Rotorua Heron racing in SCANZ

Coming right... the Heron sportscar, right, Rotorua designer and builder Ross Baker will race in the SCANZ-series this season.

Baker said the car, basically a Heron coupe with the top removed, is powered by a 250 bhp Rover V8, and because of its construction features an excellent power to weight ratio. He decided to build the car when the controlling body of sportscar racing in New Zealand opened up the formula to allow engines of over two litres capacity.

He said he did a test day at Baypark recently and was happy with the way the car handled, even though there are things to get right with the motor.

Trouble

Baker entered the car in the third round of the SCANZ championship at Baypark recently, but was able only to do six laps of practice before an oil leak gave trouble. He plans to continue with SCANZ and clubman events to get the car fully competitive.

Meanwhile Rotorua's other SCANZ man, Greg Goessi, is going well with his car, and after three rounds is placed second on the points table.

A win and a second at Baypark elevated him on the table, and with four rounds of the season yet to go he is in a strong position... a fractious exhaust pipe is the only problem he is having with the car.

