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COVER PHOTO

Daybreaker Rally – Photo Geoff Warren

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

The Fireman's Arms Jackson Street, Petone

Wednesday the 1st August 2012 @7:30



Brian and I had a fun day out at the Daybreaker Rally, along with Brendon and Andrew (and our respective crews too).

Brian, Webster and Al headed up on Friday night to give them a more civilised hour of awakening, while I headed up on Saturday morning as I notoriously tend to be unable to sleep when I'm out of town. The weather was rather seriously not promising as Stacey and I were heading North on the morning, and the wipers got a lot of use!

However as we got nearer to Feilding it started to dry out, thank goodness. A wet rally probably isn't a great thing, and I am not looking forward to the day that I encounter one!

I've recently quit drinking coffee, so was a bit nervous if my brain would cope with a rally day without a good dose of caffeine to get things working. However it turned out pretty well :-)

It's a good sort of a commute from the start line, to the first stage of the rally, as it heads about 40km out of town, then into a 20+ km stage, one of only two long stages of the event. Similar to the usual first stage, but with a bit less distance into it. We were very comfortable with our "last car on the road" position, as it means no watching for fast catching cars in the mirror. It was a bit of a worry though that in the first stage we passed one car with all the wheels in the air, and another car pulled off with a mechanical issue.

Then on touring after stage 1, we passed no less than three cars (one on a tow rope). Luckily all of the cars we passed in touring other than one did get to the start of stage 2 though. The car that wasn't able to rejoin was actually the Subaru Legacy that I got a ride in at Mangahao Dam, some months ago. On that sprint the car was pushing some water out the overflow, and judging from the photos Geoff got of that car in stage 1 of the rally, it had a serious overheat going on. So possibly the same issue, but made worse with the longer duration of a rally stage. I definitely feel for the guys who get all the build up to the rally, only to have something go wrong right at the start.

Brian was having a good start to the day, and seemed pretty happy and comfortable with the car from the start. We had a section of the rally that was the same three stages repeated with a service in between. The London stage was absolutely brilliant, not really high speed stuff, but a nice series of corners, and a brilliant finish section uphill on some nice second gear corners. I am pretty sure I actually heard Brian say "wheeee!!!" during that stage. The second section of that

loop was a lot of third gear stuff, and the crown of the road was quite tall so there was quite a bit of gravel vs sumpguard going on.

Having the loop/repeat stages was great because the roads were pretty fresh in our minds, and Brian was able to take good advantage of that, trimming a remarkable 30 seconds off during one of the stages.

Both the Corolla's were behaving themselves, which meant that the service crews had a fairly low key day of it, which is excellent, and both the cars got through the day without any vehicle vs scenery incidents.

Ridge Road was another 20k + stage, so plenty of time to get into the flow of things, which is good, as there's nothing quite as good as linking a series of corners together smoothly!

The last two stages was the same bit of road repeated. I wasn't quite sure how this was going to work out, as there is a very short tour from the end of the stage, then back to the stage again, or if they were going to run the whole field in seeding order twice, or mix the slow cars doing their first run in with the faster cars doing their second run (the latter is what happened). While the last stage was a neat bit of road, the end result was that we sat in the car for about forty minutes before doing our first run at it while most of the field did their second run on the road, and we were in front of a car going considerably quicker than we could, and who according to the navigator of that car was on a huge charge. So that put a lot of pressure on us to be mirror watching, as we don't want to be the ones to stuff up somebody else's rally by slowing them down! The road was a fun bit of road, but with the big wait before we got to do the stage, then having a far faster car behind us, and the fact that it got quite dark before we did our runs, I think I'd have preferred to have done the stage only once. Would have made for less time, less pressure, and more daylight.



Photo Len

Overall though, nothing but good things to say about the rally. The roads were huge amounts of fun, only one stage was delayed when they had to recover a vehicle from the stage before it was re-run. The attrition during stage 1 turned out to be the exception rather than the pattern, and hardly anyone else failed to finish the day. We did pass no less than three rolled cars though, which made you a fraction nervous ;-)

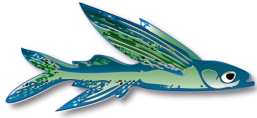
Geoff was lucky enough to be on the corner where a Ford Escort came quite unstuck, and rolled. So he got the whole sequence in a series of shots, including one shot where the car is in mid air with nothing touching the ground.

That's it from me for the month, sorry to haven't written more but I've only done the one event since the last write up!

Leon

CLARKSONISM'S

On the Lotus Elise: "This car is more fun than the entire French air force crashing into a firework factory."



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Brendon Glendinning and Andrew Thomson

A Tight Fight for the Daybreaker Rally

Sunday, 15 July 2012, 3:19 pm

Press Release: Daybreaker Rally



After all 60 entries in the Daybreaker Rally started and an impressive 51 finished, this year it was a case of the need for speed, as opposed to a battle of attrition, as the competitors raced over the 122km and 10 special stages that made up the 2012 event.

And right from the first wheel spinning on stage one, the fight at the front was matched by battles all the way through the field. With the opening 22km stage showing who had their breakfast and who was still waking up.

First up and best dressed was the local driver Geoff Argyle as a storming run through gave him the rally lead. However he was being pushed all the way by the trio of Stewart Taylor, Alex Kelsey, and Andrew Hawkeswood, with just 7.6 seconds separating these four.

This continued through to Stage 3, where two stage wins by Taylor now saw him 0.1 second behind Argyle. Unfortunately for the crowd of spectators, the mighty Audi Quattro of Hawkeswood suffered engine problems and it was an early trailer home.

When Argyle spun at the start of Stage 4, the 30 seconds of time he lost was enough to drop him from first to third and into the sights of 4th and 5th placed Grant Blackberry and Neil Marshall. Leaving Taylor and Kelsey out in front, even it was only 33 seconds and 17 seconds respectively.

Following the service break Argyle was back on a charge and a string of fastest stage times saw him chasing down the leaders. While Kelsey and Taylor traded stage times, Argyle had closed in to be only 4.1 off Kelsey, and 24 off Taylor.

Such was the heat of battle that a momentary lapse of pace by Kelsey in the 24km Stage 8 saw

him drop to third as Argyle shot past. Taylor won the stage, but only by 0.8 seconds from Argyle! This was 27 faster than the rest, meaning that the gap between the podium places and the rest was now out to one and a half minutes.

Mind you the fight for 4th to 6th was just as tight on its own. Blackberry was continuing to show a new level of speed this season as he lead Neil Marshall by 16.6 seconds, with Shannon Chambers recovering from a slow start to be 19.9 seconds behind Marshall.

With just the last two short blasts to come, there wasn't much expectation for the places to change, however no one told Argyle this and he set out to chase down Taylor. An initial 7.6 seconds cut into Taylor's lead was matched by a 6.9 cut on the second trip around the McBeth Road stage. However it wasn't to be quite enough.

The result being that Taylor celebrated two rally wins in a row, with Argyle just 10.2 seconds back in the runner-up position. Kelsey meanwhile was driving for the finish and had settled for third by this time. Even so this was a good comeback from his recent set-backs.

Following this group was the next trio, who had maintained station despite a fight for individual stage times. Blackberry, Marshall, and Chambers ended only 28 seconds apart.

The fight for the fastest 2WD car was also a battle between the local lad, Tony McConachy, and the tourists from the north and south of Craig Stevens and Paul Black. Essentially this was a continuation from earlier in the season, with McConachy eeking out a 13 second lead over Stevens by half time. Black had dropped off the pace of these two, but he had his own chasers behind as Jason Weld and Paul De Rose were threatening to close in.

As another Manawatu local Weld knows these roads well. He is also well known for his spectacular sideways style. However having skids wasn't being as productive for him as it has been in the past. The result being that by the end Weld was relegated to 5th in 2WD, as De Rose overtook him and into 4th. De Rose's target had been to catch Black, but Black was on his own charge and he was happy with third 2WD and first in class.

This left McConachy and Stevens battling at the front, but the second half of the rally wasn't good news for Stevens. McConachy had found his groove and an 11 second lead after Stage 6 was turned into a 41 second lead after Stage 10, giving McConachy a win that wasn't entirely reflective of the battle earlier on.

As the rain mostly stayed away, and the drivers enjoyed very good road conditions, the spectators got to see excellent competition, which focused on driver ability and outright speed. Making for a fantastic event, and a continuation in not only the revival of regional rally competition but the revival of an iconic event on the NZ rally calendar that is the Daybreaker Rally.

Full results are available at <http://www.chrissport.co.nz/>

Two bears were sitting at the side of the lake near Ottawa.

The smaller one turned to the bigger one and said, 'I can't understand how you can be so much bigger than me. We're the same age; we were the same size as kids. I just don't get it.'

'Well,' said the big Bear, 'what have you been eating?' 'Politicians, same as you,' replied the small Bear.

'Hmm. Well, where do you catch them?' 'Down near the parking lot by the Parliament Buildings.' 'Same here. Hmm. How do you catch them?'

'Well, I hide under one of their Lexus cars and wait for one to unlock the car door. Then I jump out, grab them by the leg, shake the shit out of them and eat 'em!'

'Ah!' says the big Bear, 'I think I see your problem. You're not getting any real nourishment. See, by the time you finish shaking the shit out of a Politician, there's nothing left but an asshole and a briefcase.'

Here are some Awesome photos from Brett Gunnell, check out his web site pitcrewdesign.wordpress.com, for awesome videos.



Stew Taylor



Alex Kelsey



Tony Maconachy



Jeff Judd



Ian Glenny



Geoff Argyle

IDIOT SIGHTING No 5

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'

To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?'

He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

Happened at Luton Airport



Brendon and Andrew



Brian & Leon

The Frog and Golf

A man takes the day off work and decides to go out golfing.

He is on the second hole when he notices a frog sitting next to the green.

He thinks nothing of it and is about to shoot when he Hears, 'Ribbit 9 Iron.'

The man looks around and doesn't see anyone.

Again, he hears, 'Ribbit 9 Iron.'

He looks at the frog and decides to prove the frog wrong, puts the Club away, and grabs a 9 iron.

Boom! He hits it 10 inches from the cup.

He is shocked.

He says to the frog, 'Wow that's amazing you must be a lucky frog, eh?'

The frog replies, 'Ribbit Lucky frog.'

The man decides to take the frog with him to the next hole.

'What do you think frog?' The man asks.

'Ribbit 3 wood.'

The guy takes out a 3 wood and, Boom! Hole in one...

The man is befuddled and doesn't know what to say.

By the end of the day, the man golfed the best game of golf in his life and asks the frog, 'OK where to next?'

The frog replies, 'Ribbit Las Vegas ..'

'They go to Las Vegas and the guy says, 'OK frog, now What?'

The frog says, 'Ribbit Roulette.'

Upon approaching the roulette table, The man asks, 'What do you think I should Bet?'

The frog replies, 'Ribbit \$3000, black 6.'

Now, this is a million-to-one shot to win, but after the golf game the man figures what the heck.

Boom! Tons of cash comes sliding back across the table

The man takes his winnings and buys the best room in the Hotel.

He sits the frog down and Says, 'Frog, I don't know how to repay you. You've won me all this money and I am forever grateful.'

The frog replies, 'Ribbit KissMe.' He figures why not,

Since after all the frog did for Him, He deserves it..

With a kiss, the frog turns into a gorgeous 15-year-old girl.

'And that, your honor, is how the girl ended up in my room. So help me God

Or my name is not William Jefferson Clinton.'

TRIALS

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

Thanks to Carol Weston for helping me to plot the route and organise the event, and to AJ Martin and Mike Hodgetts for helping me to run it on the night.

Congratulations to Cathy & Mike Reid and Brian Craig for 1st place overall and also 1st in the Expert class.

Congratulations also to Steve & Cathie McCallum, 3rd overall and 1st in the Intermediate class again, and to Fred & Josh Alvarez with Bill Peacocke providing guidance, 7th overall and 1st in the Novice class.

Some of the regular crews were missing from this event, but we had four novice crews, which is the most for a long time. We hope to see you again - if you'd like an experienced passenger to guide you through your next event, let me know by return email and I'll arrange it.

The next event is on Wednesday 8 August - round 3 of this year's night trials series. Petone & Lower Hutt area. Organisers are Cathy & Mike Reid (Hutt Valley Motorsport Club). Start and finish at Hutt Valley Motorsport Club rooms, Halford Place (eastern end of Jackson Street), Petone. Documentation from 7pm, first car away at 7:30pm. Entry fee \$20 per car. Duration about 90 minutes. Relax over tea or coffee afterwards. Class placings published to let you compare your performance with others of similar experience.

Later rounds this year:

Round 4 - Sept 12, Mana to Paraparaumu, organisers Dave & Mark Jennings (Kapiti Car Club).

Round 5 - Oct 10, Titahi Bay & Porirua, organisers Wayne Gair & Dianne McDonald (HCCC).

cheers, John

TEAM SMILEY'S NIGHT TRIAL 11 JULY 2012

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Organisers: John Rapley and Carol Weston
Marshals: AJ Martin, Mike Hodgetts

CLARKSONISM'S

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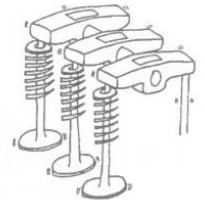
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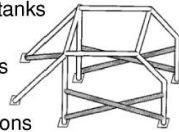




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* Levels Raceway 13th October 2012 (3hr + 1hr race final)
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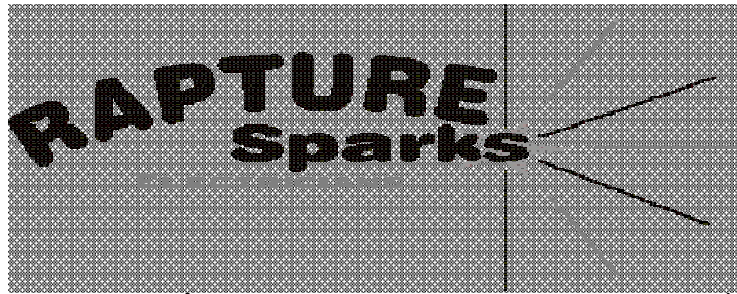
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The thing I love most about this hot weather is the short skirts and low cut tops. Although they do make me look a bit gay.



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Johnny: Seven, Sir.

Teacher: No, listen carefully.

If I gave you 2 cats, and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have?

Johnny: Seven

Teacher: Let me put it to you differently.

If I gave you 2 apples, and another 2 apples and another 2, how many will you have?

Johnny: Six.

Teacher: Good. Now if I gave you 2 cats, and another 2 and another 2, how many will you have?

Johnny: Seven!!!

A very angry Teacher: Where in the hell do you get seven from?!?!?

A very angry Johnny: Because,....I've already got a cat !!!



Wellington Motorsport Association Calendar 2012

August	4		Rally (Taupo 2WD Tarmac)	Taupo Classic R	Taupo Motorsport Park	Nat
	5	PT?	Race (Winter Series)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	8		Night Trial	Hutt Valley	HVMC Clubrooms	NT
	12		Autocross (Gravel)	Kapiti	Otaihanga	KN
	18		70 th Anniversary Celebrations	Wellington		
	19		Autocross	Hutt Valley	Trentham	KN
	20		WMSA Meeting (AGM)		HVMC Clubrooms, Petone	
	25		Rally Gisborne (NZRC Rd 5)	Rally NZ	Gisborne	Nat
	26	SM	Rally Gisborne (NZRC Rd 5) Intermarque Sprint	Rally NZ IM	Gisborne Manfeild	Nat IM
September	2		Race (Winter Series)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	12		Night Trial	Kapiti		NT
	16		Motorkhana	Harbour Capital	Silverstream	ST/VB
	23	GG	Intermarque Sprint	IM(?)	Manfeild	IM
October	30	WG	Sealed Sprint	Wellington	Shelley Bay	DM
	7		Gravel Sprint	Levin	Wairongomai Road, Otaki	GS
	10		Night Trial	Harbour Capital	Titahi Bay	NT
	13					
	14	WG	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Puketiro Road	GS
	21	SM	Sealed Sprint (Triathlon)	Hutt Valley	Port Road	DM
	22		Autocross/Motorkhana (Triathlon)	Hutt Valley	Trentham/Silverstream(?)	KN/ST
	21-28		Targa Rally	Targa		
November	4	SM	Hillclimb	Wairarapa	Admiral Road	DM
	10		Race (Classic)	MG	Manfeild	
	11		Race (Classic)	MG	Manfeild	
	10-18		Silver Fern Rally	Marathon RC	North Island	Nat
	18		Autocross (Gravel)	Kapiti	Otaihanga	
	19		WMSA Meeting		HVMC Clubrooms, Petone	
	22	All	Stewards Meeting			
	25	GG	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Dorsets Road	GS
December	2		Sealed Sprint	Dannevirke	Blairgowrie Road	
			Autocross	Hutt Valley	Silverstream	KN
	9	AW	Intermarque Sprint	IM	Manfeild	IM

Abbreviations

KN	Kim Naylor Autocross Series
DM	Duncan McKenzie Sealed Sprint Series
ST	Stewards Trophy Motorkhana Series
VB	Vesta Battery round of ST series
GS	Gravel Sprint Series
RT	Road and Track Sprint Series
RS	Rallysprint Series
IM	The Surgery Intermarque Sprint Series
Nat	National meeting
NT	Night Trial Series

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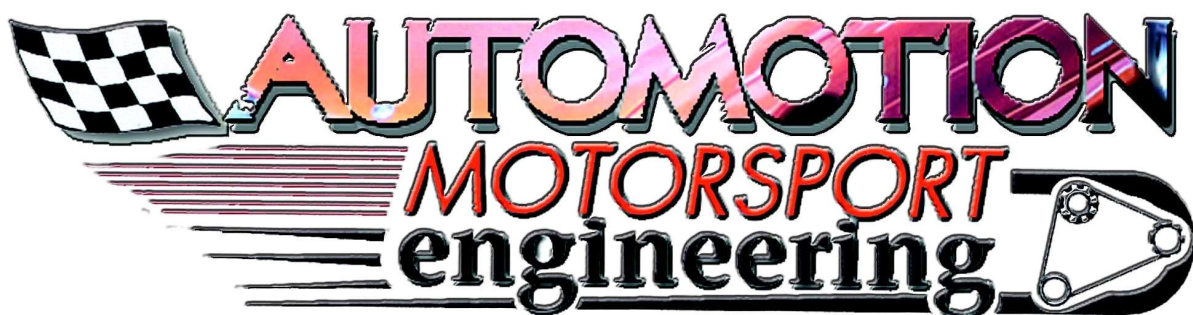
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