



## **NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2009**

### **WELCOME :-**

On behalf of the organizational and management team at the Silver Fern Rally, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

There is now less than 11 months to go till the start of the 2010 Silver Fern, but still plenty of time to get your Entries in.

Contact :- [info@silverfernally.co.nz](mailto:info@silverfernally.co.nz)

### **EARLY-BIRD ENTRIES :-**

Remember that the discounted early Bird Entries close in 10 days on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009, so only a short time to get in at that rate – Start your planning for 2010 NOW !.

Thank you to those Entries and Entry Registrations already received, you will have had a reminder regarding the payment that is due now, so please attend to that now to avoid paying the 10% penalty for lateness.

We are now showing almost 50 entries, with much more interest being received from overseas, with the UK and Europeans recognizing our event has separated the classes with the Historic cars competing in their own event.

The latest entries received include Austrian Josef Pointinger in a droop-snoot RS2000 Escort, Swede Hakan Larsson in a Volvo 242, and it will be good to see Simon Tysoe back again, this time in a MKII RS1800, as part of the Iain Freestone Rally Team.

Check out the entries on the website at :-  
<http://www.silverfernally.co.nz/rally2010/entrants.php>

### **CO-DRIVER OFFERED :-**

Craig McKinnel is offering his services as co-driver, he did the 2008 S/F with John Metheral in the Avenger but alas he is not doing it this time around and as I enjoyed the experience so much he wants to offer to do it again. Having been co/driving for 25 odd years in the Eastern Southland & Otago rallies. Contact Craig McKinnel  
[crmck@vestas.com](mailto:crmck@vestas.com)

### **2010 RALLY REGULATIONS :-**

Some months ago we published the Preliminary Event Information details, to give an idea of our plans, Entry fees and Vehicle eligibility, and now the 2010 Event Regulations are being finalized and readied for approval by Motorsport NZ. These will be published by 31 January at the latest, and will be e-mailed to all competitors, as well as those registering an interest in competing. They will also appear on the website.

### **2010 RALLY TOURS :-**

Greg Paul's NZ Rally Tours will again be offering a spectators Rally tour for the 2010 Silver Fern Event. There is already some Aussies interested in coming over. More details as Greg organizes his plans of you can contact him directly by e-mail at  
[greg.coaches@clear.net.nz](mailto:greg.coaches@clear.net.nz)

**STOKES WINS FREE ENTRY :-**



From the 41 Entries Registered before the October 31st Deadline, his No27 entry was drawn using the TV Lotto Draw and Canterbury's Brian Stokes was the winner.

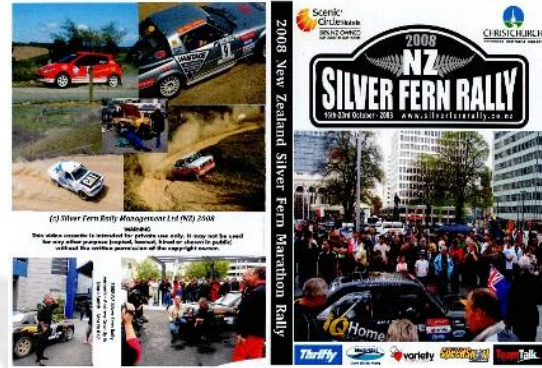
He receives a Free Entry into the 2010 event, but being the event supporter that he is Brian has said he will use the win to locate and support a driver from the UK into the event. The idea is that by doing that a reciprocal arrangement might be made where he can take his Escort to the UK to compete there.

**CLASSIC SAFARI RALLY:-**

I can now say I have been there done that, and I also now know what it is about the Classic Safari Rally that attracts the interest it does, and trust me it isn't the roads. It has always seemed strange why anyone would want to compete in the dry, dusty, wet, rough conditions in East Africa, but it is the overall package that is the attraction. With the overnight stops allowing for Servicing, Parc-Ferme and Accommodation all in one area, meant competitors and teams had time to relive the days competition in a relaxed atmosphere over the 10 days of competition. The event was also a positive learning experience, (and a bit of what not to do), and some of the things I have passed on and we will now try and incorporate into the 2010 NZ Silver Fern Rally, without infringing on our own events unique attraction of course.



**2008 RALLY DVD:-**



The 2008 Silver Fern Rally DVD, (60+ minutes coverage most of which will be shown on TV) is currently available and in stock – Xmas special price \$29.95 delivered anywhere in NZ (add \$10 p&p for international orders) The Order form and details are available from the website.

**MARATHON RALLY CAR CLUB:-**



New memberships are now available as a special deal for the 2010 year for the Marathon Rally CC. \$30.00 paid now (Subs due 1 Jan 2010) We are almost definitely the cheapest Car Club in NZ (who amongst other things can issue you with rally licenses) and you can keep up to date with all the Silver Fern Rally details. 2010 Membership forms are available by request by e-mail.



Recent Entry - Austrian Josef Pointinger's Escort RS 2000

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**CLASSIC SAFARI – THE RALLY :-**

The actual rally competition was quite intense with Ian Duncan’s Ford Mustang coming out the winner over the Porsche of Bjorn Waldegard, and in 3<sup>rd</sup> Brit Steve Perez.



While the winning time gaps got out to 12 minutes, it only took a puncture or 2 in a stage to lose much of that, and the battle at the top see-sawed daily, with both Duncan and Waldegard having electrical problems on touring stages luckily not costing them time. Duncan’s Mustang ran Goodyear Tyres for which he is the agent, and he had the least punctures. Aussie Graham Alexander ran 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> all event, but had the misfortune to get stuck in a bog for over an hour in one stage. Macy’s Porsche was originally favourite and he was quick at times, but the Tuthill team were frustrated by a battery failure which dropped him way down the order. Despite being an open road rally, the only incident was one of the Porsche’s “bumping” into a bus and only one big crash (a Datsun 180B).

With Nick Mason on his way to Silver Fern, a number of others showed positive vibes towards our event – so watch this space.

**RALLY CARS WANTED / FOR SALE:-**

Hello, I’m searching for Official Rally cars to buy (Ex-works GrA, GrB, Gr4....) and maybe someone has these kind of cars for sale.

I also have a few cars for sale : Ferrari 308-288 GTO, Opel Manta 400 Gr B, Peugeot 205 T16 and others.

Contact Lionel - [unikcollector@aol.fr](mailto:unikcollector@aol.fr)

**2010 SILVER FERN RALLY:-**

Carl has pretty much completed the route for 2010, having recently made some changes to accommodate for other South Island Club events. We work very closely with these people as their help on our event is invaluable.

I have seen some of the route book, and we are continuing to improve the descriptions in the stages.

While the details of the route will not be released for some time, the basic information and overnight stops is available in the Preliminary Event Information.

Check the website for details.

**HOW ELSE CAN WE HELP :-**

We can point you in the direction of help when it comes to Hire or Lease Cars for the event.

We can provide you with details from our database of proficient Co-drivers, Service Crew and Team Management personnel.

We can put you in contact with motorsport experienced Customs and Freight Forwarding companies.

We can provide details of Tyre and Fuel suppliers with great prices and services.

For International Entrants, we can put you in contact with tour and travel people who can arrange for your Kiwi Experience Holidays before and after the event.

Remember everything to do with our rally is available at [www.silverfernally.co.nz](http://www.silverfernally.co.nz)

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