



NORTHLAND CAR CLUB

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NAME: Tony Smitheram

YEAR(s) CLUB CHAMPION: 94-95, 96-97, 98-99, 06-07, 07-08, 08-09, 09-10

CARS USED FOR CLUB CHAMPION: Subaru Leone 4wd, Subaru WRX RA, and almost every road car we have owned.

YEAR JOINED CLUB: 1985 **YEARS IN CLUB:** 18

OTHER POSITIONS HELD IN CLUB: Motorkhanas, Autocrosses, Points, Scrutineer (assistant), Committee, Event helper

EVENTS COMPETED IN: Every event that I have had opportunity to do that was possible to do in my car. Motorkhanas, autocross, hillclimbs (seal and gravel), sprints, ralliesprints, Rally, Circuit dual sprint, dirt track

FIRST EVENT COMPETED IN: Motorkhanas with North Wiroa Car Club and Northland Car Club. Can't remember which was first. My first significant event was the 1985 Cibie Lights Rally.

ALL VEHICLES USED TO COMPETE IN: 5x Minis including ex-Kerry Inskeep's rallycross weapon, 2x Ford Laser, 3x Triumph's including a GT6 sports car, Morris 1100, Subaru Ute (turbo-ed), Subaru Leone Rally Car, Subaru Leone Coupe Rally Car, WRX road car, several Subaru family station wagons and sedans, and our current Subaru WRX RA Rally Car.

OTHER TROPHIES WON: I have had a selection of other class and overall trophies over the years. The important one is the next one.

OTHER ACHEIVEMENTS WON IN CLUB or OTHER MOTORSPORT EVENTS: National Hillclimb and National Autocross titles in 1995, plus a number of podiums in other years.

ANYTHING OF INTEREST ABOUT THE CLUB or PEOPLE IN IT: In any club there is a great mix of personalities. I have enjoyed mixing with them all.

ARE YOU STILL INVOLVED IN MOTORSPORT: (if yes, what?): Yes I am still involved in Motorsport. I have always enjoyed the events that are new to me. This is one of the reasons I have done the National Clubsports Championships 9 times or so, 4 times were in the South Island. I plan to do many more events yet.

YOUR BEST AND WORST MOMENTS IN MOTORSPORT: Best moment was when I won the National Hillclimb Championship. The worst was when I came 2nd in a National event that a mate won. Then he was disqualified on a technicality. Prize giving was not really held because of the appeal. Eventually all was sorted, but the fun of the event was lost by then.

OCCUPATION: Qualified Mechanic working as a Survey Technician.

DRIVER YOU MOST ADMIRE or WOULD LIKE TO MEET: I most admire those club drivers I have met around the country, who have so much talent and drive so well, but do not have the dollars to get noticed.

DREAM CAR: Subaru WRX RA. I am lucky, I already have it!

HOBBIES: Cars. Travel (in cars). Visiting places I haven't been before.