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Jeremy Aimers at Dorsets Road (Photo Brian Craig)

Harbour Capital Car Club Clubnight

First Wednesday of the month : 1841 Disraeli Street Johnsonville

Committee Meeting 3rd Wednesday of the month, 1841 Disraeli Street Johnsonville, 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

1841 Pub (Upstairs)

1 Disraeli St, Johnsonville (next to the BP)

Wednesday the 5th February 2014 @7:30

This will be the AGM- be there!



We finished up 2013 with a double weekend of goodness over in Wairarapa, and I also headed up to Kapiti and took the Corolla out for a play on gravel.

2014's eventing has just started, with me writing this having just done the Anniversary Weekend Port Road Sprint.

The Kapiti Autocross was well attended, due to pre entry, and a fair bit of chasing of competitors! Which is good, as it means if we keep getting decent numbers for them, it's actually worth Kapiti running those events.

I had the Corolla out there for the first time with the plate diff, and different gearbox (ratios) as I mentioned in my last article had been fitted. Definitely a bit of a different experience with the plate diff in the car. I was having issues with lack of turn in, but then once you planted boot the car would then hold the line really well. The lack of turn in might be due to the plate diff, or it could be simply because that was the first time I'd run snow tyres up there as well.

I absolutely melted the snow tyres, from basically new, to basically stuffed after only four runs. Again, with the new variables being diff and also tyres, I'm not actually sure if it's the new diff meaning that I can now wear out tyres quite dramatically. Not that I'm complaining, because I was carrying far better speed around the sweeper, and I was able to bring the Corolla home in second place (definitely helped by the very quick Graham Heath not being there).

I couldn't get within a mile of Al Groves, who was driving like a homicidal maniac all day, and took out a very well deserved win. I seriously didn't think that he would save some of the sideways angles that he was putting in. But he did, and it was a demon drive. Apparently he tried keeping his foot flat all the way from the bottom corner all through the double "S" section. Al tells me that while you "can" do so, it isn't something he says you "should" do.

The next event was a Saturday afternoon motorkhana, and Sunday autocross over in the Wairarapa. We've had mixed experiences with the Tauherenikau paddocks, with the first event we did there being in an absolutely beautiful paddock that was very small. The second paddock we tried there was VAST, but also exceedingly bouncy. I can report with assurance, that for our December events we lucked out. The paddock ₃ was very smooth, and absolutely enormous.

For the Saturday event I took over an Integra that I purchased late Friday night, so that was an interesting shake down for the car! I had utterly bald tyres, which was to say the least, slightly unhelpful for offering traction.

We had a pretty low key Motorkhana, starting early afternoon, and running quite simple courses with only a minimum of reversing. Neil did his usual complete domination act, followed by Adam Fisher, and then I think I was third.

Luckily for Neil he got his good day in on Saturday, as on Saturday night at his work function he managed to break a finger while riding a mechanical bull, which put him comprehensively out of action for Sunday (and at least the following month).

The Sunday autocross I set up a big course with some high speed second gear stuff through a very gradual "S" that took most of the length of the paddock, and then a series of zig zags on the way back. Certainly interesting going utterly flat out in second gear on relatively slippy grass, and I highly recommend the sensation!

As always it dried out through the day and turned good and fast. We'd wrapped up all the official runs by lunchtime, so I headed out and set up a bonus course, which avoided the areas of the paddock that we'd started to chew out in the slow speed corners. Most of the entrants stuck around, and basically did an entire extra unofficial event, which was good to see.

Amazing weather, and once again an absolutely top effort by Jilly and Adam to organise such a fun event.

Now that I've whet your appetite, we're running there again 16th February (Autocross) and *might* run a motorkhana on March 1st to practice for the Clubsport Nationals.

Heading into 2014, my first event for the year was the Anniversary Weekend Port Road Sprint, with a 51 car entry for the first of the two rounds there by HVMC. A testimony to the popularity of the event, to say that almost every time it is sold out!

This was the shakedown run for the previously mentioned Integra, and a bit of an adventure. It seems that the previous owner of the car had fitted brake pads made out of Weetbix. So I was getting brake fade basically after two brake applications, and finishing the event with no brakes at all. Clearly a situation that is not ideal for a race day. I also discovered that the diff in the car is not an LSD, so I was getting a bit of tyre smoke out of corners right the way through second gear.

But aye carumba an Integra even in utterly stock standard trim has some mumbo compared to the old Corolla! So even though I had no brakes, I was having a lot of fun screaming down the straight bits at something up to 9,000rpm (they only come fully on cam at 6,000). Definitely a car that I highly recommend that has some good potential as a club car! I see why Gary Maddock runs an ITR engine in his Starlet.

Brendon was also shaking down the ex Geoff Warren / Loren Brookes / Rob Sclater Sti, (which he has purchased, making it four car club owners now!). Apparently a lot of power is exciting, when you're Brendon, and you're also running the cheapest road tyres known to mankind (Triangles I think they are). So he was shaking like a leaf after his first run, and was apparently turning most of the straights into a complicated series of "S" bends. Unfortunately I can't really report on the results, because I'm writing this only a couple of hours after the event has finished.

But I can say that there were some interesting cars there. A couple of Mallock U2 (no relative of the submarine, or the band by the same name) sports racing cars, and Scott Kreyl in the monster power Evo 8. Scott's car unfortunately did something during the series of launches that he did during the middle of the familiarisation lap, so he that went away on a trailer looking a bit sorry for itself.

Stephen Heise (Tallguy Racing) managed to collect a kerb in the Falcon, but he was able to pop it back onto the bead with a pump. So hopefully that is an indication that there isn't anything terribly

crucial in the steering that is now a different shape.

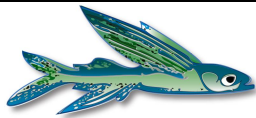
We're on track to get Slipway back. Albeit with a very serious noise constraint ... so be VERY aware that if your car isn't going to pass the WOF check noise quick check (google NZTA VIRM exhaust noise, and you should find it), then you are not going to be allowed to start.

So, there's a bunch of cars that will need to be quietened down before they can compete. Also, the noise control plan specifically forbids drifting. So that will rule out a few of the competitors who like to come out to Trentham and do the HVMC events there. Once I have more information, I will publish and distribute it.

But it's not because we (HCCC) hate noise, or hate drifting, it is 100% due to the noise control agreement that is the only way that we can get back to running at Slipway.

The good news is, as a part of the resource consent, they are able to build a new and big venue further into the farm (thus further away from "Zealandia"). So when that new venue is constructed, drifters can come back again. Watch this space.

Leon



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Tauherenikau Again



Saturday 16 February 2013

Entry on the day but if you want to pre-enter the club bank details will be in the Supp regs.
Road tyres only please No slick tires, rally tires or mud & snow tyres.

Autocross

Cost \$20 per person No helmets or overalls for this fun event

Poor Lance Armstrong

I think it is just terrible and disgusting how everyone has treated Lance Armstrong, especially after what he achieved, winning 7 Tour de France races, while on drugs.

When I was on drugs, I couldn't even find my frig'n bike.

Leons Pix from December Kapiti Autocross









And Tauherenikau Autocross











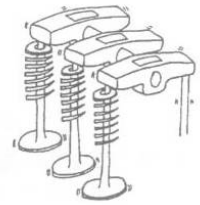
And Port Road



The recession in the USA has hit everybody really hard...
My neighbour got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
Wives are having sex with their husbands because they can't afford batteries.
CEO's are now playing miniature golf. Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.
A stripper was killed when her audience showered her with rolls of pennies while she danced.
I saw a Mormon with only one wife.
If the bank returns your cheque marked "Insufficient Funds," you call them and ask if they meant you or them. Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America.
Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.
My cousin had an exorcism but couldn't afford to pay for it, and they re-possessed her!
A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.
A picture is now only worth 200 words.
I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., I called the Suicide Hotline. I got a call centre in Pakistan, and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck

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!

How about sending me some folks?

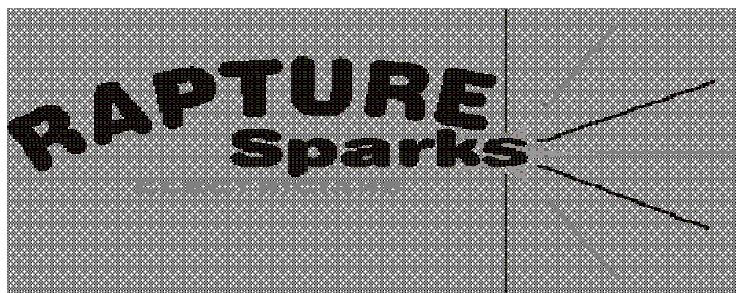
Wellington Motorsport Association Calendar 2014

Month	Date	Steward	Event Type	Club	Venue	Status
February	2		Sprint (1/8 mile) POSTPONED	Levin	Whirukinau Road	
	16		Autocross	Harbour Capital	Tauherenikau	
	17		WMSA Meeting		HVMC Clubrooms, Petone	
	22		Sprint (Rd & Track) ?	Mspst Manawatu	Manfeild	
	23		Race - Summer Series ?	Mspst Manawatu	Manfeild	
March	6	All	Stewards Meeting		Stokes Valley	
	16	GG	Sealed Sprint (Hillclimb)	Wellington	Alexandra Road	DM/Sc
	23	SM	Rallysprint	Wairarapa		RS
April	6	AW	The Surgery Intermarque Sprint		Manfeild	IM
	12		Sprint and Races Rally Whangarei	Triumph RNZ	Taupo Track 3 Whangarei	NAT
Good Friday	18					
Easter Monday	21					
Anzac Day	25					
	26		Gravel Sprint (day/night)	Wairarapa	Tea Creek	
	27		Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Tea Creek	GS
May	4		Gravel Sprint	Levin	Mangahao Dam	GS
	10		Drive South Rally Otago		Dunedin	NAT
	11		Sealed Autocross	Hutt Valley	Trentham	KN
	14		Night Trial		HVMC Clubrooms, Petone	
	19		WMSA Meeting		Manfeild	
	25	PT	The Surgery Intermarque Sprint		Manfeild	IM
June	1		Canterbury Rally Hawkes Bay Rally		Christchurch	NAT
	11		Night Trial			
	22		Sealed Sprint	Levin	Kaihinau Road	DM
	28		Rally Wairarapa		Masterton	NAT
July	9		Night Trial			
	12		Taranaki Rally			
	13		The Surgery Intermarque Sprint		Manfeild	IM
	20		Sealed Autocross	Hutt Valley	Trentham	KN
August	10		The Surgery Intermarque Sprint		Manfeild	IM
	13		Night Trial			
	19		WMSA AGM / Meeting		HVMC Clubrooms, Petone	
	23		Rally New Zealand			NAT
September	10		Night Trial			
	14		The Surgery Intermarque Sprint		Manfeild	IM
	21		Sealed Autocross	Hutt Valley	Trentham	KN
	27		Daybreaker Rally	Manawatu		
October	28		Sealed Sprint	Wellington	Shelley Bay	DM/Sc
	5		Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Puketiro Road	GS
	11		Rally of the North			
	19		Gravel Sprint	Levin	Waiorongomai Road	GS
November	26		Sealed Sprint	Hutt Valley	Port Road, Seaview	DM/Sc
	2		Sealed Sprint	Wairarapa	Admiral Road	DM/Sc
	17		WMSA Meeting (Calendar)		HVMC Clubrooms, Petone	
	30		Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Dorsets Road	GS

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
Sc	Ron Scanlon Trophy Series

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The irish!!!

Due to a water shortage in Ireland , Dublin swimming baths have announced they are closing lanes 7 and 8...

I got a letter from Screw Fix Direct thanking me for my interest, but explaining they were not a dating agency...

Paddy thought his new girlfriend might be the one but after looking through her knicker drawer and finding a nurse's outfit, a French maids outfit, and a police woman's uniform, he finally decided if she can't hold down a job, she's not for him

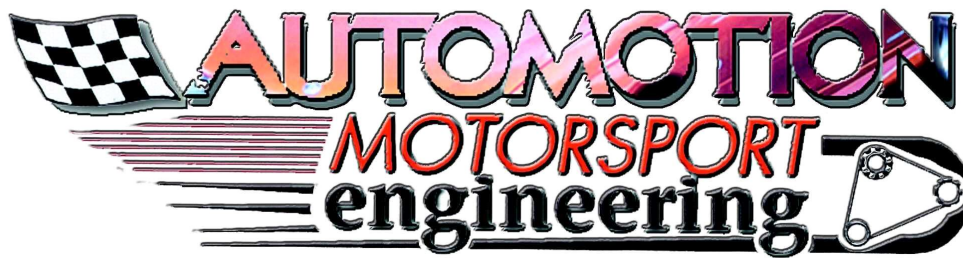
Paddy is doing some roofing work for Murphy He nears the top of the ladder and starts shaking and going dizzy. He calls down to Murphy and says "I tink I will ave to go home, I've come all over giddy and feel sick."

Murphy asks "Ave yer got vertigo?"

Paddy replies "No I only live round the corner."

And finally...

After 100 years lying on the sea bed, Irish divers were amazed to find that the Titanics swimming pool was still full...



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New Book

A man goes into Chapters and asks the young lady assistant,

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"That's the one; I'll take a copy..."

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The Agony of Aging

On the morning that Daylight Savings Time ended I stopped in to visit my aging friend.

He was busy covering his penis with black shoe polish.

I said to him, "You better get your hearing checked - You're supposed to turn your clock back...."

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Brian Craig's photos from Dorsets Road in December



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EASYJET

Paddy calls EASYJET to book a flight. The operator asks, "How many people are flying with you?"

Paddy replies, "I don't know!.... It's your bloody plane"