

THE SHORELINE HOTEL OTAGO RALLY

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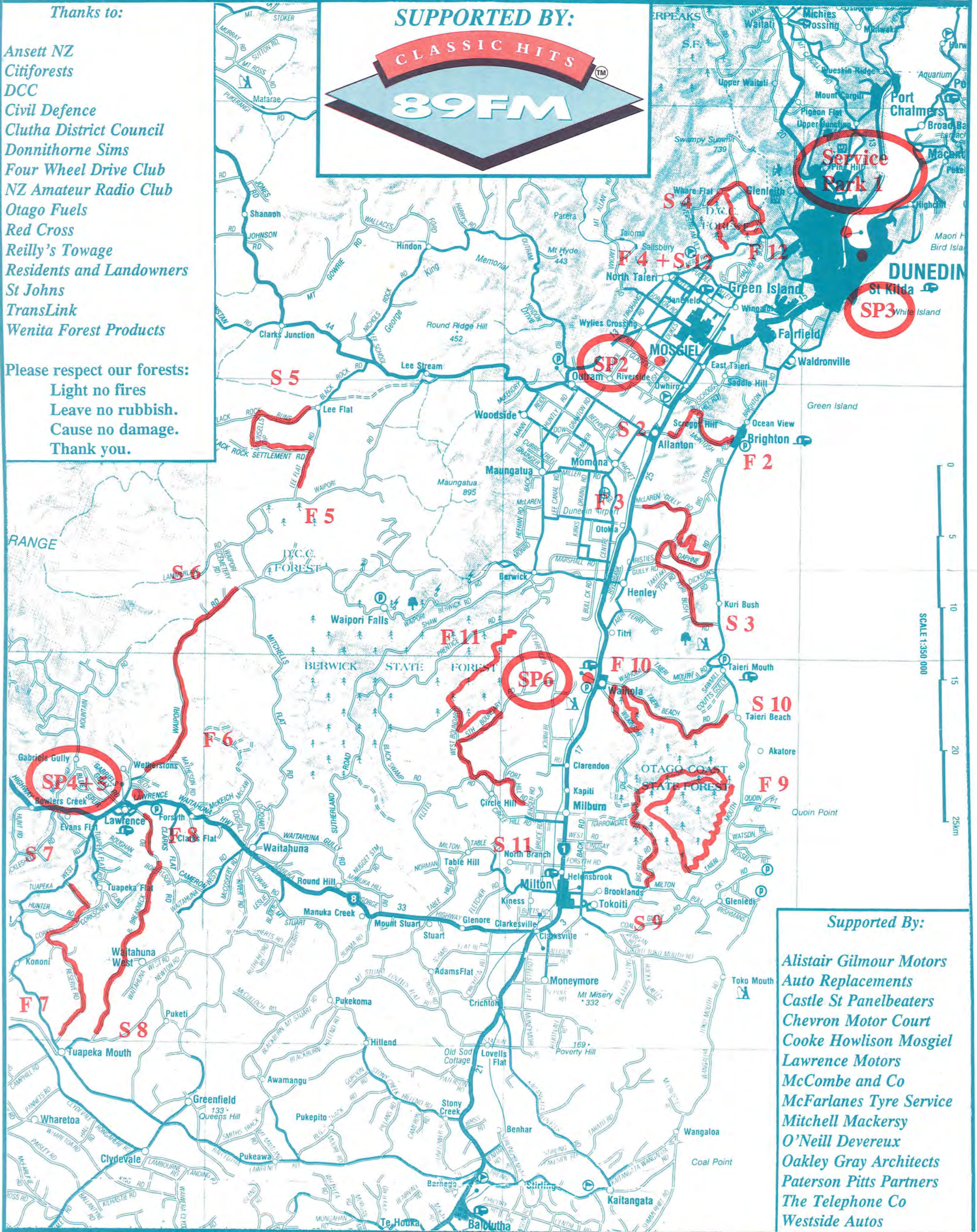
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Rallying can be dangerous. Spectators are advised that they watch it at their own risk.

S = START OF STAGE

F = FINISH

S.P. = SERVICE PARK (SPECTATORS WELCOME.)

THE OTAGO SPORTS CAR CLUB

The Otago Sports Car Club is one of the oldest motorsport clubs in NZ, being founded in 1947. It is the only club that caters for modern motorsport in the Dunedin region. The club is extremely active, running all forms of motorsport, beginning at the entry level motorkhanas and autocrosses. Then there are hillclimbs and sprint events, which may be held on either sealed or gravel surfaces. A lot of fun, one is held every 4 to 6 weeks.

The most serious level of the sport is racing and rallying, and they are completely different. Racing is held on sealed circuits, sometimes this can be a street circuit.

If rallying interests you then the Club is running a short rally on Sunday 13 July, just 4 stages and 60km it will be ideal for anyone wanting to have a go.

If you want to know more about the car club then contact either Ross Cameron at work at 477 6367 or Roger Oakley at home at 453 6466. Alternatively visit the clubrooms any Thursday night, they're open from 8.00pm onwards and are at 97 Larnach Rd.

USE OF THE ROADS - THANK YOU!

The Dunedin area is blessed with many kilometres of really fine roads suitable for rallying. It's an asset that many other motorsport clubs just don't have, and it makes us especially lucky. However, their use is only possible with the permission and tolerance of the road owners, residents and other users. This is gratefully acknowledged by the Otago Sports Car Club.

Over the past few years a majority of the roads used have been those operated and maintained by Wenita Forest Products in the Coast and Berwick forests. Wenita have always supported our motorsport, even when it involved considerable trouble for themselves.

Excellent co-operation and assistance is also extended by the Dunedin City Council, Citiforests, and Clutha District Council. The Otago Sports Car Club would especially like to thank these roading authorities for their co-operation.

THE SHORELINE CLASSIC RALLY

A new feature this year is the Classic Rally. This is for pre 1983 two wheel drive vehicles. Vehicles will range from Mk1 Escorts and Datsun P510's through to such cars as Allan Dippie's MGB, the BDA Escort of Glen Buist and the Triumph TR7 V8 of Gary Adcock.

A feature of the classic rally is the more relaxed rules. Unlike the 'main' rally servicing will be allowed anywhere, and competitors will be able to miss a stage and join in again later.

The Classic Rally will run as a separate group of cars, after the main rally.

HOW TO FIND A GOOD SPECTATOR SPOT

Remember that the drivers have never seen the road before and that they are driving 'blind'. Although they have a navigator, they only guide the driver at intersections and at danger spots (as well as providing a bit of moral support at times of stress!).

IF YOU WANT TO SEE A CRASH

Well of course all the drivers hope that it's not them who are providing this form of entertainment. However corners that tighten unexpectedly, that are off-camber, have a big bump in them, change direction suddenly etc... These sorts of things are always causing problems for the drivers. Bridges, gateways and fords on the other hand are marked in the navigators roadbook and are less likely to cause anything spectacular.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE SOME AWESOME DRIVING

Find a spot where the road is not too narrow, bumpy or rutted, and where the drivers can more or less see where they are going. With any luck there'll be a spot where you can see a whole series of corners. It's here where the cars can really get loose!

IF YOU WANT TO WORK OUT WHO'S GOING FAST

Except for about the top fifteen cars who start at two minute intervals, the cars start at one minute gaps. So if a car is less than a minute behind the car in front then it's catching it. Where you can see a reasonably long section of road then time each car to see who's fastest.

FRIDAY NIGHT 16 MAY

The first car leaves the **SHORELINE HOTEL** at 6.00pm.

Special Stage 1
2.0km **Super Special - Fryatt St Area**
First Car Starts at 6.20pm
Best viewing from any of the intersections. It will be fast and spectacular!!! Four laps of a block travelling sideways.

Service Park 1 at Fryatt St. First car arrives at 6.30pm and stays 20 minutes.

Special Stage 2
8.5km **McIntosh Rd**
First Car Starts at 7.25pm
Best viewing from intersection mid stage. Access via Law Rd or Brighton - Scroggs Hill Rd.

Special Stage 3
25.0km **McLaren Gully Rd**
First Car Starts at 7.55pm
Best viewing from any of the intersecting roads.

Service Park 2 at Gladfield Rd. First car arrives at 8.30 and stays 15 minutes.

Special Stage 4
11.5km **Whare Flat**
First Car Starts at 9.10pm
Best viewing from the Pineapple track carpark, start and finish.

Service Park 3 at Timaru St. First car arrives at 9.45pm and stays 15 minutes. From here cars go into an overnight safe storage.

RESULTS

Up to date results will be broadcast over **Radio Newstalk ZB**.
Additionally you can phone **0900 33 000**, for up to date results.

EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Dunedin is fortunate that this rally is the first full round of the Championship. All the cars are in top condition, no-one has dropped out yet, and best of all the drivers are desperate to get off to a good start! Desperate drivers make for excellent spectating. Don't expect to see anyone holding back!

The fastest cars are the Group A cars and this year a four way battle is expected between Joe McAndrew (Subaru Impreza), Brian Stokes (Escort Cosworth), Geoff Argyle (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IV) and Greg Graham (Subaru Impreza). All these guys are fast and talented. They'll need to be if they're to keep ahead of the other Gp A opposition, not to mention the Gp N cars.

Group N, the class for 'standard' cars is extremely tight, although 'standard' is definitely a relative term, when there's 250 horsepower on tap. These cars are fast. The pace is set by Reece Jones (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IV) from Kerikeri who was the 1995 overall National Rally Champion and is leading this bunch but any of the others could win, it's that close. This year, keep an eye out for Marty Rostenburg in a Evo 3 Mitsubishi and Stumpy Holmes (Impreza). Last year they both showed real pace.

The two wheel drive cars are generally highly developed 1600 cc cars. In the South Island the fastest include the Corollas of Dean Buist (Chch), Dunedin's Jason West, and Dave Strong (Auckland, Daihatsu). The trouble with these guys is that they go out and embarrass quite a few of the fancy four wheel drive cars. They're good to watch.

ROSS DUNKERTON - SPECIAL GUEST

Twice Asia-Pacific Champion and five times Australian champion Ross Dunkerton is the Rally's special guest. The organisers and fans extend a warm welcome to Ross.

Meet Ross and NZ's top drivers at the Rally Forum, 8pm at Regines bar, at the Shoreline Hotel on Thursday 15 May.

It will be a lighthearted evening, listening to the stories and future plans from these competitors. Last year it proved extremely popular, with 300 people enjoying an excellent night.

SATURDAY 17 MAY

All cars leave the **SHORELINE HOTEL** and proceed to the Octagon to be parked together by 8.30am for a formal start over the start ramp. The first car leaves the Octagon at 8.45am

Special Stage 5
15.2km **Black Rock**
First Car Starts at 9.40am
Best viewing from the intersection of Lee Flat Rd and Settlement Rd, mid stage.

Special Stage 6
17.2 km **Mahinerangi**
First Car Starts at 10.10am
Best viewing from the intersection mid stage, with Matheson Rd, off Highway 8.

Service Park 4 at Lawrence.

First car arrives at 10.30am and stays 20 minutes. Note the Lawrence Service Park will be a big feature with the vehicles visiting it twice.

Special Stage 7
16.9km **Corkscrew Rd**
First Car Starts at 11.10am
Best viewing from the intersection mid stage, with Hunter Rd, off the Balclutha - Lawrence Rd.

Special Stage 8
18.2km **Breakneck Rd**
First Car Starts at 11.35am
Best viewing from either of the side roads intersecting mid stage.

Service Park 5 and regroup at Lawrence. First car arrives at 12.00noon approx and leaves at precisely 12.35pm.

Special Stage 9
35.6km **Big Bush**
First Car Starts at 1.20pm
Best viewing from Windy Ridge Rd, Taieri Mouth - Milton Rd, start and finish.

Special Stage 10
17.2km **Taieri Beach**
First Car Starts at 2.05pm
Best viewing from Waiholo Taieri Beach Rd, start and finish.

Service Park 6 at Waiholo. First car arrives at 2.25pm and stays 20 minutes.

Special Stage 11
28.0km **Fort Hill**
First Car Starts at 3.05pm
Best viewing from any of the intersecting roads or the start. The finish is good but it's a reasonably long walk

Special Stage 12
17.8km **Whare Flat**
First Car Starts at 4.10pm
Best viewing from the Pineapple track carpark and at the bottom of Longridge Rd (in from Silverstream Valley Rd).

After stage 12 the cars proceed over the finish ramp at the Octagon (1st car 4.55pm), then on to the **SHORELINE HOTEL Parc Ferme** (1st car 5.15pm)

THE DO'S AND DON'TS

Rallying is a spectacular sport to watch and we hope that you will come out and follow it. There are a few safety rules that we ask you to observe as there is no guarantee that the cars you are watching are under control!!

- Don't assume that you can hear a car coming
- Don't stand on the outside of a corner
- Do stand where you can make a hasty escape or are safe from a car crashing
- Don't assume that the rally cars will arrive at even intervals
- Do please leave your dog at home

The road is only open after a special stage when the tail car goes by. The Tail Car is clearly marked. Until it arrives expect a rally car at any time, even if there has been a long break.