



**NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2009**

**WELCOME :-**

Still over 12 months to go till the start of the 2010 Silver Fern, but time to get your Entry Registration in. - [info@silverfernally.co.nz](mailto:info@silverfernally.co.nz)

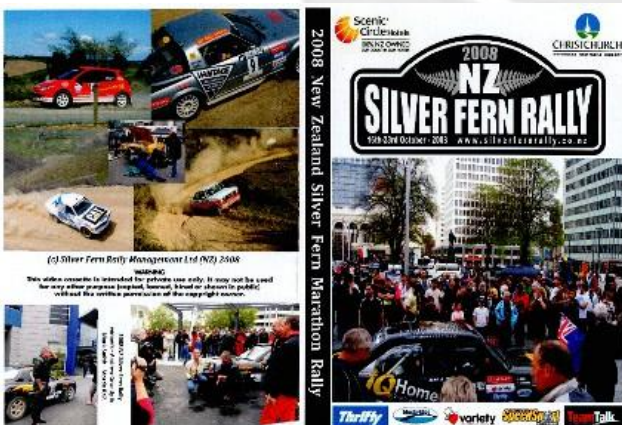
**\*\* FREE RALLY ENTRY OFFER \*\* :-**

A reminder to all intending competitors, you have until the end of the month (October 31<sup>st</sup> 2009) to get your Early Entry Registration fee in and go into the draw for a free Entry into the 2010 event (entry fees paid)

All you need to do is pay the \$500 Registration fee now, the first payment for your early-bird Entry fees will not come due until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

See the attached flyer for details.

**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 - \$49.95 delivered anywhere in NZ (add \$10 p&p for international orders) The Order form and details are available from the website.

**RALLY MANAGEMENT :-**

While Carl Rabbidge will continue his great work with the route and organizing Councils and stage staffing, some of the pressure has been reduced from his workload, with the appointment of Graeme Robertson (Robbo) as Clerk of the Course for 2010, overseeing the planning and running of the event in general.

Paul Smith has taken over the Secretariat duties, streamlining the flow of communication and information both inward and outward between organizers and competitors, Event Publicity and Media.

**MARATHON RALLY CAR CLUB:-**

New memberships are now available as a special deal for the 2010 year for the Marathon Rally CC. \$40.00 paid now (due Jan 1 2010 but includes remainder of this year.)

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.



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**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.

As released in August, the most significant change to the event for 2010 will be the separation of the competing vehicles, with two new sections to better define the event in the eyes of the competitors and the public.

“The NZ Silver Fern Historic Trophy” and “The NZ Silver Fern Challenge”, will effectively become two major rallies within the one event.

The “true” Historic (classic) cars will now compete against themselves, while the Challenge (all-comers) competitors will do the same, with both having an overall winner. Added to this mix will also be the mini “Baby Fern” event taking in the first three days of competition.

The changes will also benefit the local competitors, many of whom want to be part of the adventure, but have found the expense of complying with the “true” Historic rules, too much. They can now use their Historic (classic) looking car, and fit more modern and cost effective components and still be part of the fun in the “Challenge” event.

The rally will take place between November 14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2010, with around a 1060kms of all gravel special stages, and will include one monster stage of around 80kms in length.

Starting in Christchurch, the 2010 event will incorporate some of the popular 2008 stages in reverse, some exciting new roads, and some roads not used since the 1976 Heatway Rally, before finishing this time in Queenstown.

Details of the Preliminary Information including Vehicle eligibility and Entry Fees can be found on the website :-

Entries are coming in – check the website.

**INTERNATIONAL PROMOTIONS:-**

Nina Thompson (a co-driver from 2008) from the UK is working hard promoting the event there and in Europe, with the intention of increasing the profile and in turn entries from that part of the world.

Carl and I will soon be off to the Classic Safari in Kenya, and will be looking to push our cause while there seeing how their event runs, and increases in popularity.

**2009 NZ RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP :-**

Congratulations to Mike and Helen Cameron who have won the 2009 NZ Rally Championship Classic Challenge class driving their 1977 Mitsubishi Lancer. In the end a close fought thing, with regular Silver Fern competitor Euan Fuge just 4 points behind, after the Cameron’s had their final round points deleted because they stopped to help a fellow competitor, towing him to the finish. While helping a fellow competitor is exemplarily the precedent may make others think in the future. The win made even better because this year was the first time ever in 33 years of rallying they had even been on the podium at any event. Well done guys.



**SURPLUS RALLY MERCHANDISE:-**

We are specialising some of the left over merchandise, so get in while stock lasts. (no S or M Polo's)

**2006 DVD** still a few available at **just \$20.00**

2008 Polo Shirts were \$55 now **just \$20.00**



2008 Rain Splash Jackets were \$45 now **\$20**

2008 Rally Caps were \$25 now **just \$10.00**

2008 Rally Beanies were \$25 now **\$10.00**

2008 Rally Patches were \$12 now **\$7.50**

We also still have just a very few left over Program/Speedsport Magazines, 08 Route Books, Map Books, stickers, and other items from the event – suggest you ask for these.

Take advantage and order yours now for immediate delivery (postage will be added to orders as necessary)

Drop me a note and I can check to see if your sizes are still available, and to give details for payment - all orders and info to Paul Smith - [paul@silverfernally.co.nz](mailto:paul@silverfernally.co.nz) .

**2010 SILVER FERN CHALLENGE:-**

We have had several inquiries from the current flock of Ford Fiestas running in the National Championship, and it will be interesting to see how these little cars go in this class, if entered, and if they can last seven days of competition, as they seem to be beating just about everything else in 2wd at present – might event give Stokes a run for his money in the “Super” Escort.

**2010 STAGE PREVIEW PHOTOS:-**



**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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