

## OPENING MEETING

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### Opening Day Part II

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Everything was set to go on Sunday afternoon. The pits were crowded with racecars and sidecars, a good sprinkling of speedway fans had turned up, and we were all good to go.

Then it rained. There's one thing that stops speedway in its tracks, and that's moisture from above. After two slippery races we took a short break to see if the weather would clear, but Mother Nature had other ideas and the track was simply too wet to allow safe racing, even if the rain had stopped.

In the races that were completed, Cameron Swift (42B) made his trip from Hawke's Bay worthwhile with a win in the NZME Adult Ministocks. 2NZ Dion Mooney took the first Elite Mechanical Stockcar race from 87V Shane Kells with Damon Baxter bringing the brand new 7V Tank home in third place.

Rainout passes were issued to all who had paid to get in; these can be redeemed at any meeting this season, starting this Sunday when we will try again at 3pm to get the 2017-18 season underway. All our normal classes will be running; Superstocks, Stockcars, Production Saloons, Youth and Adult Ministocks and Sidecars. The Superstocks and Stockcars especially will be anxious for track time before their West Coast Championships are contested on Saturday 11th November.

There will be new cars and drivers ready and raring to go, especially after the false start at the weekend. So come on out to the Oval by the Ocean for an action-packed afternoon of speedway.