



The MGF Register

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The 2015-16 year has been an interesting one for F owners celebrating the MGF released to the public at the Geneva Motor Show which took place 9th-19th March 1995 making 2015 the 20th Anniversary of MGF production.

During February we gathered for the third "F Festival" in Mangaweka, again a great gathering of cars and F'ers organised by John Eames and Rachael Dean. The event was well supported by a number of F owners from the Auckland Centre

The run to Cape Palliser during October combined with the Wellington Centre F owners resulted in 21 cars and thirty owners/navigators reaching the southern most tip of the North Island followed by much banter over dinner at Lake Ferry Hotel. On the following day Gina & Mal hosted a run out to Castle Point which took in a great selection of the backcountry roads and a great pub lunch at the Castle Point Hotel was enjoyed by the team.

Our trip to Cape Reinga was built inside a very busy Far North event in early December, somehow we managed to celebrate our wedding on the Friday afternoon. Twenty three F/TF's completed the leg to Cape Reinga with, 5 crews making it all four compass points over the year's celebrations.

Ian Grant's work on maintaining the record of F/TF's in New Zealand records 1559 Mk1 F's, 10 MY2000, 54 TF's, in New Zealand. F's featured at both MG's on Track at Hampton Downs with some keen and close competition against ourselves and the clock. The 2016 National Rally saw the participation of a good number of F/TF's and that an F managed in a very closely contested series of events to be the Overall Points Winner was outstanding.

It is encouraging to see a number of club members have found that adding an F/TF to the fleet allows for some extra activities as witnessed at the Mid-winter Backcountry Adventure. Mike Andrews has continued to work on his F with many interesting modifications including an adjustable rear suspension bush that enables the camber to be set correctly. He has also recently completed the installation of Halogen HID light units for the F, and got them certified by VTNZ. Several TF owners have now had their ECU's remapped in the UK, and we look forward to their impressions of how this modification improves the TF's performance.

A word of thanks to Register members who have contributed both to organising events and to articles for the register newsletter. And finally, thank you to all F and TF owners who have supported the register in many ways during the year. Maria and I look forward to seeing you enjoying your cars and at Register events in the coming year.

Alan Thom

