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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.

Wheelspin is the official magazine of the Harbour Capital Car Club, PO Box 4102, Wellington. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Club or Committee.

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DEADLINE

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

Clubnight

Wed 6th February at the Firemans Arms, Petone ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Presidential New Year ramblings

Well, the year ended pretty quietly for me, with only the final Stewards Trophy Motorkhana up at Levin, then a huge no-motorsport gap through until working at A1GP on Anniversary weekend.

The Motorkhana was a bit of an adventure, as the aftermath of the autocross run just a week earlier meant that there was quite a few grooves that had to be avoided, otherwise we'd lose cars in them.

Dave showed everyone a clean pair of heels in the Civic Type Auto, coming home with a lead of six seconds, chased by myself, Webster, and then Geoff Warren using a borrowed Mirage to great effect.

The Budd clan made their annual appearance, and had three people entered into the Chevette. They then had a battle royal for the day, with the result from each drive being eagerly anticipated by the other drivers. There was then a great deal of leg pulling after each time was announced. The Chevette did well, taking out the top three places in rear drive, followed by the Wellums in the Ford Sierra wagon.

Jess was having a great day in Dave's Civic, terrorizing cones all day long. We were having a bit of trouble getting her to aim for the right garages in the reversing tests, so we stationed a person at each garage. Dave could then help navigate by telling her which person she should be aiming at.

Actually, that sounds far more scary than it really was!

Then, for me anyway, there was a huge break with no motorsport until I headed up to A1GP, which is where I have just returned from the night before I am writing this. As I was heading up solo, it was a fairly long and tedious drive in the Starlet. I discovered that I can get 15km/I economy out of it, even using air con for half the trip. My trip home was a bit more spirited, so I'm suspecting the economy figures on the return trip might not be so good! I nearly got taken out on the way home by a couple of girls in a Prelude who failed to notice a Starlet overtaking them, and decided to change lanes on me. Similar antics took place on my last trip up the country, so to be perfectly honest I was

expecting the traffic to be silly, and the average driving IQ to be barely into double figures.

Taupo police definitely got into the swing of things for A1, and I've never seen so many cops on radar duty in my life, as in the couple of km's around the race track.

The track, and surrounding environments were really dusty and dry. The Saturday was fair blowing, and everything in the pits was getting sand blasted. We spent most of the day hiding out in the pit garage, because as soon as you stepped outside it was into a really nasty wind.

As per last year, I wasn't really doing anything more complicated than pushing cars onto and off scales, but it's a fun event to go to, because the atmosphere is good, the guys running the cars are really friendly and easy to deal with, and the scrutineering crew is good value.

They had an interesting technical issue at Taupo, when the pyrotechnics before one of the races had the side effect of setting the infield grass on fire. Lucky they had fire engines on hand, so it was fairly quickly resolved.

Still, it did seem rather inevitable that bone dry grass, and large devices throwing out sparks would interact in such a way.

The drivers "parade lap" was pretty good, with all the visiting drivers in the passenger seats of various Ferrari's, while the Kiwi driver was in a black Impala. Quite a good touch I thought, with the whole "Black Beauty" campaign tie in. There appeared to be much better numbers this year, with the stands looking more full than last year.

They dropped the system they had last year, where they made you pay to get to the pit paddock, which where you needed to go if you wanted to spend any money on toys. So, there were heaps more people wandering around the paddock area. They had a decent range of stuff that you could spend your money on, which was good to see. The pricing was a bit funny though, as the NZ team clothing was three times the price of any of the other country clothing. They did start discounting it over the weekend on some things, which would probably have pissed off the people who bought it at full price early on in the weekend. It made some of the other country clothing look like a bit of a bargain, and Brian Rowe ended up being a GB supporter for the weekend because he got a fleece top for \$30!

We had a bit of a Wellington BBQ on Saturday night at Duane's folks place, with me, Duane, Dave, Brian Rowe, Gerald, Pete C, Geoff and Chelles. So that was pretty good fun, especially catching up with Duane. Although, he was making strange utterances about giving up motorsport, which frankly seemed a bit of a foreign concept to me.

The racing in the sprint race was good, with NZ leading from start to finish, and plenty of spinning, wheel banging action to be had! I actually couldn't tell you what happened in the feature race, as I was so tired I fell asleep sitting in my little plastic chair in the pits!!!!

There's a ton of events coming up, with our AGM, the usual collection of Levin paddock events, Port Road, and possibly even Mt Vic running again.

See you at an event!

Leon

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7 year old Tim - "I think beer must be good. My dad says the more beer he drinks the prettier my mum gets"



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A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him.

The waitress asks for their orders.

The man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?" - "I'll have the same." says the ostrich.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order. "That will be £9.40 please," she says and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact amount for payment. The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "A hamburger, fries, and a coke." The ostrich says, "I'll have the same". - "Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact amount.

For a while this becomes routine until the two enter again later in the week.

"The usual?" asks the waitress. "No, this time it's a treat, so I will have a steak, baked potato, and salad," says the man." Yep! Same," says the ostrich. Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, "That will be £32.62." Once again the man pulls the exact amount out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact money from your pocket every time?" "Well," says the man, "several years ago I was clearing the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there."

"That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would wish for a couple of million pounds or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!" - "That's right. Whether it's a pint of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man.

The waitress asks, "But, sir, what's with the ostrich?

The man sighs, pauses, and replies, "My second wish was for a tall bird with a big bum and long legs who agrees with everything I say.

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Beer

7 year old Mellanie - "Beer makes my dad sleepy and we get to watch what we want on television when he is asleep, so beer is nice "

Tappet chatter

Just so you know: - We don't miss much and we will print everything. We never let the truth get in the way of a good story and we will not be intimidated. We can however be bribed, but we can't guarantee that it won't be published anyway!

Note: We trust our informants' 100% and would never question their reliability!

It was just before Christmas. All was (far from) calm. . . .

Travelling north along State Highway One, a cop was spotted getting back into his car and switching off his lights. Parked in front of him was Webster's BMW with Dave's trailer on the back, indicating to everyone (well those that took notice anyway) that he had just given Helen Clark an early Christmas present. It turns out that it is not okay to travel amongst the traffic at 105kmph when you have a trailer hooked on the back of your car. Go figure?

A short while later, a fellow club member (he did not want to be named) was spotted sitting in his Corolla at the intersection of Pope St and State Highway One while his girlfriend pushed it backwards up the hill. For some reason she was having a bit of trouble pushing it by herself. It may have been that she was pushing it up a steep hill, or then again it may have been because the Corolla had a big fat lump of Lexus V8 sitting under the bonnet!

Finally getting out to help push when a member of the public and a fellow club member arrived to help, a slightly embarrassed Peter Galloway could only complain that his little problem would probably make this publication. I'd hate to disappoint!

Moral of the story — If you go for a drive to try and charge a flat battery, don't stall it at the bottom of a hill!

In Pharmacology, all drugs have two names, a trade name and generic name.

For example, the trade name of Tylenol also has a generic name of Acetaminophen. Aleve is also called Naproxen. Amoxil is also called Amoxicillin and Advil is also called Ibuprofen.

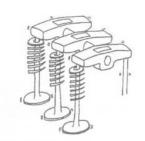
The FDA has been looking for a generic name for Viagra. After careful consideration by a team of government experts, it recently announced that it has settled on the generic name of Mycoxafloppin.

Also considered were Mycoxafailin, Mydixadrupin, Mydixarizin, Dixafix, and of course, Ibepokin.

Pfizer Corp. announced today that Viagra will soon be available in liquid form, and will be marketed by Pepsi Cola as a power beverage suitable for use as a mixer. It will now be possible for a man to literally pour himself a stiff one.

Obviously we can no longer call this a soft drink, and it gives new meaning to the names of 'cocktails,' 'highballs' and just a good old-fashioned 'stiff drink.'

Pepsi will market the new concoction by the name of MOUNT & DO.



English Joke

Trevor the farmer was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young layers (hens), called 'pullets' and eight or ten roosters, whose job was to fertilize the eggs. The farmer kept records and any rooster that didn't perform went into the soup pot and was replaced.

That took an awful lot of his time so Trevor bought a set of tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Each bell had a different tone so Trevor could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing. Now he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report simply by listening to the bells.

The farmer's favourite rooster was old Gordon, and a very fine specimen he was too. But on this particular morning Trevor noticed old Gordon's bell hadn't rung at all. Trevor went to investigate. The other roosters were chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing. The pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover. But to Trevor's amazement, Gordon had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one.

Trevor was so proud of Gordon, he entered him in the County Fair and Gordon became an overnight sensation among the judges. The result? The judges not only awarded Gordon the No Bell Piece Prize but they also awarded him the Pulletsurprise as well.

Clearly Gordon was a politician in the making: Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most highly coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention.

Do you, by any chance, know a Pullitician called Gordon?

Once upon a time in the Kingdom of Heaven, God went missing for six days. Eventually on the seventh day Michael the Arch Angel found him, resting.

He inquired of God, "Where have you been?"

God sighed a deep sigh of satisfaction and proudly pointed downwards through the clouds. "Look Michael, look what I've made." said God.

Archangel Michael looked puzzled and said, "What is it?"

"It's a planet," replied God, "and I've put LIFE on it. I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be a great place of balance."

"Balance?" inquired Michael, still confused.

God explained, pointing to different parts of Earth. "For example, North America will be a place of great of opportunity and wealth while South America is going to be poor; the Middle East over there will be a hot spot and Russia will be a cold spot. Over there I've placed a continent of white people and over there is a continent of black people."

God continued pointing to different countries. "This one will be extremely hot and arid while this one will be very cold and covered in ice.

The Archangel, impressed by God's work, then pointed to a small land mass and said, "What's that one?"

"Ah," said God. "That's New Zealand, the most glorious place on Earth. There are beautiful lakes, rivers, streams and hills. The people from New Zealand are going to be modest, intelligent and humorous and they're going to be found travelling the world. They'll be extremely sociable, hard-working and high-achieving and they will be known throughout the world as diplomats and carriers of peace."

Michael gasped in wonder and admiration but then proclaimed, "What about balance, God? You said there would be BALANCE!"

God replied wisely, "Wait until you see the w * nkers I'm putting next to them. I call them 'Australians'".



Flying Fish & Colin Taylor 1978



Flying Fish & Vallis Peet 1977

Notice of HCCC Annual General Meeting

Where: Firemans Arms, Petone When: Wednesday 6th February 2008

Wellington Motorsport Association Calendar 2007/8

Contact the HCCC convenors if you want to find out more about an event (like regs and entry form) for email updates of the WMSA Calendar contact the secretary wayne.gair@kapiticoast.govt.nz

Month	Date	Steward	Event Type	Club	Venue	Status
Jan	12		Race (Grand Prix)	Manawatu	Manfeild	Int
	13		Race (Grand Prix)	Manawatu	Manfeild	Int
	19		Race (A1GP)	Taupo		
	20		Race (A1GP)	Taupo		
Wgtn Anniver	21		Competitor	MG	Manfeild	
sary			Coaching/Picnic Day			
	27		Hillclimb	Triumph	Wallaceville Hill, Upper Hutt	
Feb	2		Race (V8 Utes etc)	Manawatu	Manfeild	Nat
	3		Race (V8 Utes etc)	Manawatu	Manfeild	Nat
	16		Race (Premiere Round)	Manawatu	Manfeild	Nat
	17		Race (Premiere Round)	Manawatu	Manfeild	Nat
			Rallysprint	Wairarapa	Bartons Line	RS
Mar	8		Rally (Targa Bambina)	Targa	South Auckland	Nat
	9		Rally (Targa Bambina)	Targa	South Auckland	Nat
	22		Hillclimb	Dannevirke	Whariti	
	23		Hillclimb	Dannevirke	Whariti	
	29		Race	Manawatu	Manfeild	Nat
	30		Race	Manawatu	Manfeild	Nast
Apr	5		Circuit Sprint / Multi Car Sprint	Harb. Capital	Manfeild	RT?
	12		Race (Charity Classic)	MG	Manfeild	Nat
			Rally – Wairarapa	Wair Rally	Wairarapa	Nat
			NZRC1/NIRS	Inc		
	13		Race (Charity Classic)	MG	Manfeild	Nat
			Rally – Wairarapa	Wair Rally	Wairarapa	Nat
			NZRC1/NIRS	Inc		
	26		Rally – Tauranga		Tauranga	Club
			Clubmans			
May	10		Rally – Otago NZRC2		Dunedin	Nat
	11		Rally – Otago NZRC2		Dunedin	Nat
	17		Rally – Taranaki NIRS		New Plymouth	Nat
	23		Motorsport AGCM		Wellington	
	24		Motorsport AGCM		Wellington	
	31		Rally (Hugh Baird	Hawkes	Hawkes Bay	Club
			Memorial)	Bay	Christchurch	Nat
			Rally – Autosport			
Jun	7		Rally – Targa			
			Rotorua/Tauranga		Whangarei	APR

		Rally – Whangarei NZRC/NIRS			С
	8	Rally – Whangarei NZRC/NIRS		Whangarei	APR C
	28	Rally – Hamilton NIRS		Hamilton	Nat
	29	Rally – Hamilton NIRS		Hamilton	Nat
Jul	5	Rally – South Canterbury		Timaru	Nat
	26	Rally – Hawkes Bay NZRC/NIRS		Hawkes Bay	Nat
Aug	2	Rally – Eastern Southland		Catlins	Nat
	30- 2/09	Rally NZ		Hamilton	Int
Sep	13	Rally (Taupo Classic)	Taupo	Taupo	
	20	Rally – Manawatu NIRS		Palmerston North	Nat
Oct	5	Rally – Nelson NZRC		Nelson	Nat
	11	Rally – Northern Sports NIRS		Paihia	Nat
	16-23	Rally (Silver Fern)	Marathon Rlly Cl		
	26- 1/11	Rally - Targa		North Island	
Nov	8	Rally – Westland		Westport	
	15	Race (Classic)	MG	Manfeild	Nat
	16	Race (Classic)	MG	Manfeild	Nat
Dec	25	Reindeer Races		Reindeers are all young and fresh – new breed for this season	

	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	Wellinfgton
RS	Rally Sprint Series	PT	Paul Te Punga	М	MOWOG
CR	Central Region Rally Series	SM	Stephen Marks	Т	Triumph
IM	The Surgery Intermarque Sprint Series	WG	Wayne Gair	MG	MG



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Obituary - Stuart Gandy

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GANDY, Stuart Scott; b. 26 Aug 1980; d. (of heart failure after a short illness) 16 Dec 2007, peacefully with the caresses of his family and the unfailing professional support of Hutt ICU: darling son of Gordon and Sue, brother of Hilary, grandson of Florence McPherson and Pat and John Osborne; nephew of Carolynn, Geoff, Andrea, Don, Peter, Norman (dec.) and Susie, Neil and Denise, and Dennis. Cousin of Laura, Jason, Jonathon, and Oliver and 'bro' of Allan. Known as "Shaky" to his poker mates and to his electronic contacts as "DiskoStu".



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BEER

7 year old Grady - "My Mum and Dad both like beer. My Mum gets funny when she drinks it and takes her top off at parties, but Dad doesn't think this is very funny "

MARSHALLS Needed

Summer Motor racing is here already and Motorsport Manawatu is seeking volunteers to work as Crash/Rescue marshals for the following meetings.

15-17 February 2008, 29/30 March 2008, 12/13 April 2008
If you are out of town, the clubrooms are available free of charge to stay the night, just bring some bedding and temp bed and stay the night with the rest of the team. You will be provided with lunch both days and also invited to attend the functions during the meetings.

This is a great opportunity to see some great racing from the BEST vantage points on the track.

Julian Hardy 06 323 8290, 027 523 8290, www.motorsportmanawatu.org.nz

Stewards Trophy Motorkhana, 25/11/07, Donnelly Park

											Overall		Class
Driver	Car	Class	Club	Team	Test 8	Test 14	Test V	Test 9	Sabrina	Slingshot	Time	Overall	Placing
Dave Wilce	Civic	EOD	HCCC	1	24.35	34.88	35.68	27.49	31.75	26.02	180.17	1	1
Leon Cast	Starlet	EOD	HCCC	1	29.62	38.55	34.87	29.55	32.37	21.44	186.40	2	2
Webster Gough	Civic	EOD	HCCC	2	25.11	38.24	35.44	32.26	31.75	24.43	187.23	3	3
Geoff Warren	Mirage	EOD	HVMC	4	28.61	40.01	34.58	34.78	33.34	28.45	199.77	4	4
Brian Craig	Starlet	EOD	HCCC	-	28.60	45.20	34.81	35.48	32.48	26.98	203.55	5	5
Peter Collins	Corolla	EOD	HCCC	2	29.37	44.43	37.51	34.91	34.06	25.10	205.38	6	6
Geff Pither	Chevette	ENOD	-	-	29.21	42.19	36.77	37.12	37.75	29.13	212.17	7	1
Jilly Hutson	Civic	EOD	HCCC	3	29.28	40.18	38.16	38.78	36.54	33.14	216.08	8	7
Andre Budd	Chevette	ENOD	HCCC	6	30.38	43.72	40.04	36.83	37.50	33.38	221.85	9	2
Steve Budd	Chevette	ENOD	HCCC	3	28.03	43.84	41.06	37.14	37.01	37.47	224.55	10	3
Chelles Roberts	Mirage	EOD	HVMC	5	29.61	46.32	39.13	48.67	37.94	37.67	239.34	11	8
Simon Wellum	Sierra	ENOD	HVMC	5	29.90	43.57	42.90	38.55	39.22	46.41	240.55	12	4
Andrew Wellum	Sierra	ENOD	HVMC	4	30.49	48.67	46.78	42.13	40.91	38.72	247.70	13	5
.less Winskill	Civic	FOD	HCCC	6	29.62	63.03	46.27	66.80	40 71	46 19	292 62	14	9

Placing

Points

Cone 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	T	rop	hy	
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Dave + Leon	HCCC	180.17	+	186.40	=	366.57	1	10
Webster + Peter	HCCC	187.23	+	205.38	=	392.61	2	9
Steve + Jilly	HCCC	224.55	+	216.08	=	440.63	3	8
Geoff + Andrew	HVMC	199.77	+	247.70	=	447.47	4	7
Chelles + Simon	HVMC	239.34	+	240.55	=	479.89	5	6
Jess + Andre	HCCC	292.62	+	221.85	=	514.47	6	5

Points for Stewards Trophy

Harbour Capital 3 Hutt Valley 1

Brief article from Brent Sellens

If you go to www.tmmc.org.nz and check there results page for Te Puke Quarry road hill climb. You will see I did quite well in the little green GT corolla. Travelled up to Tauranga on Saturday the 10th left Wellington at 3pm. Up early Sunday morning and swapped road wheels for race wheels and then to scrutineering at 8am. Was a beautiful hot blue sky day with 40 competitors and 12 in my class. Class B was as competitive as ever with 1500cc-2000cc being mainly Honda power thought my chances were slim. The class winner for the last three years at this event was there so thought that would be a good gauge as to how close I could get to him. Unfortunately the time keepers were slow with posting times so only new times after 2 runs had been completed. The times never showed splits either so there were 3 of us on same seconds. The last run of the day was time to kick wife out of passenger's seat and give it all. This proved to be crucial as I picked up a full 2 seconds and gained first place in class and 6th overall out of 40 cars. The hill climb itself was great tight twisty road with three hairpins for the first 1.6km then opened to high speed straights for last 1km. Only one incident saw a large thunderbird take out 20 metres of farmers fence and telephone pole, about \$4000 damage on top of car repair. Prize giving was a good affair with club members taking donations to assist with repair costs for the club member who unfortunately caused the fence issue. They also thought I was either mad or very enthusiastic to have travelled in race car all the way up solely for their event. Now I have the dilemma of possibly having to defend my title and travel back next year. This means I realise trailer to event would be safer as it's along way to walk home. 1200kms travelled in race car with no incident no tickets I thought was a great journey.

Editors Note: Thanks Brent, this is a great example to all you others, just a few words to keep your fellow club members informed and interested!



Meet My Mistress

A husband and wife were having dinner at a very fine restaurant when this absolutely stunning young woman comes over to their table, gives the husband a big kiss, says she'll see him later and walks away.

His wife glares at him and says, "Who the hell was that?"

"Oh," replies the husband, "she's my mistress."

"Well, that's the last straw," says the wife. "I've had enough, I want a divorce."

"I can understand that," replies her husband, "but remember, if we get a divorce it means that you don't get any more shopping trips to Paris, no more wintering in Barbados, no more summers in Tuscany, no more Ferraris and Lexus's in the garage and no more yacht club. But the decision is yours."

Just then, a mutual friend enters the restaurant with a gorgeous babe on his arm.

"Who's that woman with Jim?" asks the wife.

"That's his mistress," says her husband.

"Ours is prettier," she replies.

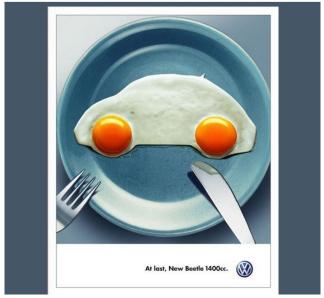
Thought for the day:

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

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7 year old Toby - " My Mum and Dad talk funny when they drink beer and the more they drink the more they give kisses to each other, which is a good thing "

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7 year old Sarah - "My Dad gets pissed on beer. He is funny. He also wets his pants sometimes, so he shouldn't have too much"

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