Autosport Club Presidents Report for the year ended 2015

Welcome to this Autosport AGM for the year ended 2015.

The year started off very dry which allowed us to have three Autocross events before being able to have our first sprint on April 26th at Ram Paddock Road.

The next sprint was Onepunga on May 17th as a shakedown for the Lone Star Canterbury Rally at the end of May. This had two night stages followed the next day by eight stages in the forest.

Another autocross in June and the Auchenflower sprint on July 12th.

On August 12th we celebrated one of our great's with a Toast and Roast to Cliffy – another great night.

August 23rd was the Cust sprint leading up to the Waterview Cars Hanmer Rally on September 5th.

Our last sprint was Mt Thomas on November 8th and last Autocross on November 22nd.

Altogether another great year of motorsport.

My thanks again go to the Committee helping organise the events.

I have two people leaving the Committee this year. Firstly, Nigel Tyson who joined last year and has been helpful with his input but he is intending to shift to Blenheim so hopefully we will see him at their events and some of ours – have a safe journey.

Hamish Anderson has many personal and work commitments and requires some space to organise these – best wishes Hamish and we would like you back soon as.

Newer members Jamie Clapperton and Karl Celeste are becoming great assets to the Club with their input with accounts and web sites etc.

Ross Teesdale has been Club captain for two years and keeps us on our toes along with arranging the Toast and Roast evenings with great success. Barry Deuart did a lot of work on our communication systems along with Tony Witheridge this past year — thanks for that. Tony has been our man in the van again doing timing and a great job too. Karl and Jamie filled in at Mt Thomas and did a great job too. Thanks John Weir for your help this year even though you were busy with work and EQC matters.

Leanne you have done a sterling job again as Secretary and are always ready to help at events with Documentation etc. – Thanks so much. Chris Herdman – too many things to mention of your help which was immense. Barney – a tireless worker in all fields and a great one to fall back on for information etc. Congratulations on securing a job with MSNZ on the Rally Committee. You are a valued person. Thanks to our resident Keith Troon who is our Medic and often the starter at our events.

Many thanks go to our Scrutineers who work at all events with seemingly no rewards – but you are noticed with pleasure.

To people that have a go at marshalling – thanks for that . All of these little things help to make our events special.

To the Canterbury and Hanmer Rally Committee – many thanks for your hard work behind the scenes - yes we are ready to start again.

We are always open to suggestions so contact Me or Ross your Club Captain.

We will now follow with the election of officers for this coming year.

Graham Wilson - President (17-2-2016)