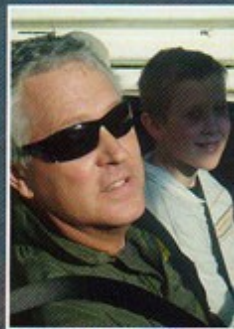


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*Inset top: Chris Fogg always has a big smile, especially at Pukekohe. His young passenger is about to smile even bigger as he goes for a track ride.  
Inset bottom: Joe Brownee queues for a photo opportunity.*



*John Thornton (360 F1 Spider) leads Peter Hodges (Challenge Stradale) through the tight hairpin.*



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This year the Auckland Area hosted Heart Children at their annual charity track day. It is a very different charity from previous years as their members are not wheelchair bound and the needs and requirements for arranging the day were also very different.

Most of these children suffer from congenital heart diseases; this affects one in every 100 children born in New Zealand, or around 600 per year. We were told more

children are affected by this disease than by cancer.

This year Craig Paterson and Nick Cressey joined us in the planning and running of the day and it was great having them work with us in making the event a huge success. After numerous meetings with Garth Halliday of Heart Children and some of his team members, the day was set to roll.

After a week of shocking weather, Sunday

morning arrived very cold but DRY. We met up with Craig, Kirsty, Nick and Shirley at the track and the day began. Once set-up was all done, the gates were opened to our many special guests, their families and our sponsor guests.

We were very fortunate to have a lot of new members participating this year. Once all the Ferraris had arrived and the drivers had been briefed by our Clerk of Course, Craig, the gates were declared closed by our Event

From left to right: Blushing in front of the camera? Two young ladies enjoy the benefits of the 2+2 layout as they prepare to go for a ride in Gary Wood's 456.

Three of our willing helpers: Rose, Cina and Jill were amongst those who helped prepare the lunch. Thank you to the whole team for a great meal.

New member Joe Capizzi "burries up and waits" as his white 348 cools off. The track takes its toll on most cars as drivers get to unleash the full character of their cars.

Action in the pit lane. Chris Morris on Holding Point duty in the background made sure that arriving cars lined up safely. Sharon Thompson checks the safety belt on a young lad in Grant Bowring's 308GTS.

The stress of track driving always reveals any weaknesses in the cars. Simon ponders a water leak in the 550 Maranello.