



# WHEELSPIN

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## COVER PHOTO

Leon had a happy day at Manfield!

### Harbour Capital Car Club Clubnight

Committee is third TUESDAY : 1841 Disraeli Street Johnsonville

Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1841 Disraeli Street Johnsonville, 7:30 pm.

Note: — anyone is welcome to attend committee meetings.

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# CLUB NIGHT

**1841 Pub** (Upstairs)

**1 Disraeli St, Johnsonville** (next to the BP)

**Tuesday 1st November 2016 @7:30**

**NOTE Club night is TUESDAY this month!**



It has been a while, and a few events since I last rabbited on!

I guess first off, is an RIP, as we lost "Mort" from Wairarapa Car Club, to a heart attack. He was an absolute stalwart of Wairarapa Car Club, and very well known to us in the gravel fraternity. He had campaigned the same Toyota AE86 for something crazy like 19 years. He seemed to be at every gravel event in the area, scrutineering at the Wairarapa events. One of the nicest chaps you'd ever hope to meet, and he'd let me sit in the passenger seat a few times over the years. He will definitely be missed, and I'm really glad that I had the opportunity to spend so much time with him, generally talking Toyota stuff :)

Talking of gravel, and Mort, I ran the Corolla at Puketiro Road, which was the last event Mort raced it.

I'd not been to that road before, and it's a nice smooth bit of gravel. Not a very high speed road, especially not at the pace I was travelling that day!

Not entirely sure why, but the aggression just wasn't there on the day, so I cheerfully circulated somewhere in the lower half of my class results, generally driving around a lot of corners in second gear when I probably could have been in third, and not remembering which corners I could attack as they opened out.

Ah well, that's a better option than going in all guns blazing on a road I haven't seen before, and

throwing it into a paddock.

Quite a fun range of cars out there, from the old grunter Hunter now being driven by Jeff Ward, an AW11 MR2 running a 2ZZ Celica 1800cc engine (and loads of carbon fibre), a freaking loud rotary rotary, as well as the usual collection of Corolla's and Subaru's.

Next up for me was a backtrack Manfeild Autocross. As you know, I always say that the backtrack is the best track, and I'm definitely standing by that!

Really great turnout again from the Wellington region, which is excellent to see. Bunch of Harbour Capital, and HVMC drivers all trooping up there to have a go.

There was a wickedly fast EF Civic up there, running a K20A. Something in the order of 165kw at the wheels, pushing along maybe 900kg maximum worth of Civic. Definitely a pretty serious weapon.

I'm glad to report that unlike the last event, there wasn't any case of car flipping and catching fire!

The Altezza was handling better that day, as I'd done a bit of experimenting, and softened up my shock settings quite a bit from where I had been previously running. Seems to have helped reduce the push I was suffering from a bit my last time out there. I backed the shocks off to around half on the front, and under a quarter on the rear at the previous autocross, and gradually increased the front shock stiffness until it started to get a bit of understeer.

Although I am probably a bit under tyred on that car, as I'm only running 215's, and a fairly hard compound tyre. Great for tyre life, but not so good for ultimate grip levels.

The track layout was quite challenging like always, pushing you away from the natural racing line, and onto relatively unused bits of corners that haven't been swept off by oodles of cars driving around them.

The Civic fairly well cleared off from everyone in the results, whilst Tim Steeneken and I had an excellent battle between us in the "big car" class. I managed to just sneak the nose of the Altezza past in the morning and afternoon runs, to come home first in class on the day, and sneak a class win in the series.

There were quite a few juniors out there having a go, including Logan who now owns Pete Collins' old Corolla. It's good to see that car has stayed in the area, as it has been one of those foundation cars that has seemingly been around forever.

Manawatu is running a multi-event weekend on the first weekend in November, it's a Road & Track track round on Saturday, then on Sunday it's a morning sealed (presumably) four test Motorkhana, followed by a 4km (!!!!) autocross using much of the whole GP track layout .... maybe even the pit lane too.

Have to say, Manawatu has seriously stepped up their game in the Clubsport arena, which is great for me this year, considering our lack of paddock for 2016 leaving me with not a lot of autocross events to do ... it does mean that I am racking up a few miles between here and Manawatu though. The Altezza doesn't exactly sip gently on petrol either ;-)

I actually headed up to Manfeild again in the Altezza, this time for the Constructor's Car Club competitor coaching day.

Oh man, what a day! Amazing weather, and some of the most random cars you've ever seen. There was a collection of Lotus 7 replica's, Commodores, Falcon's, Pulsars, Corolla's (from a stock standard late model wagon, to a KE70 wagon that looked like somebody had spent a year trying to cut weight out of it). Along with one green component car that was just a mystery. Alfa wheels, all sorts of other bits, swoopy lines, and apparently it is called a Pelland.

We split into three groups (which trimmed back down to two groups over the day) according to speed and bravery.

I decided that the middle group was sufficient for me, whilst I was learning Altezza high speed track behaviour.

I took out a newbie for some laps as well during the day, which was quite fun.

The Altezza is pretty good on Manfeild main track, neutral through all of the corners other than the hairpin (understeer), capable of a pretty decent turn of speed down the straights, and making some very satisfying noises too.

Had a good dice with one of the old BMW Mini series race cars. He had me under brakes, but I could wind him in down the straights quite well.

Quite a novelty for me, as I'm used to running the Corolla, which is great under braking, but is only just marginally quicker than walking down the straights.

With letting faster cars past, and being polite about not hounding slower cars through corners, I wasn't really able to get any idea what sort of lap times the car is capable of. But I know that I've got sufficient brakes for about five laps, at which stage it doesn't let the smoke out, but the pedal definitely starts to feel a bit less firmly connected to the discs.

Very fun day out, I highly recommend going if they run it again next year.

Sorry for the very disjointed article this time around, I'm writing this while I am supposed to be packing to head over to the V8's in Surfer's .... I promise I will put a bit more time into my article next month

That's it from me for now.

Leon

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A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead.

He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble... At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight.

When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, 'Excuse me, where are we?'

'This is Heaven, sir,' the man answered... 'Wow! Would you happen to have some water?' the man asked.

Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up. The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

'Can my friend,' gesturing toward his dog, 'come in, too?' the traveller asked.

'I'm sorry; sir, but we don't accept pets.'

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence.

As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

'Excuse me!' he called to the man. 'Do you have any water?'

'Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in.'

'How about my friend here?' the traveller gestured to the dog.

'There should be a bowl by the pump.'

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it.

The traveller filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog.

When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

'What do you call this place?' the traveller asked..

'This is Heaven,' he answered.

'Well, that's confusing,' the traveller said. 'The man down the road said that was Heaven, too.'

'Oh, you mean the place with the Gold Street and Pearly Gates? Nope. That's hell.'

'Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?'

'No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind.'

**Q:** *True or False?*

*The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.*



**A:** *False.*

*The 1953 'Vetted' were available in one colour, Polo White.*

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot and then once a day it was taken and sold to the tannery. If you had to do this to survive you were "piss poor", but worse than that were the really poor folk, who couldn't even afford to buy a pot, they "Didn't have a pot to piss in" and were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be.

Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June, because they took their yearly bath in May and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs, thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom, where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing.

As the winter wore on they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start

slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight, then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot, nine days old".

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over they would hang up their bacon, to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "Bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around talking and "chew the fat".

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "The Upper Crust".

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of "Holding a Wake".

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people, so they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realised they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, thread it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell.

Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell; thus someone could be "Saved by the Bell" or was considered a "Dead Ringer."

And that's the truth.

Now, whoever said history was boring!!



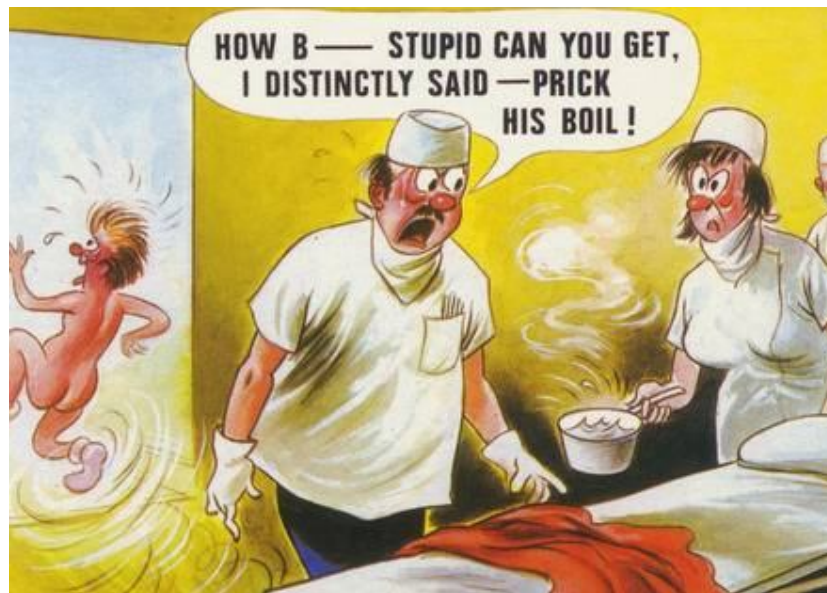


The Van Gogh family tree:

- His dizzy aunt----- Verti Gogh
  - The brother who ate prunes----- Gotta Gogh
  - The brother who worked at a convenience store ----- Stop N Gogh
  - The grandfather from Yugoslavia ----- U Gogh
  - His magician uncle----- Where-Diddy Gogh
  - His Mexican cousin----- A Mee Gogh
  - The Mexican cousin's American half-brother ----- Gring Gogh
  - The nephew who drove a stage coach ----- Wells-Far Gogh
  - The constipated uncle----- Can't Gogh
  - The ballroom dancing aunt ----- Tang Gogh
  - The bird lover uncle----- Flamin Gogh
  - An aunt who taught positive thinking ----- Way-to-Gogh
  - The little bouncy nephew ----- Poe Gogh
  - A sister who loved disco ----- Go Gogh
  - And his niece who travels the country in an RV ----- Winnie Bay Gogh
- I saw you smiling . ... there ya Gogh

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### Psychopath Test

Read this question, come up with an answer and then scroll down to the bottom for the result.

This is not a trick question. It is as it reads.

No one I know has got it right.

A blonde woman, while at the funeral of her own mother, met a guy whom she did Not know. She thought this guy was amazing. She believed him to be her dream guy so much, that she fell in love with him right there, but never asked for his number and could not find him. A few days later she killed her sister.

Question: What is her motive for killing her sister?

[Give this some thought before you answer]

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# Wellington Motorsport Association Calendar 2016

As at : 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016

<b>November</b>	5		Multi event weekend & Track day	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	6		Multi Event weekend	Manawatu	Manfeild etc	
	12		Sealed Sprint Race - MG Classic	Dannevirke MG	Blairgowrie Road Manfeild	
	13		Race - MG Classic	MG	Manfeild	
	20	JR	¼ Mile Sprint (round 3)	Hawkes Bay Wairarapa	Otene Road Admiral Road	DM/Sc
	21		Sealed Sprint WMSA Meeting		HVMC Clubrooms	
	26		Speed Weekend-Sealed Hillclimb	Wanganui	? (2km)	
	27		Speed Weekend-Sealed Hillclimb Gravel Sprint The Surgery Sprint	Wanganui Wairarapa	? (3.7km) Dorsets Road Manfeild	GS IM
	27 Nov - 4 Dec		Silver Fern Rally			
<b>December</b>	3		Track Day series (round 5)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	17		Clubmans Rally (max entry = 50)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	18		Race (summer series)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
<b>Abbreviations</b>			<b>Club Contacts</b>			<b>Wgtn/Wair Stewards</b>
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	Manawatu	manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz			
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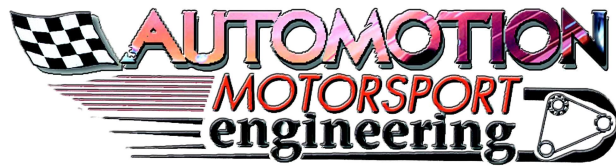
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*Q: What car first referred to itself as a convertible?*



*A: The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.*

#### Psychopath Test

Answer:

She was hoping the guy would appear at the funeral again. If you answered this correctly, you think like a psychopath. This was a test by a famous American Psychologist used to test if one has the same mentality as a killer. Many arrested serial killers took part in the test and answered the question correctly.

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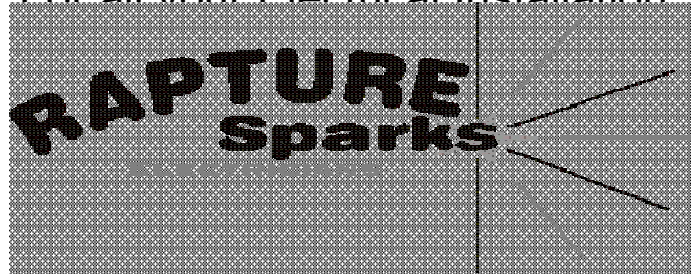
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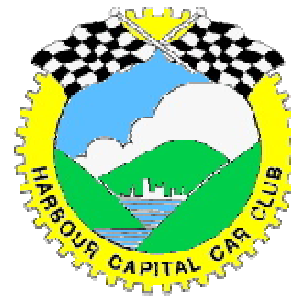


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