

May 16 2016 Newsletter

Hi all, a long overdue update & the reason I haven't kept the website a little more up to date, as I used to do a year or so ago. This same story/explanation will come out in the NZV8 magazine in the next month or so. In June 2014 Keith Sinclair, for whom I was in the last stages of building a 1970 Hemi Barracuda circuit car for , asked me to build a 1970 Plymouth Superbird to be given to his son Andrew for his 50th birthday a year or so later – AS A SURPRISE. So from this point on no one knew of the Bird, it was just a Plymouth Road Runner getting rebuilt to be a pro- tourer for a mystery south island customer. Of course I jumped at the chance so we discussed how we would do it, to buy a genuine Bird (Superbird), pay truck loads for it, ship it over here & potentially find all sorts of issues/neglect was not an option. We didn't trust any of the EBAY “jems” & decided to build something ourselves.

Grant Taylor in his Falcon looks set to take Gp A & overall victory in the Pre-65 class.



Andrew Hudson in his Anglia looks set to take the Gp C title in the Pre-65 class also with both cars getting lap records throughout the season.



Michael Scott has just clinched the NZ Formula Ford championship & is now heading to the States for a serious test, please click [here](#) to read the full story.



Keith Sinclairs 70 Hemi Barracuda has been out for most of the season following a heavy crash at Pukekohe early in the season



Andrew/ Mandy Sinclairs Chickadee Commodore has been out for most of the season also as they decided to park the car & start working on a brand new drive-line for next season.



All of the above cars as well as a few others are “set-up” by Sonic, we scale the cars ie the cars are placed on 4 x scales that are set dead level using a laser. The cars ride heights, cambers, toes, castors etc are all trimmed & each wheels weight is set for what I believe is the best for that given car/driver/track combination. This set-up usually changes from track to track due to differing speeds, directions, bumps & aerodynamics etc.

These cars have also been upgraded/ maintained through out the season by Sonic in conjunction with the various customers.