 10 May the top rallycars, their crews and other exotic cars will be on show at the Town Hall Motorshow. This is an excellent opportunity to see the cars and have a talk to the drivers. Last year huge crowds came to see the show. There will be a \$2 cover charge.

At the show meet our Special Guest Competitors and NZ's top drivers at the Rally Forum 7.00pm onwards. It will be a great evening, watching and listening to the videos, stories and plans from these competitors. There are some great stories from rallying around NZ and the world.

SPECIAL GUEST COMPETITORS

Bjorn Waldegard (Sweden) the 1979 World Rally Champion will be competing in the Classic Rally in a full spec BDA Escort. The organisers are delighted to welcome Bjorn to Dunedin. He will provide a real benchmark for the other drivers.

Ross Dunkerton from Australia, twice Asia Pacific Champion and multiple Australian Champion will be competing in the Classic Rally in a very special Datsun 240Z.

THE CLASSIC RALLY – fantastic!

A major feature this year is the Classic Rally. This is for pre 1982 two wheel drive vehicles. With the special guests competing (see elsewhere) there has been massive interest throughout NZ from competitors. There will be as many as 100 of the legendary BDA Ford Escorts competing, lead by Bjorn Waldegard from Sweden. And Ross Dunkerton from Australia will challenge for outright honours in a Datsun 240Z. Other NZ'ers that will be right in contention include last year's winner Brent Buist (BDA Escort) and previous winner Gary Adcock in his Triumph TR7 V8. Alistair Gilmour's Porsche adds variety and will be fast.

It is a lot of fun and drivers can just enjoy competing in a vehicle they particularly like, not being concerned on whether it is the latest model. A feature of the classic rally is the more relaxed rules. Unlike the 'main' rally servicing will be allowed anywhere, and competitors will be able to miss a stage and join in again later. The Classic Rally will run as a separate group of cars, before the main rally, and will be seeded in reverse order, slowest to fastest. Spectators are recommended to arrive early, these classics will be *spectacular!*

SAFETY - THE DO'S AND DON'TS

Rallying is a spectacular sport to watch and we hope that you will come out and follow it. The safety rules are important as *the cars you are watching may not be under control.*

Do: Always obey a marshal.
Stand in naturally protected area.
Please leave your dog at home.
Understand that a car can crash in a very unpredictable way and place.

Don't: Don't assume that you can hear a car coming
Don't stand on the outside of a corner
Don't assume you can make a hasty escape from a car crashing. There's never time.
Don't assume that the rally cars will arrive at even intervals.

The road is only open after a special stage when the "Sweeper" car goes by after the Main field. It is clearly marked. Until it arrives expect a rally car at any time, even if there has been a long break.

SATURDAY 11 MAY

The first Classic car leaves **QUALITY HOTEL** at 7.00am and heads straight to **Castle St Panel Beaters Service Park A** at Waitahuna, arriving at 8.10am for 15 minutes, then to stage 1. *The National Championship field will follow the Classics with a gap of only a few minutes.*

Special Stage 1 20.5km **Computerland Waitahuna.** First Classic Car Starts at 8.40am
Best viewing at start and finish or from the intersection mid stage accessed via Waitahuna West Rd.

Special Stage 2 17.0km **Blair McNab Plumbing Corkscrew Rd.** 9.10am
Best viewing from start and finish or from the intersection mid stage accessed via Tuapeka Flat Rd.

Castle St Panelbeaters Service Park B, Lawrence. First car arrives at 9.35am for 20 minutes.

Special Stage 3 18.0km **Trade Tools Mahinerangi.** 10.10am
Only viewing from start and finish.

Special Stage 4 12.9km **Cooke Howlison Toyota Waipori Gorge.** 10.45am
Only viewing from the start and finish, but limited.

Gilmour Motors Service Park C at Waihola. First car arrives at 11.15am for 30 minutes.

Special Stage 5 20.6km **Dave Ward Mechanical Fort Hill.** 12.10pm
Best viewing from start and finish or from the intersection mid stage accessed via Cullen Rd.

Special Stage 6 12.6km **Duffill Watts and King Berwick Forest.** 12.40pm
Only viewing from the start and finish.

Gilmour Motors Service Park D at Waihola. First car arrives at 1.10pm, for 20 minutes.

Special Stage 7 11.4km **Performance Fabrications Whare Flat 1.** 2.15pm
Best viewing from the Pineapple track carpark midstage, and finish.

Special Stage 8 11.4km **EB McDonald Engineering Whare Flat 2.** 3.25pm
A repeat of Stage 7, for the National Championship field only.

After Whare Flat the cars proceed to **Mag and Turbo Warehouse Service Park E, Timaru St.** 90 minutes service (1st Classic due at 2.40pm, first National Championship car at 3.50pm)

HOW TO FIND A GOOD SPECTATOR SPOT

The Classic drivers have never seen the road before, they are driving 'blind'. Although they have a navigator, they only guide the driver at intersections and at danger spots (as well as providing a bit of moral support at times of stress!). The Main rally uses 'stage notes' and every corner and feature is noted on them. Stage notes mean that the cars are going faster over all types of road, and they do not slow down unnecessarily for brows or blind corners.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE A CRASH

Well of course all the drivers hope that it's not them who are providing this form of entertainment. However corners that tighten unexpectedly, that are off-camber, have a big bump in them, change direction suddenly etc... These sorts of things are always causing problems for the drivers. Bridges, gateways and fords are in the navigators roadbook and are less likely to cause trouble.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE SOME AWESOME DRIVING

Find a spot where the road is not too narrow, bumpy or rutted, and where the drivers can see where they are going. With any luck there'll be a spot where you can see a series of corners. It's here where the cars can really get loose! Drivers love the wider smooth sweeping roads.

IF YOU WANT TO WORK OUT WHO'S GOING FAST

About the top fifteen championship cars start at two minute intervals, the others at one minute gaps. So if a car is less than a minute behind the car in front then it's catching it. Where you can see a reasonably long section of road then time each car to see who's fastest.



SUNDAY 12 MAY

First Classic Car leaves the Parc Ferme at 7.00am and proceeds directly to Special Stage 9.

Special Stage 9 18.0km **McDuffs Brewery Taieri Beach 1.** First Classic starts 7.50am.
Best viewing from start and finish and intersection midstage between Skyline Rd and Waihola - Taieri Mouth Rd.

Special Stage 10 28.0km **O'Neill Devereux Akatore 1.** First Car Starts at 8.20am
Best viewing at start and finish.

Pitstop Service Park F at Waihola. First car arrives at 8.55am for 20 minutes.

Special Stage 11 15.0km **Nichols Landscaping Centre McLaren Gully Rd.** 9.40am.
Best viewing from intersection with Christies Gully Rd.

Special Stage 12 8.3km **McCombe and Co McIntosh Rd.** 10.15am
Best viewing from intersection mid stage. Access via Law Rd.

Pitstop Service Park G at Waihola. First car arrives at 10.40 for 20 minutes.

Special Stage 13 18.0km **Oakley Gray Architects Taieri Beach 2.** 11.15am.
Best viewing from start and finish and intersection midstage between Skyline Rd and Waihola - Taieri Mouth Rd.

Special Stage 14 28.0km **SKF (NZ) Akatore 2.** 11.45am
Best viewing at start and finish.

Turners Car Auction Service Park H, Waihola. First car arrives 12.20pm for 15 minutes

Fryatt St Neutralisation Zone. To reorganise the field for the Superspecial stage.

Special Stage 15 2.1km **Classic Hits Super Special.** First Classic starts at 2.25pm.
Wharf area, beside old Anzac Ave overbridge. Main field follows the classics in reverse order. View from the overbridge or any intersection. Four fast and spectacular laps of the block.

At stage 15 immediately afterwards a prizegiving ceremony will be held in front of the overbridge.

COMPETITIVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Dunedin is fortunate that this rally is the first full round of the Championship. All the cars are in top condition, no-one has dropped out yet, and best of all the drivers are desperate to get off to a good start! Don't expect to see anyone holding back!

The fastest cars are the Group A cars and this year a big battle is expected current champion Bruce Herbert (**Subaru Impreza**), Geoff Argyle (Evo 6), Stumpy Holmes (Evo 7) and Andrew Hawkswood, (**Subaru Impreza**). Brian Green in a Ford Escort World Rally Car is the wild card. All these guys are fast and talented. They'll need to be if they're to keep ahead of the other Gp A opposition, not to mention the Gp N cars. Dunedin's Mike Turfus has upgraded his Mitsubishi Evo 6 this year and will be looking for a good result.

Group N, the class for 'standard' cars is extremely tight, although 'standard' is definitely a relative term, when there's 250 horsepower on tap. These cars are fast. The pace is set by current champion, Timaru's Chris West (**Subaru Impreza**), the outright winner of the 2001 Otago Rally. He'll be competing against Deborah Kibble, last year's Gp N National Champion.

THE OTAGO SPORTS CAR CLUB

The Otago Sports Car Club is the only club that caters for modern motorsport for cars in the Dunedin region. The club is extremely active, running all forms of motorsport, beginning at the entry level autocrosses. Then there are hillclimbs and sprint events, which may be held on either sealed or gravel surfaces. A lot of fun, one is held every 4 to 6 weeks. The most serious level of the sport is racing and rallying, and they are completely different.

If you want to know more about the car club then contact Henk VanderVis at home at 473 7743. Alternatively visit the clubrooms any Thursday night, they're open from 8.00pm onwards and are at 97 Larnach Rd.