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Adam n Jilly having fun at the Taupo Classic

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.

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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 2nd September 2015 @7:30

Guest speaker this month to talk on Radiators!
Then in OCTOBER – Bernie Keith



Relatively quiet month for me, leading up to a frantic two months.

The Corolla has only been out of the garage once in the last month, and that was for round # 2 of the HVMC sealed autocross events at Trentham.

It was a relatively quieter turn out compared to some of the previous events there, with 28 entries. This did mean a day that went pretty smoothly and quickly, despite some of the best attempts of the drift contingent ;-). I'll explain that a bit further on.



Here is a great picture by Sam Baker, stolen by Leon from Facebook

With Tim not being there in the MR2, and Jared not being there in the AE86, this left the potential results a bit more unpredictable.

Well, okay, it meant that one of the Sti's was going to win, but with a few to choose from on the day, we didn't know exactly which of them would end up in first!

The course was a return to the 2014 course, which uses the corner nearest the road, rather than the T-Junction. This suited me a bit better, as it has a bit more flow to it, as compared to the T-Junction course, which can be a bit of a drag race (stock 1600 Corolla engines in a fairly heavy sedan aren't the best thing to bring to a drag race).

The drift contingent was definitely not having a good day on the course though.

One of the Skylines took on the footpath on his practice run, destroying a wheel and both suspension arms, and ending his day before even posting a time. There was a Chaser that I think didn't complete the course all day, took most of his body kit off by connecting with things, and then wiped the back corner out of his suspension in the shoot out section at the end of the day. There was a 350Z there with big expensive wheels (with tiny little tyres stretched onto them) who managed to finish the day, but with a big gark out of a big wheel, and no front splitter. I have vague recollections that the second Skyline might have bent a wheel, but my few remaining brain cells aren't co-operating this morning.

On average though, I think people had a bit more fun on this particular course. I know I certainly did.

That isn't to say that I ran a faultless day ... on one of my timed runs, I went through the end of the stop garage in a large cloud of vaporised tyre rubber, and then I eliminated myself out of the shoot out immediately, because as I came around the first corner the back let go on me, and I ended up parked quite neatly between the two cones of a gate. I was quite pleased by that as a parking effort, even though it did make a complete bollocks of my time. The in car camera was running, so at least I have evidence :). Plus, it's a good reminder to me not to get too complacent about my driving!! I do tend to assume that the Corolla doesn't really have any tricks up its sleeve, having been racing it for so long. At least this time I was caught out in a way that didn't involve me driving into something. I haven't worked out what my excuse is going to be yet. I could use the ever popular "the center diff was acting up", but people are starting to cotton on to the fact that front drive cars don't have a center diff ... so maybe I can use the politician excuse "I don't recall", or the pilot excuse "bird strike".

At the end of the day, I brought the Corolla home second in class, and fifth overall. Which is really a far better result than I deserved, and was helped enormously by some of the fast guys not being able to be there that day.

Sarah Ward had one of the better moments of the day in the rather geriatric Datsun 120Y (youngest driver, oldest car?), as she had a bit of a lose around the back of the course, kept her foot in it (as per dad's advice), ended up on the footpath with a cone on the bonnet and a hole in a sidewall. Definitely a good effort and plenty of dedication shown.

At the quick end of the field it was the three Sti's taking out the podium, with Sam Duncan, Albaru, and Geoff in that order. Dan Binet in fourth in the Levin, with me 0.3 behind him, and Max Kempthorn 0.1 behind me. So there really was absolutely nothing in it!

So that was my only drive of the last month, but behind the scenes I'm starting to get the Corolla ready for Rally Wairarapa on October 3rd, which is a bit of a mission. While I've done a year worth of sprints, I need to ramp up everything in the car to cope with a full day (hopefully) hooning on gravel. So I need more extinguisher, more under body protection, and need to mount things like tools and a first aid kit in the car.

Could be quite a social day of racing though, as Ross McKenzie, Brian, and Jilly & Adam are also aiming to be there too. So that's four HCCC crews that should be out there having a play. (What about Len & Rex? — Ed)

I'm not totally sure if this magazine will hit your letterboxes in time or not, but the first Saturday in September we're running a day / night autocross over in Tauherenikau, which should be an adventure in cones and glow sticks.

One week after that on September 13th, there is the re-scheduled Mangahao Dam gravel sprint up in Shannon. It's a bit of a challenging section of road, as it's really steep, and the Corolla doesn't even get out of second gear going up the hill. It's a heap of fun though if you like a technical bit of gravel.

September 20th there is the always terrifying Shelly Bay sprint, run by Wellington Car Club. If you are available to help out at a marshal point there, please let Jody Seabright know. Definitely take a seriously wind-proof coat though, as I've never been there on a day where there isn't a stiff breeze.

September 27th there's a Trentham Autocross pencilled in, but I think they're waiting on a confirmation from the Council on that one.

October 3rd (a Saturday) is the previously mentioned Rally Wairarapa.

October 11th we're running something different, with a women only autocross in Wairarapa. So, have a chat to any daughters / wives / partners / sisters etc, who you think might be interested to give it a go. The more numbers that we can get there the better!!

That's it from me for now. As you can see, there is a ton of events coming up (if nothing gets cancelled, I think I'm looking at ten straight weekends of racing), so I hope to see you at some of them.

Leon

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September	6	GG/MC	Race Winter Series Round 4 Motorkhana Gravel Autocross	Manawatu Harbour Capital Dannevirke	Manfeild Tauherenikau Prenters Quarry	ST
	9		Night Trial (Round 3)	Kapiti		NT
	13		Circuit Sprint (The Surgery) Gravel Sprint	Levin	Manfeild Mangahao Dam	IM GS
	20		Sealed Sprint Circuit Sprint (Road and Track)	Wellington Manawatu	Shelly Bay Manfeild	DM/Sc
	26		Competitor Coaching	MG	Manfeild	
	27		Autocross	Hutt Valley	Trentham (Will Durrant Drive)	KN
October	3		Rally		Wairarapa	NZRC
	10		Race - Bathurst			
	11		Race - Bathurst			
	25		Sealed Sprint	Hutt Valley	Port Road, Seaview	DM/Sc
November	1		Sealed Sprint Sealed Sprint	Wairarapa Dannevirke	Admiral Road Blairgowrie Road	DM/Sc
	7	DE	Sprint (Road and Track Series)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	8		Gravel Sprint	Levin	Wairongomai Road	GS
	14		Race - MG Classic	MG	Manfeild	
	15		Race - MG Classic	MG	Manfeild	
	16		WMSA Meeting (Calendar)		HVMC Clubrooms	
	29		Gravel Sprint Circuit Sprint (The Surgery)	Wairarapa Alfa	Dorsets Road Manfeild	GS IM
December	19	PT	Circuit Sprint (Road and Track) Xmas Autocross	Manawatu Dannevirke	Manfield Weir property	
	25		Elf hurling competition (handicap)		Venue to be advised	
2016						
January	16		Gravel Sprint (Rd 1)	Dannevirke	Millstream Road, Weber	DCCGS
February	13		Gravel Sprint (Rd 2)	Dannevirke	Pahaheke Road, Kumeroa	DCCGS
March	19		Gravel Sprint (Rd 3)	Dannevirke	Otaria Road, Dannevirke	DCCGS
April	16		Gravel Sprint (Rd 4)	Dannevirke	Tararua Road, Pahiatua	DCCGS
May	21		Gravel Sprint (Rd 5)	Dannevirke	Nae Nae Road, Mangamaire	DCCGS

Abbreviations		Club Contacts		Stewards	
KN	Kim Naylor Autocross Series	Levin	027 442 1639 (Chris)	AW	Alan Wright
DM	Duncan McKenzie Sealed Sprint Series	Hutt Valley	027 439 7616 (Neil)	GG	Gordon Gandy
ST	Stewards Trophy Motorkhana Series	Wellington	021 717 676 (Jody)	GM	Gus McMillan
VB	Vesta Battery round of ST series	Harbour Capital	027 6996 838 (Leon)	JR	John Rapley
GS	Gravel Sprint Series	Kapiti	027 446 9986 (Bryan)	PT	Paul Te Punga
RT	Road and Track Sprint Series	Wairarapa	027 627 8005 (Mort)	SM	Stephen Marks
RS	Rallysprint Series	MG	04 970 8644 (Terry)	TS	Tracey Stringer
IM	The Surgery Intermarque Sprint Series	Intermarque	027 232 2523 (Alan)	WG	Wayne Gair
Nat	National meeting	Dannevirke	j_pperformance@hotmail.com		
NT	Night Trial Series				
Sc	Ron Scanlon Trophy Series				
DCCGS	Dannevirke CC Gravel Sprint Series				

G'day guys,

Got nothing car-related to report, but figured a travel update must be better to put in the magazine than yet more internet jokes...

For those of you who might not know, I'm living in Pereira, Colombia for the next six months to teach English in a high school. It's been an interesting experience so far, discovering how different the student-teacher relationship is here (I never shook any of my teachers' hands when I was entering the room, for instance), and just how different Colombian society is from New Zealand. Firstly, I should say – the Colombia of today is very different from the Colombia of the eighties. It's not drug-riddled anymore. In saying that, I am constantly told to 'No de papaya' (Give papaya) basically meaning to not be showing off wallets or phones, making myself an easy target for pickpockets or muggers. No different to any European city, really.

So getting back to my journey. I came here a month ago, had a couple of days in the capital city of Colombia, Bogota, a city which isn't particularly geared towards tourists. There wasn't overly much to do, and by Colombian standards the weather isn't that flash (About 20 degrees every day). I did have an interesting experience with the police here, being searched only to have another cop come over and tell me how bad the police in Colombia are – he was only a policeman for his military service. Apparently they tend to search tourists, and tell them they won't take them away for drug offences if money were to change hands. A strange concept from the NZ point of view, but considering the average wage here is \$700USD a month, people often have to find 'alternative' income sources, also why one has to keep an eye on their wallet. After Bogota, I had two weeks of training at a hotel in Zipaquirá, split by a weekend in another city. To get there, apparently we had to travel through some slightly shifty parts of the country, so police escort the whole way there. After our two weeks of training, off to our host cities. Pereira is a small city, probably about the same size or a little smaller than Wellington, in the Coffee Region (no, this doesn't mean the coffee is any good – all the good coffee is exported). I'm getting used to the idea of taking taxis everywhere. A fare is rarely more than the minimum charge, 4200 pesos – about NZ\$2.20. I did get an international driver's permit before I came here, but I'm not brave enough to drive here. The lane markings are a vague guide at best, and the horn overrules any sort of indication. I've been doing plenty of day trips to the surrounding areas, there're plenty of attractions – hiking, hot springs, all sorts, and of course have been making sure that I am sampling the local beverages as well! I'll stop here, but I have to say – send some stuff in for Len – that way you won't have to put up with my travel stories...

Here's some pics:



The school I'm working at – only about 9 classrooms all up, no resources to speak of really.

Statue of Simon Bolivar, the liberator of Colombia, in a square in Pereira. Yes, he is naked on that horse.

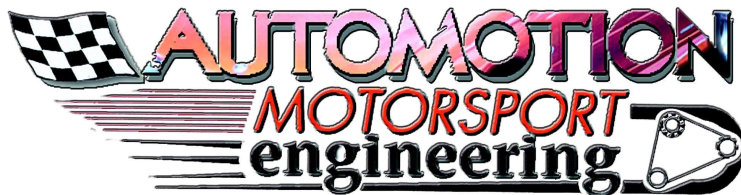


From a trip to Salento, in the countryside near Pereira.



A trip to the hot springs – had to take a jeep ride to get there

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Doug Smith is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons are with him.

He asks for 2 witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes, and when all is ready he begins to speak:

My son, "Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses."

My daughter "Sybil, you take the apartments over in the east end."

My son, "Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the City Centre."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the river."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away, never knowing the extent of his property holdings, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this wealth".

Sarah replies, "Wealth? What wealth???"

The old bastard had a paper round.

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Reasons Not To Mess With Children

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing.. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.'

The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.'

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE . God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'

A guy goes into the Adelaide Post Office to apply for a job.

The interviewer asks him, "Are you allergic to anything?"

He replies, "Yes, caffeine. I can't drink coffee."

"Ok, Have you ever been in the military service?"

"Yes," he says, "I was in Afghanistan for one tour."

The interviewer says, "That will give you five extra points toward employment."

Then he asks, "Are you disabled in any way?"

The guy says, "Yes. A bomb exploded near me and I lost both my testicles."

The interviewer grimaces and then says, "Disabled in your country's service! Well, that qualifies for extra bonus points. Okay. Looking at the regulations you have got enough points for me to hire you right now. Our normal hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can start tomorrow at 10:00 am, and plan on starting at 10:00 am every day."

The guy is puzzled and asks, "If the work hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 PM, why don't you want me here until 10:00 am?"

"This is a government job," the interviewer says. "For the first two hours, we just stand around drinking coffee and scratching our balls.

No point in you coming in for that."

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Trials

Hello folks

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

Thanks to Jilly Hutson & Brian Craig & John Tennent (Harbour Capital Car Club) for organising this event.

Congratulations to Cathy & Mike Reid, 1st overall and 1st in the Expert class (for the second time this year, and now with a healthy series lead).

Congratulations also to Bill Peacocke & Murray Milner, 5th overall and 1st in the Intermediate class, and to Tim Dempsey & Bill Pearce, unchallenged this time in the Novice class.

The next event is on Wednesday 9 September – round 3 (the final round) of this year's night trials series. Organisers are Dave & Mark Jennings (Kapiti Car Club). Start and finish at 90B Fraser Ave, Johnsonville. 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.

Cheers, John Rapley

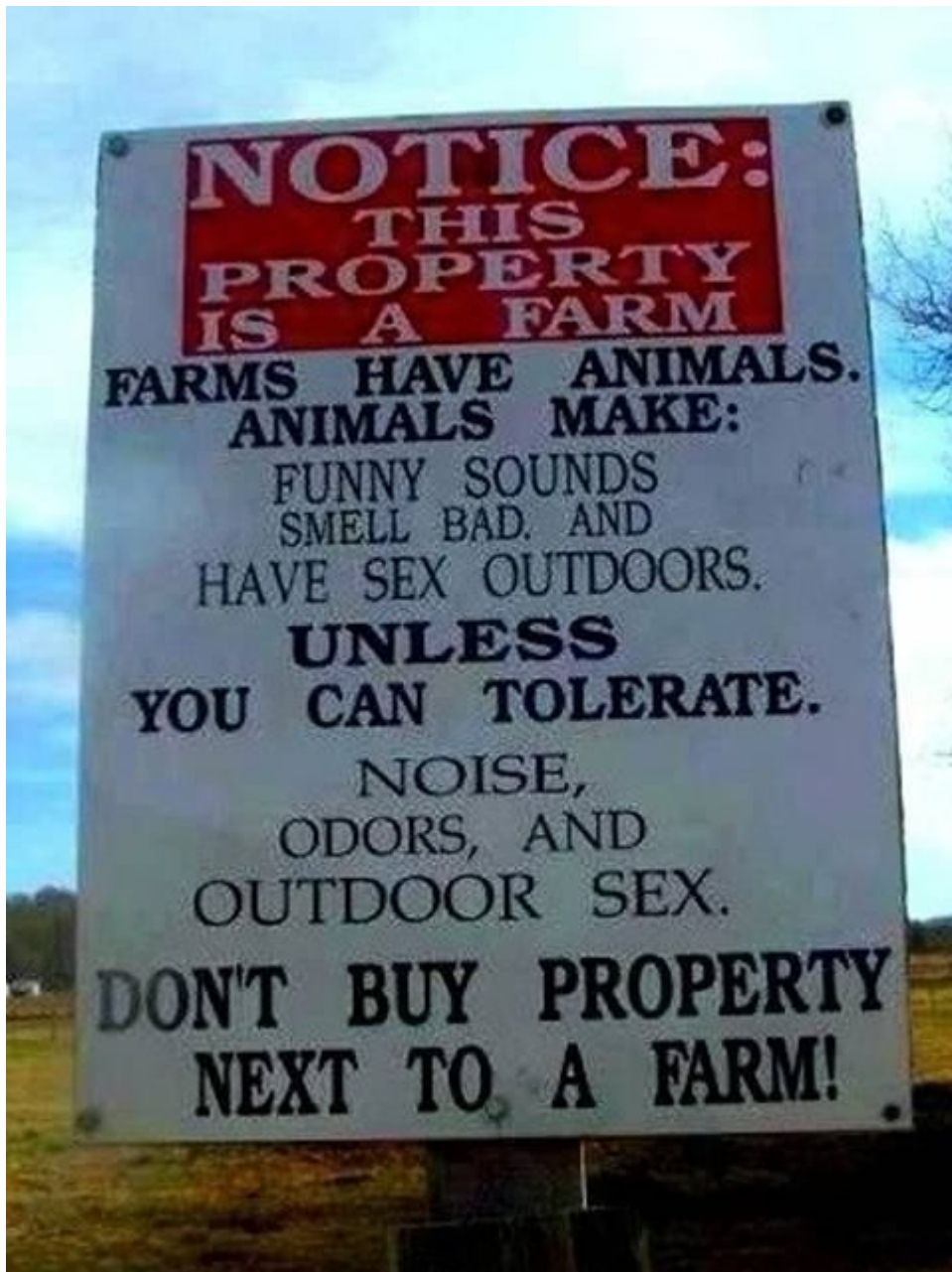
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Brian Craig, Jilly Hutson and John Tennent

Checkers : Manned Check : Venue :
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Results

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3	7:32	John Rapley & Alan Martin	EXP			10			5											5 E	75	4	4
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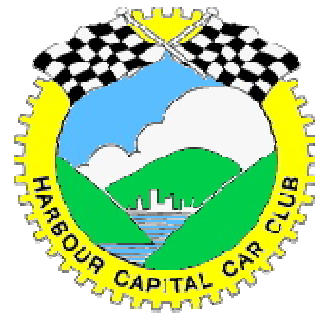
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