



# WHEELSPIN

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## COVER PHOTO

The 2010 Clubsport Nationals team – Alan Groves, Neil Roots & Graham Heath

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month approx.

# Clubnight

## The Fireman's Arms Jackson Street, Petone

Wednesday 5th May 7:30

Presidential Wafflings

Ok, I have a confession to make. I failed to make it to an Autocross. Yes, it's true. With pre-meditated, er, premeditation?, I did have other plans for the Silverstream Autocross day, thus was not able to attend. I was busy getting a year older over in the Wairarapa.

For this, I do apologise!

Yes, I got quite a bit of grief for there being an event in the region that I wasn't racing, scrutineering, or taking photo's at.

However, from the write up over at Motorsport Central [www.motorsportcentral.co.nz](http://www.motorsportcentral.co.nz) 25 keen competitors turned up for a day of playing in the sun.

Geoff took out first in the Legacy, followed by Al in the DeTomato, Tricky Nick in the Omega coupe, and Neil in "Sparrow" the City.

Last month's clubnight also featured our prizegiving, where Webster took out a fairly comprehensive clean sweep of the speed related trophies, Neil won the Motorkhana trophy, Al was our "Novice", Jilly won the ladies cup, and Robin was our young driver winner. Andrew Thomson won the Presidents Cup, for his roles on the committee and [www.photoworks.co.nz](http://www.photoworks.co.nz) Autocross Challenge series.

I did manage to head up to the Levin Car Club gravel sprint at Gladstone Road, armed with a camera and some comfortable walking shoes.

I managed to completely fail to accurately predict the climate on the day! Last year I was wearing several layers of clothes and a large jacket, so I had assumed the valley would be cold again this year.

Apparently not so much.

I ended up carrying most of my clothes, and cursing my decision to wear a black T-Shirt (then proceeding to smell like a dead skunk as I overheated for the rest of the day).

However, the photo opportunity was worth the very long walk in on a very hot day. I headed in with Geoff to the narrow bridge, and took up station with the marshals in the paddock.

We got some awesome shots, as apparently it's quite a tricky corner.

Mark Anstis arrived into the corner showing total commitment and chose one of the very few safe parts of the course to Understeer very very wide indeed! However at least he was nice

enough to be making enough noise on the way in that we said “this sounds keen” and got the cameras read.

Paul De Rose managed a really interesting spin on the return leg. I don't have a super flash camera, so when I'm taking a burst of photos I have to try to aim as best I can whilst looking at a black screen.

In this instance he spun suddenly mid corner, so I panned completely past him and started taking photo's of a blank bit of road. Then a very small fraction of a second after I realized this, there was a Mirage reversing at high speed through the cloud of dust in front of me.

In an interesting move Murray O'Neill and Tony Paroli swapped cars for the day. So Murray was piloting a supercharged rear drive Starlet, which was obviously causing him to have a ridiculous amount of fun on the day. He kept spinning as he arrived into our hairpin turn, which kept us entertained every time we saw him. From the video footage the Motorsport Central guys took, it seems like Murray did have a reasonable handle on the car on the higher speed corners.

Tony on the other hand appeared to have the Evo on the straight and narrow, bringing it home fourth overall. A very impressive result in an unfamiliar car on an unforgiving stretch of road.

Brendon was out grading the road in his FXGT, with a very smiling and waving Stacey in the silly seat. Judging from all the crashing and banging, it seems that the FXGT will need to be raised by several inches before venturing out onto that road again.

Apparently he's a bit scared to look under the car, just in case he sees a lot of carnage under there. But he achieved his targets during the day, and finished with only a puncture to dent his day.

HCCC is venturing a bit further into the online world following the popularity of our website for making it easy for people to join the club. Now for those of you who are on Facebook, you can look up Harbour Capital Car Club, and catch up with people, events, and photos there.

I don't think it will “revolutionise” motorsport, and end up with us having 500 members overnight or anything like that. But it's just another small way we can keep raising the profile of the club, so folk who are interested in car things know that they can get involved.

At the time of writing we've got 60 people from both HCCC and the other clubs signed up to the group, and we've been putting up events such as the film night (which will have been by the time you read this), and the Autocross Challenge.

To give you an indication, 13 people have indicated that they are intending to come to the Film Night, and we've got 21 signed up as attending the next Autocross.

Stuff coming up in May / June:

May 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Rally NZ and Possum Bourne Memorial (good luck everyone making the trip up there)

May 9<sup>th</sup> [www.photoworks.co.nz](http://www.photoworks.co.nz) Autocross Challenge Round 2, always a fun day out, a nice local event, and BBQ goodness as well.

May 12<sup>th</sup> (a Wednesday evening) the first of the local night trial series

May 16<sup>th</sup> Tea Creek gravel sprint (Wairarapa)

May 22<sup>nd</sup> MotorSport NZ AGCM

May 30<sup>th</sup> Kapiti Autocross, Kim Naylor round!

June 5<sup>th</sup> Targa Rotorua.

Hopefully I'll see you beside a road or a race track somewhere!

That's all for now

Leon

## **CLUB TROPHY WINNERS FOR THE 2009 YEAR**

The April club night included the annual prizegiving for the 2009 year.

Congratulations to all of our club members but especially to the winners and other place getters for the club Trophy's.

The "All-Rounder's" Trophy. <i>In Honour of Graeme Penhey.</i>	- Currently held by Webster Gough	- 2009
The "Over-all" Cup.	- Currently held by Webster Gough	- 2009
The "'Speed-" Trophy.	- Currently held by Webster Gough	- 2009
The "Motorkhana" Trophy.	- Currently held by Neil Roots	- 2009
The "AutoX" Trophy.	- Currently held by Al Groves	- 2009
The "Trials" Cup.	- Currently held by John Rapley	- 2009
The "Organiser's" Trophy.	- Currently held by Leon Cast	- 2009
The "Rally Drivers" Cup.	- Currently held by Adam Fisher	- 2009
The "Rally Navigators" Trophy	- Currently held by Jilly Hutson	- 2009
The "Ladies Cup'	- Currently held by Jilly Hutson	- 2009
The "Student"-Cup.	- Currently held by Rob Groves	- 2009
The "Novice" Cup.	- Currently held by Al Groves	- 2009
The "'Presidents" Cup.	- Currently held by Andrew Thompson	- 2009

## **HCCC Cups and Trophies**

Here is a run down of the Club's cups and trophies and how you go about getting them. They are awarded for having the most points gained in each category, not necessarily being the best or fastest. Graeme Penhey received the Over-all Cup in his second year with the Club, by being everywhere and amassing points. In his seventh year with the Club, he still hadn't won an event outright, yet he had won a lot of club cups in this time. There are a few basic requirements however:

### **Qualifying**

Firstly, to qualify, you must enter an event as a Harbour Capital Car Club member. This is important as we accept the results of other clubs' events for our point's table. This is rare, I don't know of another club that does this, as most clubs only use their own meetings to decide who wins things.

Secondly you need 12 qualifying points (also called organizing points) to be eligible for most of our Cups and Trophies. This requirement is intended to maintain a level of involvement in the Club beyond just paying for a membership and racing. You qualify by helping at events or doing things for the club, like serving on the committee, or writing newsletter articles. Qualifying points are not counted in your points total for most cups, but without at least 12 qualifying points, you don't get to have a points total that counts!

Qualifying points can be gained in many ways: Organise an event outright and you'll receive 12 points, enough in one go to be eligible for the trophies. You can of course build them up a little slower, by being a major official at a meeting, for example; 'clerk of course', 'event secretary', 'safety officer' etc. These are good for 8 points, as the amount of involvement isn't quite as high as organising an event, but still requires a certain level of commitment before, during and/or after the event. Then there are jobs like holding stopwatches, waving flags, crowd control, doing/sending results etc, all worth 4 points. Helping isn't quite like competing though. We don't give points for helping at other clubs' events, unless that club has made a formal request. (In writing, normally printed in 'Wheelspin', or at least highly publicized within the club so that everyone has a chance.) Writing an article for 'Wheelspin' will also get you 4 points per article.

### **Competing**

Next you get out there and compete. Once you have finished and been given/sent results to the meeting you need to ensure that the Club Captain is aware of your efforts. If they were printed in 'Wheelspin', then He/She has probably already given you points for it, but it doesn't hurt to check, this can now be done on the club website or with a phone call. If it was an out of town meeting, something like a hill climb in Wanganui or race meeting at Taupo then definitely contact the club captain/ points keeper as they will need to see the results. If you were a helper at a meeting you will probably not feature in the results. If you have helped out at an event you should contact the Club Captain and make sure that you have been given your points.

The number of points gained depends on how well you did while competing. *1st place=12 points, 2nd place=10, 3rd place=9, 4th place=8, 5th place=7 and so on down to 9th place for 3 points. Every competitor 10th or more receives 2 points.* In some events the points will be given based on the results in class, (most speed events), while others are for overall results.

## **THE TROPHIES**

### **The "All-Rounder's" Trophy. - *In Honour of Graeme Penhey.***

This cup is awarded to the competitor who gains the most points combined from all involvement with the club (including qualification/organiser points). This rewards the club member who contributes most to all aspects of the club. Presented to the club by Mike Penhey/ Penhey family.

### **The "Over-all" Cup.**

This cup is awarded to the competitor who gains the most points combined from all the different sections of competing. As this cup is a driver's cup, qualifying points are required to be eligible for it, but do not count towards the total number of points gained.

### **The "Speed" Trophy.**

Speed means just that, points gain in speed events. Races, Rallies, Hill-climbs, sprints and autocrosses are the mainstay of the speed cup.

### **The "Motorkhana" Trophy.**

No prizes for guessing what this ones about, however it's usually one of the most hard fought' cups to win, so if your name's on the side you can feel very smug indeed.

### **The "Trials" Cup.**

Teams of two or more in one car leave a set location at specific time intervals and follow a route laid out by the organiser. The object is to cover the route without getting lost and in the correct amount of time. Total distance covered multiplied by the organiser's set speed (usually very low, 30 - 40 km/h) = the correct time it should take. Emphasis is on navigation not speed.

### **The "Organiser's" Trophy.**

So many people help make our events run, and this cup is for them. This cup is awarded by gaining qualification/organiser points though the year.

### **The "Rally Drivers" Cup.**

Speaks for itself. Any rally, anywhere in the country/world as long as you enter as a HCCC member. Points also count towards the 'Speed' trophy.

### **The "Rally Co-Drivers" Trophy.**

Any rally, anywhere in the country/world as long as you enter as a HCCC member. Presented to the club by Len Fisher (the Flying Fish)

### **The "Ladies Cup'**

For the female club member with the most points overall, this includes qualifying/organising points, what more can I say.

### **The "Student"-Cup.**

This cup is awarded to members who are full time students only; sorry night classes don't count. It is also one of the few cups which you don't require qualifying points for, however if you have qualifying/organising points they are counted in the total points gained towards this cup. In the past this cup has been won by juniors based entirely on qualifying/organising points, and by Uni students on competing points.

### **The "Novice" Cup.**

Novice is perhaps a misleading word when used in relation to this cup. All new members to HCCC are eligible for this cup in their first full year of membership. So if you joined half way through the year, you are still eligible for it next year, your first full year. However you can only win it once, so if you manage to win it in that half year you can't in the following year. This is the other cup that qualifying/organising points are not required for, but again if you have them they count towards your total.

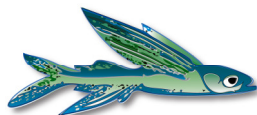
### **The "Presidents" Cup.**

Awarded by the President, to a club member who the President feels has made an outstanding contribution to the club during the year.

Again I must remind you to PROVIDE RESULTS and EVIDENCE if you want to score points for competing or helping. It's too late to realize at prize giving that someone else is getting your cup, when the time to call is now. Send all results to either Webster Gough (Club captain) or Len Fisher (Newsletter editor).

## 2010 Points Table to April

2010 (your name in green = qualified for cups)	All Rounder	Overall	Total Speed events	m/khana	trial	organiser (you need 12 pt for cups)	Co- driver	Rally driver	speed	Auto X
Webster Gough	74	62	53	9	0	12	0	0	51	2
Peter Collins	47	35	33	2	0	12	0	0	21	12
Tim Steeveken	40	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0
Alan Groves	37	33	28	5	0	4	0	0	16	12
Leon Cast	35	19	9	10	0	16	0	0	0	9
Brent Sellens	34	34	34	0	0	0	0	0	34	0
Loren Brookes	26	26	24	2	0	0	0	0	15	9
Brian Craig	25	13	9	4	0	12	0	0	9	0
Brian Worboys	25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	16	9
Andrew Thomson	24	12	12	0	0	12	0	0	12	0
Neil Roots	22	22	10	12	0	0	0	0	10	0
Adrian Marsden	21	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	21	0
Jilly Hutson	20	8	8	0	0	12	0	0	8	0
Dick Butters	19	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	16	3
Roger Lyon	19	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	13	6
Graham Heath	17	17	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	10
Aaron Tasker	16	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
Warwick Neal	15	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
Shane Atkinson	14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Adam Fisher	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
David Wilce	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Len Fisher	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
John Tennent	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Scott Newlands	12	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
Ben Watson	12	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
Stacey Glendinning	12	8	8	0	0	4	0	0	0	8
Lisa Watkins	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Brendon Glendinning	10	6	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	6
Neil Tapp	7	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Luke Kelly	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Dean Wilmhurst	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Stephen Heise	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Jacob Lyon	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Dan Edhouse	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Ben Jones	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Blair Turner	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Ragen	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
John Johnston	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Kylie Whiting	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Thomas Rumball	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Phillip Stephen	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Nigel Somerfield	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Robin Groves	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davey Uprichard	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jacob Evans-Scott	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Haydn Perkins	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Nick Turner	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2



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**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

**(1) JURISDICTION**

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**(2) PERMIT:**

Motorsport NZ Clubsport Basic. Permit number 7663.

**(3) OFFICIALS:**

CLERKS OF COURSE: Andrew Thomson 0272-605-830, Leon Cast 027 6996 838

SCRUTINEER Aaron Tasker 0274-126-582

**(4) VENUE/TIME:**

Slipway, Brooklyn

Gather from 8:00 am for Documentation and Scrutineering. Drivers briefing approximately 9:30 am.

**(5) DIRECTIONS:**

Gather from 8:00am at Brooklyn Wind Turbine Carpark, off Ashton Fitchett Drive, to convoy to the venue in Long Gully at approximately 8:45am.

**(6) ENTRIES, FEES**

\$30, on the day

**(7) CANCELLATION:**

All weather venue see <http://seabrightmotorsport.co.nz/forum/> for cancellation notice

**(8) PROGRAMME:**

(a) Documentation and auditing will take place at the wind turbine carpark from 8.00am

(b) Drivers briefing will be held at approximately 9:30am

(c) All timed runs are official, and are expected to run until approximately 3:30pm

**(9) RESULTS:**

(a) Displacement of a cone or marker will result in a 5 second penalty per cone

(b) Failing to complete the course correctly will result in the competitor being awarded the slowest time of the day, plus five seconds

(c) Results will be e-mailed, unless specifically requested otherwise

**(10) FURTHER INFORMATION:**

(a) Any vehicle wishing to carry a passenger must be fitted with a roll cage, full harness belts, and suitable seating, as per Schedule A Safety, and Schedule C Clubsport regulations. The vehicle must be approved by the Clerk of the Course.

(b) All driving outside the venue must be of the highest standard, as should we incur the wrath of the locals we may lose the venue.



**This Month's Photos —**



**Neil Roots trophies from Clubsport Nationals**



**Alan Groves trophies from Clubsport Nationals**

**21 MARCH 10 – SLIPWAY, PHOTO'S FROM DAVE WILCE**



**Lotus 7 loses a guard.**



**Roger having fun.**



**Stephen Heise Who says big is good!**



**If you're going to make a fool of yourself, do it properly!**



**Brendon's suspension is too soft.**



**Richard Kelly in his Lotus 7**

## CLUB PRIZEGIVING FOR THE 2009 YEARS EVENTS



**Webster Gough – All rounder ++**



**Neil Roots – Motokhana Trophy**



**John Rapley – Trials Cup**



**Alan Groves – Autocross & Novice Cup**



**Robin Groves – Student Cup**



**Andrew Thompson – Presidents Cup**



**Brendon & Stacey at Gladstone Rd**



**Graham Heath at Gladston Rd**

## 2010 NIGHT TRIAL SERIES

Hi folks

I can now confirm the details of this year's car trials series. The really good news is that we have enough organisers for a six-round series this year, including a final round in the Kapiti area after daylight savings time returns.

Now all we have to do is ensure we have enough competitors. Numbers have dropped a little over the past couple of years, and we could do with a few more to ensure the series remains viable. It's a very cheap evening's entertainment, and much better than watching television! How about those we haven't seen for a while, coming out of retirement - even for one or two events if you can't do them all? Bring your friends & family, and encourage your clubmates to have a go. Under Motorsport NZ's rules, newcomers can compete in 2 of these events without joining a car club - and even after that, only the driver needs to belong.

Here is a summary of the programme:

- Round 1 - 12 May, Petone / Hutt Valley, organisers Bary Lakeman & Eddie Conroy (Wellington Car Club).
- Round 2 - 9 June, Petone / Hutt Valley, organisers Gordon & Sue & Denise Gandy (Hutt Valley Motorsport Club).
- Round 3 - 14 July, Petone / Hutt Valley, organisers Bryan & Mari Atkins (Sunbeam Car Club).
- Round 4 - 11 August, Titahi Bay / Porirua & environs, organisers Wayne Gair & Dianne McDonald (Harbour Capital Car Club).
- Round 5 - 8 September, Petone / Hutt Valley, organisers Cathy & Mike Reid (Hutt Valley Motorsport Club).
- Round 6 - 13 October, Paraparaumu & environs, organisers the Jennings family (Kapiti Car Club).

The format for the series is similar to recent years - six rounds, on the second Wednesday evening of each month from May to October; documentation from 7pm, first car away at 7:30pm; entry fee \$15 per car for each round; running time is about 1 hour 30 minutes; relax over a coffee afterwards.

As we have done in recent years, we will again publish class placings for each event. This enables competitors, particularly newcomers, to compare their results with others of similar experience/expertise. However, the series points towards the Honda Challenge Trophy will continue to be based on overall placings in each event, as has always been the case. When attempting to define the classes, it is difficult to deal with crews of mixed experience, and crews whose composition changes during the year, while keeping it simple, so we will again simply let crews nominate the class they want to be in. After all, the class placings are unofficial as far as the series goes. The definitions (below) therefore are guidelines only:

- A (Novice): All members of the crew are competing in their first (approximately) 10 car trials;
- B (Intermediate): Crews not in classes A or C;
- C (Expert): At least one member of the crew has won a car trial in (approximately) the last 5 years.

Car trialling is a tricky sport to get used to, so, if you're new to the sport, please stick with it for a few events until you get the hang of it. You might find it useful to have an experienced person in your crew for your first couple of events to explain things as you go. Look at the maps and explanations at the finish, and please talk with the organisers or other competitors if anything doesn't make sense. If you don't already have them, you should get hold of the rules. With a bit of luck, you can download them from this link (there's a section of Helpful Hints at the back:

<http://www.motorsport.org.nz/Regs/regulations.htm#TrialsCompBooklet>

For those who aren't sure of the rules for the Honda Challenge Trophy Night Trials Series, here's a summary:

All participants earn points towards the trophy, but you have to be a member of an affiliated car club to win it.

"All participants" includes competitors (drivers, navigators, timekeepers, passengers, etc) and officials (organisers, checkers, marshals, etc).

Points for each round are based on overall placings: 1st = 20, 2nd = 17, 3rd = 15, 4th = 13, 5th = 11, 6th = 10, 7th = 9, 8th = 8, 9th = 7, 10th = 6, 11th = 5, 12th = 4, all others finishing within time = 3, those finishing maximum late = 2, non-finishers = 1; organisers = 20, checkers = 12, manned checks & controls = 3.

For enquiries, email the series coordinator at [john.rapley@paradise.net.nz](mailto:john.rapley@paradise.net.nz) or phone 562 8356.

To add a name to our email contacts list (or to take a name off), just email me as above.

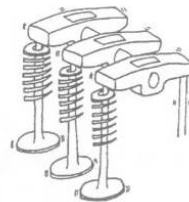
Please pass the word around your club, and publish something in your club's magazine.

Hope to see you at the first event on 12 May. I'll send out a reminder closer to the event, but it starts & finishes at Hutt Valley Motorsport Club rooms, Halford Place (eastern end of Jackson Street), Petone.

cheers, John

## 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!

Word of advise from Jilly.... Don't eat a sausage in bread just before navigating in a rally stage in Otago!

### New Members for 2010

A big welcome to some new members who have joined the car club in 2010. We hope to see you out at the upcoming events.

Cameron Duff & John Raptis

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## Tales of a new competitor – Rally Otago and NZRC

More firsts to add to the list for my competition career, Adam and I entered the Historic class of the NZ Rally Championship for 2010. The mighty Starlet has passed all of its code of description and we are on our way.

First up is Rally Otago. This is one rally that we both wanted to do as it has such a history in NZ rally circles as well as the Classic emphasis.

Has to be the most expensive for us to get to as the information we had from others was this was one rally that you should do recce on so this added an extra couple of days and another 800km to the trip.

Leading up to the season we did Barton's Line Rally sprint at the beginning of February followed by Whariti Peak at the end of February. These are both really great sprints as they are a good length and a great chance to really blow out the cobwebs from the last year of not doing much gravel stuff. The team and the car stood up to these two events coming out of both with a healthy layer of dust but no issues. So full steam ahead.

A complete Harbour Capital Car Club team, we were joined by Cy Guest and Brendon Young who took on the task of service crewing for us. A few nights before hand going over the car and checking everything was well worth the time.

Wednesday lunchtime and we off on the Bluebridge ferry on the start of the marathon journey south. Arriving in Picton at 5pm we started south to arrive in Dunedin at 2:20am! Good travelling although I don't think Cy likes my taste in music. The Motel were great and arranged for a key to be left out for us so that we could get some sleep before the recce which starting later in the morning.

The rally this year was starting up north by Oamaru and then inland through the Danseys pass to Middlemarch. These are amazing roads and very different from the ones we know. Recce was an experience with approx 60 cars (half rental corolla's and the other half 4wd's) setting off from Lake Waihola. The roads are all open during recce so we did encounter traffic on some of them. Its like driving in the biggest dust cloud for km after km, thankfully the notes tell you what the corners are as it is hard to see them at times which did make it hard too many adjustments but was a very valuable two days as we were better prepared for the types of roads we were about to race on.

Now in previous years they had snow during the rally so we were prepared for the cold that didn't come! We had bright glary sun for both days which was good but could have done with a bit of dampness to quell the dust. Saturday's stages were very slippery in the deep dust dug up by the 4wd cars ahead of us and in one place was almost a foot deep with ruts in it and not a lot of handling. Not far after this we came across Glen Smith's car resting on its side (this one definitely wasn't going to restart) and another 3 cars out in the first stage. Stage 2 also had a few casualties with the surface having not a lot of grip. The Dansey's pass was an amazing piece of road with some fast stuff in the beginning and into a very windy section towards the end with big big drops.

Adam had been cautious on these early stages and once the surface hardened up a bit was able to get some good times. The final stage of the day was a street circuit in the Port area of Dunedin. Thanks to the good sticky tarmac tires loaned by Neil Roots we had a really quick run in this 2km sprint. We finished day 1 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in class A only 20 seconds behind a Datsun 1200 but 4 mins off the leaders, the Fridds in another Starlet from Oamaru.

Day 2 again dawned sunny and clear and we headed into the forest just behind Dunedin and Adam was right on the pace with a great stage more like our own roads. From here to the famous Kuri Bush stage with big crests that favour the brave! Another good run through here and into Waipori Gorge before service in Middlemarch. The afternoon stages were more of the same with heaps of crests, straights and cattle stops.... Now you have to watch some of these cattle stops as the recce gave a different feel to these at 50kms than at 120km... one had a 350m straight then a cattle

stop and another 350m afterwards so we went flying down the hill and across the cattle stop which put a definite flick up on the rear end. One of the cars in front of us had thought he was being a bit of a nanna until now so went flying down this hill and the rear of the car went so high they were looking straight down at the road thinking @!@#%@\$ bugger it was all over, but luckily landed right side up and kept going. The rest of the day we had gained time on the Fridds but had only managed to claw back 2.5 mins so ended up 2<sup>nd</sup> in class A, and 40<sup>th</sup> overall for the rally. A very good result and the car is just dusty! ☺

Prizegiving is a big affair at the town hall and we all enjoyed the dinner that was laid on. We now have our first trophy's of the year which is a pretty good way to start. Many thanks to Cy and Brendon for all their help before during and after the rally. A few statistics.... 2000km in the van, 800km in a rental car on recce and 900km in the rally car. This is a pretty big trip but was well worth the experience.

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## **Victoria University Car Club — THE FIRST TEN YEARS**

In 1970 Hayden Nicholson, a past member of the Auckland University Car Club, initiated the formation of the Victoria University of Wellington Car Club (the words "of Wellington" were later dropped). Events consisted of trials, gymkhanas, and socials. The membership reached 50, including 14 committee members. The points table was introduced, and the club magazine "Wheelspin" was published on an irregular basis.

In 1971 the Club's foundations were formally laid when it became an Incorporated body. Our longest standing traditional event, the Midnite Trial, was first promoted. The club also obtained its first grant from the VUW Students' Association. The club windscreen transfer also made its first appearance.

VUCC really arrived on the Wellington motorsport scene in 1972, and showed it was there to stay. The Club's affiliation to the Motor-sport Association of New Zealand (MANZ) was approved, and the club also became a member of the Wellington Motorsport Association (WMSA). VUCC members could now compete in other clubs' invitation events, and lost no time in doing so. We finished the year runners up in the Wall Trophy trials series, and also made our mark in the Stewards' Trophy Gymkhana series. Motorsport as a Universities' Tournament sport was revived after a lapse of many years, and VUCC promoted a gymkhana and two trials for Easter Tournament. "Piston", another long standing tradition as the club's major social event, was first held. Hayden and Leonia Nicholson donated a trophy for the club trials championship. "Wheelspin" became a two monthly publication, with a newsletter in the intervening months. The tool-loan co-operative was introduced. Membership mushroomed to 150 including 16 committee members.

1973 saw the club mature. Hayden Nicholson was rewarded for his past services by being made a life member. The speed, nonspeed, and social subcommittees were introduced, and the main committee was reduced to nine positions. Brian and Philip de Montalk, the club's first speed event enthusiasts, presented a trophy for the speed championship. An autocross at Te Marua was the club's first speed event. "Wheelspin" became a monthly publication, and the handbook was first produced. VUCC won both the Wall Trophy trials series (which we have won every year since) and the Stewards' Trophy gymkhana series. A VUCC member also won the PME trophy the first year it was presented. Membership reached 200.

For 1974 the membership again reached 200, and the Midnite trial became the club's first national event. VUCC members played a large part in organising WMSA's Ngaumu Clubmans Rally. We promoted a trial, gymkhana, and sprint for Universities' Winter Tournament, and a VUCC team won the trophy. The first ANZAC Day Walking Trial was held. Motorsport Weekend became another traditional part of the club's calendar, as did the Manfield Sprint.

In 1975 the John Beasley Memorial Trophy was first presented to the winning team at the Motorsport Weekend. VUCC members again played a major part in organising a WMSA rally, this time a national championship event. At MANZ's request VUCC, in conjunction with Auckland University Car Club, prepared a report on the consumption of fuel in New Zealand. Alan Martin was elected to the MANZ Trials-Advisory Committee, a position he held for the next 3 years. Many autocrosses were held at a semi-permanent venue maintained by VUCC at a Whitemans Valley farm.

By 1976 VUCC was firmly established, membership standing at 150. The Midnite Trial gained Gold Star status. The PME trophy was won by a VUCC member, and has been



in VUCC hands each year since. Photographs became a regular feature in Wheelspin. The annual Manfield Sprint became a combined event with MG Car Club, and has remained so each year since.

In 1977 the first Nighthawk Rally was held, in consortium with MG and Wainuiomata Clubs, maintaining VUCC's reputation for holding its major events at unusual times in the middle of the night. The club was fortunate in being given six trophies from the defunct Rimutaka Car Club, these being used for the Overall, Gymkhana, Organiser, Novice, Student, and Woman Championships. Membership stood at 120. The winding-up weekend became another traditional part of the club's calendar.

1978 saw a continuation of the traditions that had been established. Membership reached around 100, where it has stabilized each year since. An update of the 1975 fuel use survey was prepared.

1979 saw the position of Rallies Chair added to the main committee. The rugged Nighthawk Rally formed one round of the national rally championship. We regained the Steward's Trophy Gymkhana Championship we had last won in 1973, and also the Vesta Gymkhana Trophy which, together with the Wall and PME trophies, gave VUCC a clean sweep of the interclub nonspeed trophies for the year.

## **Published in the Victoria University Car Club handbook 1981**

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<b>May</b>	1		Race (Endurance)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	2		Sprint (Road and Track)	Manawatu	Manfeild	RT
	6 – 9		Rally of NZ			Int
	8		Rally (Possum Bourne)	NZRC		Nat
	9		Autocross Race (Charity Classic)	Harbour Capital MG	Slipway, Brooklyn Manfeild	KN
	12		Night Trial (Conroy/Lakeman)	Wellington	Petone	NT
	16	GG	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Tea Creek	GS
	17		WMSA Meeting			
	22		Motorsport AGCM		Wellington	
	23		Unveiling Honours Board/Social	Hutt Valley	HVMC Clubrooms, Petone	
	30	GM	Intermarque Sprint Autocross	Triumph/Rotor Kapiti	Manfeild Otaihanga	IM KN
<b>June</b>	5-6		Rally – Targa Rotorua			
	6		Race	Manawatu	Manfeild	Nat
	9		Night Trial (Gandy)	Hutt Valley	Petone	NT
	13		Autocross	Harbour Capital	Slipway, Brooklyn	
	19		Rally – Taranaki Tarmac			
	20		Autocross	Hutt Valley	Silverstream	
	27	WG	Hillclimb (Gravel Sprint)	Kapiti		GS
<b>July</b>	4		Race Sealed Sprint	Manawatu Levin	Manfeild Kaihinau Road	DM
	4-5		Rally Whangarei	NZRC		Nat
	14		Night Trial (Atkins)	Sunbeam	Petone	NT
	18	SM	Intermarque Sprint	Capri	Manfeild	IM
	19		WMSA Meeting			
	22	All	Stewards Meeting		Stokes Valley	
	31		Autocross	Harbour Capital	Slipway, Brooklyn	KN
<b>August</b>	1	GG	Hillclimb (Gravel Sprint)	Kapiti	Valley View	GS
	7		Rally of Gisborne			
	8		Race	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	11		Night Trial (McDonald/Gair)	Harbour Capital	Titahi Bay	NT
	14		Autocross (Day/Night)	Hutt Valley	Silverstream	
	15	BS	Intermarque Sprint	Alfa	Manfeild	IM
	21-22		Rally Nelson	NZRC		Nat
	29		Autocross Sealed Sprint (tentative date)	Levin Wellington	Shelley Bay, Wellington	GS
<b>September</b>	5		Race	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	8		Night Trial (Reid)	Hutt Valley	Petone	NT
	11-12		Rally Wairarapa	NZRC	Wairarapa	Nat
	19		Autocross	Harbour Capital	Slipway, Brooklyn	
	20		WMSA Meeting (AGM)			
	26		Autocross Sealed Sprint (alt tentative date)	Levin Wellington	Shelley Bay, Wellington	GS
<b>October</b>	3		Gravel Sprint	Levin	Waiorongomai Road	GS
	10		Intermarque Sprint Bathurst	MG	Manfeild Bathurst	IM
	13		Night Trial (Jennings)	Kapiti	Paraparamu	NT
	17		Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Puketiro Road	GS
	24		Sprint (sealed)	Hutt Valley	Port Road	DM
Labour Day	25		Autocross / Motorkhana	Hutt Valley	Silverstream	
	25-31		Rally	Targa		
	30		Rally – Manawatu	Manawatu		Nat
	31		Autocross	Levin		
<b>November</b>	7		Sealed Hillclimb	Wairarapa	Admiral Road	DM
	13		Classic Race	MG	Manfeild	Nat
	14		Classic Race	MG	Manfeild	Nat
	14-20		Rally (Marathon)	Marathon Rally	Silver Fern	Nat
	22		WMSA Meeting (Calendar)			
	28		Autocross	Harbour Capital	Slipway, Brooklyn	
<b>December</b>	5		Intermarque Sprint	IMC/Fiat	Manfeild	IM
	12		Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Dorsets Road	GS

	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	Wellington
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

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