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Nathan Thomas 6th at Whangarei Photo Euan Cameron

Harbour Capital Car Club Clubnight

First Wednesday of the month Fireman's Arms, 313 Jackson Street
(North End of Jackson Street, just South of Cuba St intersection) Petone

Committee Meeting 3rd Wednesday of the month, Fireman's Arms, 313 Jackson St Petone, 7:30 pm. Note: Anyone is welcome to attend committee meetings.

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DEADLINE

The Deadline for Wheelspin articles is the 20th of the month approx.

Clubnight

Wed 6th June at the Firemans Arms, Petone

Amanda McLaren will be our Guest Speaker

So get your lazy backsides off the sofa, come join us for a meal or a snack at the Fireman's Arms from 7pm :-)

We'll get the meeting underway around 7:30 - 7:45 or so.

Presidential types of words go here...

Right, well this is being written in the time I have between finishing work at the MotorSport NZ AGCM, and the awards dinner starting for the above mentioned. Unfortunately the e-mail goblins stopped his e-mail from getting to me, so it will probably be a bit less of a novel than my last effort.

We've got some good stuff coming up in the next couple of months, so try not to miss all of it! Clubnight speaker for June is going to be Amanda McLaren, and then in July we're being joined by the Alfa club, as one of their members is going to be our guest speaker ... but more about that in next month's bulletin.

We've also got a movie night, running at MotorSport House on the fourth (which is the last) Wednesday in June (27th). Gather ye from 7pm, and we shall be showing you the NZ movie "Smash Palace" from around half past seven. As usual, there will be a small collection of entirely un-nourishing and generally bad for you tasty snacks and drinks being served.

By the time you get this bulletin, we will also have had a showing of the new Pirates of the Caribbean movie, which I suspect I shall be reporting as having been a roaring success in next months bulletin.

As far as things to do that involve cars, there is the second round of the Honda Trophy Night trial series on June 13th, for those of you who like to make your brains really work.

HVMC is looking to run a Motorkhana on the 17th of June, and that is another round of the Stewards Trophy series, so a really good turn out from the club would be much appreciated. While the WMSA calendar I saw last did say Todd Park, I have my suspicions that this event may in fact be at Rallywoods.

A week later (June 24th), we are running an Autocross at Levin.

This leads us into early July, with the HVMC dual / multi car sprint day running on July 1st, which is of course another round of the Road and Track Sprint series.

Rumour tells me that Mitsubishi Motorsport Club are looking to run another Saturday afternoon autocross at the Slipway in Brooklyn on July 7th. Better warn Graham Heath about that one, as he's only just replaced the front of his car after last time.

Past events that I made it to in the last month were the Kapiti Car Club autocross, which was a rather damp affair, as a light misty rain fell basically all day. There weren't any really big puddles to lose cars in, but it was very damp and slippery underfoot.

In my practice run, I was lazy and only put my mud and snows onto the front. This was an astonishingly silly idea, even by my standards. The car made every corner into an opportunity to try to throw the car into the scenery, and even made lifting off the throttle into a dicey business. Being the first car on the track probably wasn't helping my cause a lot either.

So after that practice run, I put the other two mud and snows onto the rear of the car, with slightly shaking hands. This meant that I threw the car at the scenery slightly less. Well, actually, it meant that I threw the car at the scenery just as often, but it gave me a better chance of fixing it before the car actually hit something solid (dirt mounds I maintain do not count as a solid object).

I'm actually not sure how well I did that day, as I am yet to see the results. All I can tell you is that I was a long long way behind the four wheel drive cars, and fractionally in front of a very determined Leela, whose smooth style of driving was definitely suiting the very wet track.

There was a certain amount of falling off the track happening during the day, but nobody did anything permanent to their cars while I was still there.

One of my old cars made a re-appearance, as my old Charade Detomaso had been bought as an insurance write off (small rear end damage), and then sold it to Alan Groves. So I imagine that the mighty "DeTomato" will be seen around Kapiti from now onwards. A surprising fate for a car that sold for over \$3000 a mere six months ago!

Next outing for the car was up at the MMC Motorkhana, which ran at the Te Marua speedway carpark. Another day of really short tests, but lots and lots of them. We ran two attempts each, at eight different tests, and still were back on the road again by about half past one or so.

Definitely something to be said for running a more local event, with hardly any travel time involved!

Roger and the MMC team put on another good day, and I look forward to the next one!

The day saw a death match between Dave in the mighty Honda Civic Auto, and the always competitive Neil Roots in the Honda City. The smooth "power" (ha ha) delivery of the Civic saw Dave pull out a good lead in the test that saw several stops and reverses into and out of garages, while the City's better ability to throw mud out the back of the car meant that over the duration of all the tests, Neil finally got back in front on the last set of tests.

Meantime, Webster and I were fighting it out in Starlets to see who could come home in third, with Webster taking out the battle in the end. Despite this close battle, Webster is going to help me make the rental rocket Starlet handle a little bit better, as it tries to fall over every time you throw it at a corner currently.

Next weekend (from the time of writing this) I will be trundling around all over the Wairarapa on borrowed rally tyres (thanks Dave!) while marshalling at the Rally Wairarapa. I suspect about

¼ of our club will be either competing in, or helping at the rally, and I am certainly looking forward to some driving time on those neat gravel roads!

That's more than enough for me, as I've got a tuxedo to try to fit into (I know I shouldn't have had three desserts with lunch!)

Leon

FYI "Smash Palace", movie night booked June 27th 7pm, MotorSport House.



This guy doesn't need his tuxedo any more!

When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.

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N.B. Due to the clash on the 3rd June with another event. We are looking into adding a 6th event. maybe (October/November)

This will not affect the four counting rounds

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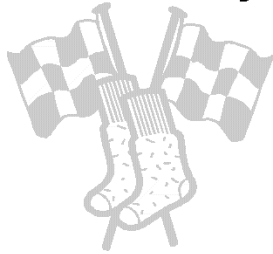
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New Caledonia 2007

WETSOX Racing



Another year, another team.... This year we would take on the Asia Pacific Challenge with Reece Jones Rallysport. First on the agenda, New Caledonia. We set off on Tuesday the 10th April, heading for the sunny skies on Noumea. We were greeted by rain. Fortunately by Wednesday it had cleared to occasional showers and the sun was our friend from Thursday on. Recce passed without incident, and we got to know our team mates from India, Naren and Ram, a little better during this time. There is also a second Indian driver competing in APRC this year, with the MRF team.

Friday's shakedown was our first run in the Evo 8 we were to use for the weekend. The car felt great, good power and well set up. However there was a small issue with fourth gear making a gearbox change necessary before the start of the rally.

The ceremonial start was held in downtown Noumea, complete with tribal dancers and an enthusiastic crowd. This was followed by 2 runs through the super special, spaced out by long regroupes. The good thing about the super special is that it was run in reverse, and one car at a time, so we had the opportunity to watch other drivers perform. The three to watch were definitely the MRF cars. Jussi Valimaki was clean and fast. Katsu Taguchi was spectacular and fast. Gill Gaurev was messy and fast. Maybe this was indicative of what was to come in the rally?



The other car to watch, or rather listen to, was a Fiat Punto Super 2000. WOW. This car just sounds awesome! High revving, banging gear changes, screaming brakes and diff.... Just like a real rally car should sound.



An early start of 5am greeted us the next morning, before a 3 hour tour to the service park. Breakfast, new rubber, and off to tackle the first loop of three stages. The stages are a good mix of fast and twistier sections, generally wide, a few fords and a lot of crests and small jumps.

The first real stage proved too tough for some, with the car immediately behind us, Gill Gaurev from India, having a major roll just 800 metres into the stage. Another casualty of this stage was local driver Patrick Christian who hit a bank and was unable to continue. Jussi threw down the gauntlet by winning stage 3, 2nd however, was the Fiat Punto! The following stage has a super fast finish, about 4 kms flat out. We drifted wide on a flat out right-hander towards the end of this stage, but the road was very wide and Brian quickly regained control. It was on the 2nd to last corner of this stage that Daniel Palau exited the rally, rolling out at speed. Marty Rostenburg also tipped over in this stage, but was able to continue.

After five stages we were sitting in 8th position overall. The battle up the front was definitely between the two remaining MRF cars of Katsu and Fast Jussi.

Back to service, with only a clean and a tyre change required. Rally Drive, on the other hand, had a busy service on Marty's car.

The next three stages were a repeat of the loop already done, so we set out to improve our times, and try to catch our team-mate who was running in 7th. On all three stages we were faster than our first passes, but we were unable to close the gap to Naren. Things were working perfectly in the car, the notes were spot on and Brian was driving well. We were, however, losing a little time out of the slow corners to those running in the more torquey Evo 9s. At the end of one of the stages, we saw the rolled car of Gill. It was an absolute mess, but testament to the strength and safety of roll cages. They went over 7 or 8 times after getting a corner over a crest wrong in 5th gear. The car was totally bent out of shape, and described by his team manager as "a throwaway".

Another service, then out to repeat the loop again. This time we made a little ground on Naren, but not enough to gain a placing over him. We had a very very wide drift at the right hander we had drifted on earlier in the day, but again Brian recovered it very well. Marty also ran very wide here. At the end of leg 1 we were in 7th position. Katsu lead followed by Jussi. Our team-mate was ahead of us in 6th. Marty was holding down 9th despite his rollover.

Service was all routine end-of-day things, and a lovely dinner cooked by Reece's wife Kay (Best meals I've ever had on a rally with this team!) A 3 hour tour home, then off to bed in preparation for an early start to leg 2.

Leg 2 again required a 5am start. We toured to service, made a decision about tyres, choosing to run on a tyre more suited to damp conditions. It had not rained overnight, but there was heavy dew and the stage we were to do first was mostly under trees. I believe we made the correct decision but we never got to find out how our times would compare, as we blew the clutch to pieces and came to a stop just a few km short of the end of the first stage of the day. We came to a stop at a ford, where, out of all the corners and all the fords in this 28km stage, there was a New Zealand photographer! We managed to crawl a little further along the stage on the starter motor, but it was a case of only a few hundred metres at a time, and lots of running by me to put the Zetka out, bring it in, run to the slowly moving car, then repeat it all the next time we stopped! At one point three local boys helped Brian by pushing the car. They seemed quite keen to push it as far as they could!



Leg 2 also claimed Japanese driver Yanagisawa with a blown engine, and New Caledonian Jean-Louis Leyraud, who according to stories, waved at his main sponsor and his own wife in the stage then crashed on the following corner!

The rally was won by Jussi Valimaki, followed by Katsu and Patrick Yanai. Jussi had made a call to run mud tyres through the long stage, and this decision paid for him, leaping in front of Katsu for the rally win.

Next up, Whangarei, where we get to debut the Evolution 9 – Yahoo!

Fleur Pedersen

A grenade in a French kitchen results in Linoleum Blownapart.

Night Trials

Hello folks

Attached are the results of last Wednesday's car trial, first round of this year's series.

Thanks to Stephen & Donna Marks for organising the event.

Congratulations to Wayne Gair & Dianne McDonald for winning the event and also first in the Expert class (nobody believed them when they wrote "No vice" on their entry!).

Congratulations also to Matthew Connor & John Tennent (first in the Intermediate class and 5th overall) and Bill Peacocke / Craig Crawford / Wendy Moore (first in the Novice class and 8th overall).

The next event is on June 13 - round 2. Organisers are Barry Lakeman & Eddie Conroy. Start & finish at Hutt Valley Motorsport Club rooms, Halford Place, Petone. Documentation from 7pm; first car away at 7:30pm. Entry fee \$15 per car. Duration 90 minutes.

Later rounds this year:

July 11 - round 3. Organisers Cathy & Mike Reid. Hutt Valley Motorsport Club rooms, Halford Place, Petone.

August 8 - round 4. Organiser Geoff Warren. Hutt Valley Motorsport Club rooms, Halford Place, Petone.

September 12 - round 5. Organisers Wayne Gair & Dianne McDonald. 2 Wright Street, Titahi Bay.

cheers, John

Car Number	Driver
14	WAYNE GAIR/DIANNE McDONALD
10	DANIELLE REESE/SARAH FOUHY/GEOFF WARREN/CARLA VAN ANSEM
9	JOHN RAPLEY/CAROL WESTON
11	CATHY REID/MIKE REID
16	MATTHEW CONNOR/JOHN TENNANT
13	EDDIE CONROY/BARRY LAKEMAN
2	DONNA CAMPBELL/BRENDAN GLENDINNING/STACEY WILTON/LEON CAST
3	BILL PEACOCKE/CRAIG CRAWFORD/WENDY MOORE
15	BRIAN CRAIG/BARRY CRAIG
6	LEN FISHER/LEANNA FISHER/HANNAH FISHER
1	DAVID GLOVER/ LYNN GLOVER
5	DENISE GANDY/MARK McLAUGHAN/GORDON GANDY
12	JILLY HUTSON/GERALD LEE
4	HILARY GANDY/STEF HOLLAND/SUE GANDY
7	VIVIAN EDEN/ROGER BARNES
8	BRENT SELLENS/JULIE SELLENS/HAYDEN DAHM

A lot of money is tainted. It t'aint yours and it t'aint mine.

Organisers: Stephen & Donna Marks, Harbour Capital Car Club	Checkers: Darryl & Sandra Monk, BMW Car Club
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An Aucklander parks his brand new Porsche in front of the office in Ponsonby to show it off to his colleagues. As he's getting out of the car, a truck comes speeding along too close to the kerb and takes off the door before speeding off.

More than a little distraught, the Aucklander grabs his cell phone and calls the police. Five minutes later, the police arrive. Before the policeman has a chance to ask any questions, the Aucklander starts screaming hysterically: "My Porsche, my beautiful silver Porsche is ruined.

No matter how long they work on it at the panel beaters it'll simply never be the same again!"

After the Aucklander finally finishes his rant, the policeman shakes his head in disgust: "I can't believe how materialistic you bloody Aucklanders are" he says. "You lot are so focused on your possessions that you don't notice anything else in your life!"

"How can you say such a thing at a time like this?" snaps the Jafa.

The policeman replies: "Didn't you realize that your right arm was torn off when the truck hit you?"

The Aucklander looks down in absolute Horror. "F****NG HELL!!!!!!!" he screams..... "Where's my Rolex?"

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE :

Social: May Film Evening

Garage Visit
Clubnight Speakers

Clubnight Extra

30 May, Lighthouse, Pauatahanui,
DVD Motorsport house, wednesday 27 June
Fun Run to Paraparaumu Mini's - some time 2007
Fleur Pederson (date to confirmed),
Enviro cars (wait for venue review)
Graeme Swan, (yachting and rallying), Kim Naylor, Sheldon
Currington
Paul Te Punga, 4WD person (Jilly)
barbecue & remote control cars, slot cars, date to be
confirmed Leon,

croquet evening to be arranged by Wayne/Dianne
mystery trip to Masterton 9th Sept, \$ per/head for bus/visits to
be confirmed, meals & drinks extra
Speedway workshop, drag racer (Gerald)

General Business: April

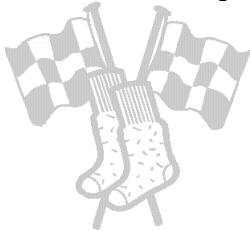
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Club caps **Gerald** to order 10 @ \$15.6 for \$18 sale price
Website **Aaron** working on new site (venues, regs, links, events) available to play
with soon
Super Lottery **Gerald** has tickets allocated for sale
AGCM Dave Wilce to be Delegate , 25-26 May Duxton Wellington
Club Mag members would like text and photo size to be larger

(with Photos & text larger, it will make magazine larger, thus cost, more - I try to limit it to 24
pages – editor)

General Business: May

Club shirts **Gerald** to put in new order, **10** club polo shirts, various sizes,
Club caps **Gerald** to order another 10 caps for \$18 sale price
Website **Aaron** working on new site (venues,regs,links,events) live soon
Super Lottery **Gerald** has returned all tickets sold (club to receive \$200)
AGCM Dave Wilce Delegate, 25-26 May Duxton, looked at remits re: voting
Advertising create A4 notice for coming event (place on notice boards, etc) email to
Jody

WETSOX Racing



RALLY OF WHANGAREI

For 2007 the New Zealand round of the APRC moved from Rotorua to Whangarei. What a great move! Shorter touring stages and FANTASTIC roads, plus much better weather!

This was our first rally in the latest car out of the Reece Jones Rallysport stable, a beautifully prepared Evo 9. We were questioned numerous times during recce as to how this new car goes, and we had to honestly reply “we don’t know. We haven’t tested it. In fact, we haven’t even seen it!” I had every faith that it would be a great car though, and shakedown on Friday morning certainly confirmed this! Love the new launch control! Hard to get a real feel for the car though, as the shakedown stage was only a km long, with only 4 real corners and none of those tight. So the real testing would come in stage 1!



This rally was a round of APRC, NZRC, North Island Championship and rally extreme. As such the overall number of entries was 79. Running 9th car on the road on the first loop of stages made for some slippery conditions, due to rainfall overnight and a lot of gravel on the road. We blasted into stage 1, Wairere, Brian quickly coming to grips with the new car. We came into

the downhill hairpin a little too hot, and shot past it, but managed to recover without a stall. This stage included the famous Hella Bridge, always a spectator favourite and the site of Marcus' roll a few years ago in the Peugeot 307. At the end of the stage we were pleased to set we had set 4th quickest APRC time. The stage belonged to Sam Murray, with Cody quickest of the APRC cars, but losing time to the NZRC cars due to road sweeping duties.

The next stage, Bull, was the longest of the rally at 36km. It also contained the infamous "Kangas' corner". However, a lot of grading work has gone on through this section of the road, and the corner is not longer the trap it used to be. This stage certainly has a bit of everything, and Brian found it to be hot work! Dean Summer got the upper hand in this stage, with Cody again leading the APRC standings. This stage we were 5th of the APRC cars. Next up was Cassidy. 23km of pure fun! Again we ranked 4th of the APRC field. A short super special followed, at the old Whangarei dump. Despite its short length (only 1.5km) and few corners, this stage was well supported by the locals, helped by its close proximity to town.

Service next, then out off to do it all again. We started the afternoon in 5th position of the APRC runners, only 4 seconds behind Indonesian driver Rifat. We set out to catch him, but he also upped the ante, and not only did he hold us off, he also claimed third for the leg from New Caledonian Jean Louis Leyraud. The roads were far more swept in the afternoon, meaning much faster stage times. We had no problems with the bridges in the afternoon, unlike a number of other Kiwi crews. Hitting bridges seemed to be the thread and lead to the retirement of Dean Sumner, who had been leading the event outright, and Emma Gilmour, plus saw many cars come in carrying damage. However, we did christen the car, when a farmer's fence post jumped out and bit the right front on a 3 left! Yes, drivers side!

At the end of leg 1, Cody lead the APRC field, followed by Hiroshi Yanagisawa from Japan, Rifat Sungkar, Jean-Louis Leyraud, then us in 5th. There was a gap of 32 seconds back to Patrick Yanai in 6th. We were very happy with our position, and with how well the new car had gone. Our esteemed editor and his son had won their class in the clubmans rally, but I am sure he will have written about this elsewhere in the mag!

Leg 2 consisted of 2 loops of 4 truly fantastic stages. Waipu Gorge, Brooks (and another two jumps over the Hella Bridge), Millbrooks and Waipu Caves. Waipu Caves was both the longest and the trickiest of the 4 stages, with a section near the finish that was very fast over numerous crests.

Waipu Gorge is a very traditional Rally New Zealand stage, and a truly great stage. It flows well, with a good base and a good mix of both faster and twistier stuff. We set a time in here just one second off the time set by Jean-Louis.

Next up, Brooks, with a tricky, fast, narrow downhill section near the start. This is also a great stage, with both fast and slower sections and a lovely narrow flowing section through the middle. Our notes worked really well in here, and we were 4.2 seconds quicker than Jean-Louis. We also managed quite a jump over the bridge, and I am hoping someone has a good photo.

Millbrooks saw us have an overshoot on a corner and have to back up. We lost over 10 seconds and this showed as Jean-Louis took 13 seconds from us. Waipu Caves was a stage for the brave, and Brian tends more towards the wise than the brave! We treated the crests with respect, realising that the car had to be in the container for Canberra on Wednesday morning! I did have a laugh during the stage, at a spectator filled junction. We had a long straight up to a 4 (90) left. I looked up as we skidded sideways around it, and caught a glimpse of Alan McDonald, the kiwi photographer who had been at the ford in New Caledonia, scrabbling backwards up the bank as we showered him in gravel! He tells me he got a great shot though!

Back to service and some beautiful toasted sandwiches, done on the BBQ, courtesy of Kay (did I tell you how great she is at looking after us?). Then off to do the loop all again. The afternoon was all about holding position. We enjoyed the second pass of the stages, and held onto our position without taking any risks. Cody won the APRC section, but was piped for overall honours by the young, very talented, Hayden Paddon. Now he is a name to watch for in the next few years!

A great big THANK YOU to Recce Jones Rallysport for an awesome car, awesome crew, awesome food!! Also Thank you to everyone involved in the organising of Whangarei Rally. A job well done!

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As at Apr17th 2007

Month	Date	Steward	Event Type	Club	Venue	Status
June	2		Rally Wairarapa	W	Wairarapa	CR
	3		Rally Wairarapa Intermarque Sprint	W ?	Wairarapa Manfeild	CR IM
	10		Race winter series		Manfeild	
	13		Night Trial	Wtn		
	17		Motorkhana	HV	Todd Park	ST
	23		Rally		HAMILTON	
	24		Auto-x	HC	Donnelly Park, Levin	
July	1		Autocross Circuit Sprint	K HV	Otaihunga Manfeild	
	7		Rally		TARANAKI	
	8		Gravel Sprint Race winter series	Lvn	Gladstone Rd Manfeild	

	11	Night Trial	HV		
	15	Gravel Sprint	K		
	22	Intermarque Sprint	?	Manfeild	IM
	29	Auto-x	HC	Donnelly Park, Levin	
August	4	Rally		HAWKES BAY	
	8	Night Trial			
	12	Auto-x Race winter series	HV	Todd Park Manfeild	
	19	Intermarque Sprint	Alfa	Manfeild	IM
	25	Rally		MANAWATU	
	26	Auto-x	HC	Donnelly Park, Levin	
September	1	Rally		Rally NEW ZEALAND	
	2	Autocross	K		
	12	Night trial	HC		
	16	Gravel Sprint Race winter series	K	Manfeild	
	23	Auto-x	HC	Donnelly Park, Levin	KN
	29	Rally		NELSON	
	30	Intermarque Sprint	?	Manfeild	IM
October	7	BATHURST			
	13	Rally 50 th Anniversary	W	FAR NORTH	
	14	50 th Anniversary Gravel Sprint Race winter series	W Lvn	Wairongamai Rd Manfeild	
	20	Mini Nationals	M		
	21	Mini Nationals Sealed Sprint	M HV	Port Road, Seaview	DM
	22	Mini Nationals	M		
	28	Auto-x	HC	Donnelly Park, Levin	
November	4	? TBA	W	TBA ? Admiral?	
	10	Race Whittakers	MG	Manfeild	
	11	Race Whittakers Autocross	MG K	Manfeild	
	18	Motorkhana	HV	Todd Park	ST
	25	Motorkhana/Auto-x	HC	Donnelly Park, Levin	
December	2	Gravel Sprint Intermarque Sprint	W ?	Dorsets Road Manfeild	GS IM
	9	Autocross	K		
	16	Auto-x	HV	Todd Park	KN
	Abbreviations:		Stewards:		Organising Club:
KN	Kim Naylor Autocross Series		AW	Alan Wright	HC Harbour Capital
DM	Duncan MacKenzie Sealed Sprint Series		BS	Barry Swanerton	HV Hutt Valley
ST	Stewards Trophy Motorkhana Series		GG	Gordon Gandy	W Wairarapa
VB	Vesta Battery round of ST Series		GM	Gus McMillan	K Kapiti
GS	Gravel Sprint Series		JR	John Rapley	WG Wellinfyton
RS	Rally Sprint Series		PT	Paul Te Punga	M MOWOG
CR	Central Region Rally Series		SM	Stephen Marks	T Triumph
IM	The Surgery Intermarque Sprint Series		WG	Wayne Gair	MG MG
Nat	National Meeting		KN		
NT	Night Trial Series		VB		
WT	Wall Trophy Trial				

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.



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Stewards Trophy Motorkhana. 29/04/07. Donnelly Park

Driver	Car	Class	Club	Team	Napoleon	Snake	Hatchet	Axe	Garage	S-Slalom	Overall Time	Overall Placing	Class Placing
Neil Roots	City	EOD	HCCC	2	30.98	27.76	32.14	30.23	40.10	25.45	186.66	1	1
Dave Wilce	Civic	EOD	HCCC	2	32.07	29.07	34.06	29.75	39.91	24.93	189.79	2	2
Webster Gough	Civic	EOD	HCCC	3	32.95	28.79	34.04	30.69	39.82	28.51	194.80	3	3
Alan Groves	WRX STI	4WD	Kapiti		34.37	29.15	34.41	35.25	39.81	26.28	199.27	4	1
Leon Cast	Starlet	EOD	HCCC	4	33.91	29.97	<u>41.78</u>	33.99	39.16	26.45	205.26	5	4
Jilly Hutson	Starlet	EOD	HCCC	3	35.35	30.23	36.43	34.22	45.56	28.49	210.28	6	5
Peter Collins	Corolla	EOD	HCCC	4	37.83	31.78	38.24	35.66	43.64	27.48	214.63	7	6
Mark Kirkburnnand	BMW	ENOD	HCCC	5	39.81	33.36	35.77	33.88	45.75	28.80	217.37	8	1
Geoff Warren	Legacy	4WD	HVMC	1	36.60	31.75	37.27	<u>40.21</u>	<u>46.72</u>	27.39	219.94	9	2
Nick Kacouris	CRX	EOD	HVMC	1	51.09	31.91	35.92	35.12	42.33	28.19	224.56	10	7
Chris Millner	Anglia	ENOD	-		43.08	34.04	37.75	34.22	55.62	<u>32.51</u>	237.22	11	2
Carlo De Guzman	Accord	EOD	HCCC	5	38.18	35.77	<u>49.53</u>	40.61	50.58	34.15	248.82	12	8
Cloe De Guzman	Accord	EOD	HCCC		37.79	42.71	<u>54.71</u>	39.86	52.33	28.80	256.20	13	9

One penalties are included in the times shown, where applicable. (ie. 34.68)

Clerk of Course: Brian Craig

Helpers: Gerald Lee and Donna Campbell

Teams for Stewards Trophy

Driver	Club	Time	Placing	Points
Neil + Dave	HCCC	186.66	1	10
Webster + Jilly	HCCC	194.80	2	9
Peter + Leon	HCCC	214.63	3	8
Geoff + Nick	HVMC	219.94	4	7
Mark + Cario	HCCC	217.37	5	6

Points for Stewards Trophy

Harbour Capital	33
Hutt Valley	7

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.



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WHANGAREI RALLY 2007

This was my first rally with #1 son Adam for about 5 years, so I was really looking forward to it, since it uses the fabulous roads that have been used on rally NZ in the past.

I flew up to Adam on Thursday I thought with plenty of time in hand – NOT! Firstly a trip to Ardmore for AVGAS, then on Friday a drive to Whangarei for scrutineering & documentation which left little time for anything else.

Adam still has Dave Robb's Metalman paint job, without the sponsorship, plus the loan of the VTNZ service truck.



We did find time to visit friends of Adams to do a building quote, this guy kindly allowed us to park the rally car & trailer and lent us his Mercedes 55 AMG to visit other friends with a B&B before we attended the ceremonial start on Friday evening.

Saturday started with a 100k run to the start near Paperoa then 3 stages to the super special in Whangarei & service followed by a repeat run of the morning's stages.

Fleur has given you the guff on the stages so I won't repeat, suffice to say that for us it was uneventful, and lotsa fun!

Strangely, we were ceded 79th with 3 EVO's and 5 WRX's BEHIND us! We were only caught twice in the 8 stages so I guess the ceding wasn't far out – but we are in a 1300 RWD Starlet! We finished 1st in class, and 45th overall from 75 starters, so were well satisfied with that, Adam drove like a train all day.

I forgot just how hard it is in 2WD, after all these years in EVO's riding on Proflex suspension, its like riding in an armchair compared with the Starlet, you get chucked all over the place and Adam was working hard all day just to keep it going straight. When we hit bumps you really felt them, and we did sustain some suspension damage. I guess I'm getting old enough to enjoy my comforts!

When you think about it, Kingsley's Proflex suspension cost around \$12,000, and Adam's complete car and trailer isn't worth that!

At the prize-giving Laurie Brensell said that the organiser's objective for the clubsport entries was not "to make up the numbers" but to give everybody an excellent rally.

Well my feelings are a bit different, (shared by many other competitors that we spoke with). Though I guess we did have an excellent rally.

This is 4 rallies in one, APRC, National, Extreme, and FRAM Champs, but in the current technological age, a co-ordinator for each champs, and some smart word processing, all should be catered for!

For a start (finish sic) we did not get a prize, even though 1st in class, and when questioned Laurie said we would have been recognized when going over the finish ramp – we didn't go over the finish ramp!

By the time we got there the main rally had long finished and the CRO told us to go home. We experienced this "2nd class citizen" effect several times during the day. We were in a separate service area, our instruction were the same as the Nat rally champs with a couple of yellow pages inserted to cope with the start.

But we actually had no instructions that said we were to start from our service area, or where to congregate for the official start on Friday night.

Our acceptance of entry did not tell us much, when it would have been quite easy to take the main rally instructions and CAREFULLY modify to produce separate ones for us. For example nobody knew where to report to start the rally, so on Saturday morning cars were cruising in the vicinity wondering whether to go to the Start ramp, the APRV/Nat collection area or what?.

A huge complaint in our service park was NO TOILETS. When at Wairarapa we even get them at stage starts. This is not good enough for an International event!

Enough moaning, we did have a super rally, great stages and a fine day.

Many thanks to our crew; Laclan (Now a Jafa), Gareth, Nicky, as well as Linda & Stacey Our hosts in Whangarei)

Flying Fish

A short fortune-teller escaped from prison is a small medium-at-large.

CLUBNIGHTS

First Wednesday February to December 7:30

Clubnight venue:

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(North End of Jackson Street, just South of Cuba St intersection, West side of street)

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