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COVER PHOTO

Bucket list trip for the Flying Fish with Dennis Lukies
Just the 240Z Datsun to do!

Committee is third TUESDAY : 1841 Disraeli Street Johnsonville, 7:30pm, everybody welcome

Club night 1st Wednesday of the month, 1841 Disraeli Street Johnsonville, 7:30 pm.

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The Deadline for Wheelspin articles is the 20th of the month approx.

Major Change Clubnight now on 1st TUESDAY each month

CLUB NIGHT

1841 Pub (Upstairs)
1 Disraeli St, Johnsonville (next to the BP)
TUESDAY 6th Mar 2018 @7:30



It has been a super low key summer for me on the car racing side of things, as typically there aren't a lot of events around this neck of the woods.

I don't think I've got any gravel until April (Tea Creek Wobbly Weekend), and while I've got a ton of events starting for four weeks in a row in late February (hopefully), but January is a bit of a wasteland. Resulting in a bunch of weekends where I'm kicking around at home, rather than charging off somewhere at stupid AM on a Sunday.

With the lack of skids, I decided that I'd head up to help out at the MG Competitor Coaching day, as while I wanted something to do, I didn't really feel like doing any laps of Manfeild in my own car.

Being a super low key day, it was quite a good chance to help out with a bit of education while scrutineering, as some of the guys and girls there are quite occasional competitors. I saw one of the oldest helmets that I've seen in a while (Around 1985 if I recall correctly) accompanied by a set of poly-cotton overalls that had the entire back of the overalls ripped clear down the middle. Luckily for my state of mind, the club was super organised, and had a bunch of helmets and overalls available for use. Another driver had the nice shiny non-fire resistant kart overalls, which look the part, but aren't designed to deal with our flavour of danger.

The weather was pretty patchy, with light rain on and off all day.

That made things a bit more challenging, but luckily not so much that the cross track river features came into play.

I went out for a couple of educational passenger rides, to show lines, and suggest how to find a bit more speed.

There was a very diverse group of cars out there, with a reasonable assortment of Lotus replica's, a small Porsche collection, as well as the usual assorted Japanese fare.

Red convertibles weren't having a good day out, as Alan Austin's MX5 did the classic plastic radiator top tank failure, and Eric Heycoop's MG Midget dropped something crucial off the throttle linkage on his first and only run for the day.

Other than that, I don't recall anyway particularly getting themselves into trouble. There were a couple of grass stained vehicles, but no more so than the average track day.

The wee Honda City has been gradually getting some maintenance stuff done, as the joys of getting a car with zero history, is that I have no idea where things are at with it. I called upon Graeme Swan's help to do the cam belt on the car, as I know my mechanical abilities do not run that far. Due to a rather weird bolt arrangement having failed on the top of the air cleaner box, the cam belt mission was started by having to angle grind a bolt in half.

The belt was looking a bit aged, so given that the car is going to have the balls revved off it over the next month or so, it was worth doing.

I had the front rotors machined, as they were feeling quite wobbly though the pedal. That was a bit hilarious, as the rotors are the size of a saucer, and are a solid rotor, with a whopping 11mm thickness. Which means they are smaller than about 99% of rear rotors on a normal car. I am super sure, that this will in no way result in a truly terrible braking experience down at Ruapuna in a couple of weekends time ... what could possibly go wrong? So I have my fingers crossed, that whatever course they set up on Ruapuna, it doesn't require a whole lot of slowing down.

To top off the "race" car prep, I've borrowed some Charade GT-ti wheels off Neil, along with the Z2 Dunlop tyres that he used at the rally-cross event up in Tauranga a year or so back. A couple of them are pretty scuffed up, but they're going to be leagues ahead of the "Hifly" 165 tyres that are currently on the car though. Though I am pretty sure that the "Hifly" brand tyres would last 50,000km, judging from how hard they feel.

Other than the tyres, the car is stock as a rock, circa 1991.

This made my outing at the Wallaceville Sprint quite interesting.

The event is now being run by HVMC, rather than Triumph, so it is now open to four wheel drives, and is a part of the sealed sprint series (which it wasn't previously). With a new market of the Jeep drivers, and being a round of the series it has opened up a bit of a new market for the event, so it was pretty popular.

Slightly different at the finish, as they brought the finish line up a bit from previous years. I prefer the previous finish line point myself, as it gives me another corner to play with. Whilst with the finish line just over the brow, I found myself just cruising to the finish.

Running in the City was definitely an experience. It combines absolutely no power, with practically no handling.

The shocks in the car feel to be non existent, so it genuinely has a "throw" it into the corner

experience about it. The car nose dives spectacularly in gear changes, and will achieve a remarkable degree of body roll as you turn in.

I'm fairly convinced that during cornering, the car is trying to clap the wheels together under the car, kind of like the classic "seal clapping" move.

On the straight(ish) bit of the course, I was *just* able to achieve a top speed of 105kph. I know this, because the car actually has the old "ding ding" noise that activates at 105. If you listen to the in-car, you can hear a ding just as I arrive at the braking (or at least, chickening out) zone. By comparison, the Altezza was well into fourth gear at that point, so maybe more like 140.

From that point onwards in the course, it's just a case of hold second gear, and attempt to keep the right foot pinned as much as possible.

It seems that the City doesn't have any form of rev cut, so that allows for a certain amount of ambition over mechanical sympathy, when it comes to what gear to use during corners.

Though I might need to do some timed 0-100 runs, to see if using all of the revs I can find, is actually quicker than changing up earlier in the rev counter. I'm just used to the Corolla, where redline/rev cut is definitely the place to be at all times.

On the positive note though, I probably used as much gas all day, as the Altezza would have used in one run!

The weather brought a bit of everything, high winds, cloud, blue skies and heat, and even rain. I made use of the air con during the day too. Yay for race cars with air con.

A few guys had some adventures during the day. Nathan Spencer had a really narrow escape, as he out-braked himself on "Cam's corner" at the end of the straight bit, and departed the road at the end of a set of braking marks. Though Nathan was really lucky, as he was down to a really low speed as he ran out of road, and had a really soft run down the bank. So it appears that maybe a guard and a light should see the car sorted again.

Brendan Falvey had what can be referred to as the "Sillay/Clemas Leap", which involves a considerable amount of straight ahead at the new finish line point (I'd hate to think how close that may have been to the timing crew and gear), and then going down a very steep bank. He looks also to have had relatively good escape, as the car stayed rubber side down. I'm not sure how damaged the AE101 Toyota is, but maybe just some frontal damage. I'm not sure if it copped a pounding underneath or not. But it didn't look like exploded parts of cars, which other incidents on that corner have resulted in.

Ian Hosler in the Integra had a "rotate into fence" moment, where the road went right, and the Honda went left, resulting on a good set of marks, and a fence post having a little nap.

Another Ian having an interesting day was Hendra Senior, who did a very high speed rotation and park, again at the end of the front straight. Other than leaving a highly confusing set of tyre marks around a corner, and through a gravel area beside the road, there was no harm done.

So while the City was a very slow and also pogo experience, I was extremely pleased that there was no departing of road, nor any smoke escaping from any parts of the car (despite using all of the revs, and then some).

The next three weekends are looking to be a bit frantic for the City, as we've got our grass autocross at Tauherenikau, followed by a Manawatu one up towards Martin, and then the big mission down to Christchurch for the Clubsport Nationals. Probably a large surprise for a car that has been a nana-basket since 1991, until my ownership in 2018.

On other general club news, we've added Paul Tapper (another Toyota driver ...) to the Committee, and we've moved Clubnight to the ⁵first Tuesday of the month.

Wednesday at 1841 was just starting to get worse and worse for us, as the pub just keeps getting busier with their Wednesday Quiz Nights.

Tuesday is a lot emptier, so the food turns up really quickly, and for the steak fans, it's also "Steakout" day. Which means steak meal, and a drink for a fairly reasonable sum.

That's it from me. Hopefully next time you hear from me, we've run a grass autocross, and also a small gang of us have headed down to Christchurch and back!

Leon

As You Slide Down the Banister of Life In 2018 -- Remember

1..Jim Baker and Jimmy Swaggert have written an impressive new book.

It's called ...'Ministers Do More Than Lay People'

2..Transvestite: A guy who likes to eat, drink and be Mary.

3. The difference between the Pope and your boss, the Pope only expects you to kiss his ring.

4..My mind works like lightning, one brilliant Flash and it is gone.

5..The only time the world beats a path to Your door is if you're in the bathroom.

6..I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once. The seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.

7..It used to be only death and taxes. Now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.

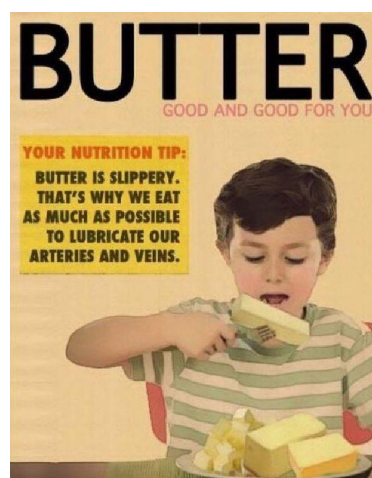
8. A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.

9..My next house will have no kitchen - just vending machines and a large trash can.

10. Definition of a teenager? God's punishment for enjoying sex.

And As You Slide Down that Banister of Life You Should Pray That All The Splinters Are Pointed The Other Way...

Not many ads this month, it seems that after a few years of free advertising, nobody wants to pay! So I will show you how it used to be done:



A sad loss to our Motorsport community and the Wairarapa Car Club.

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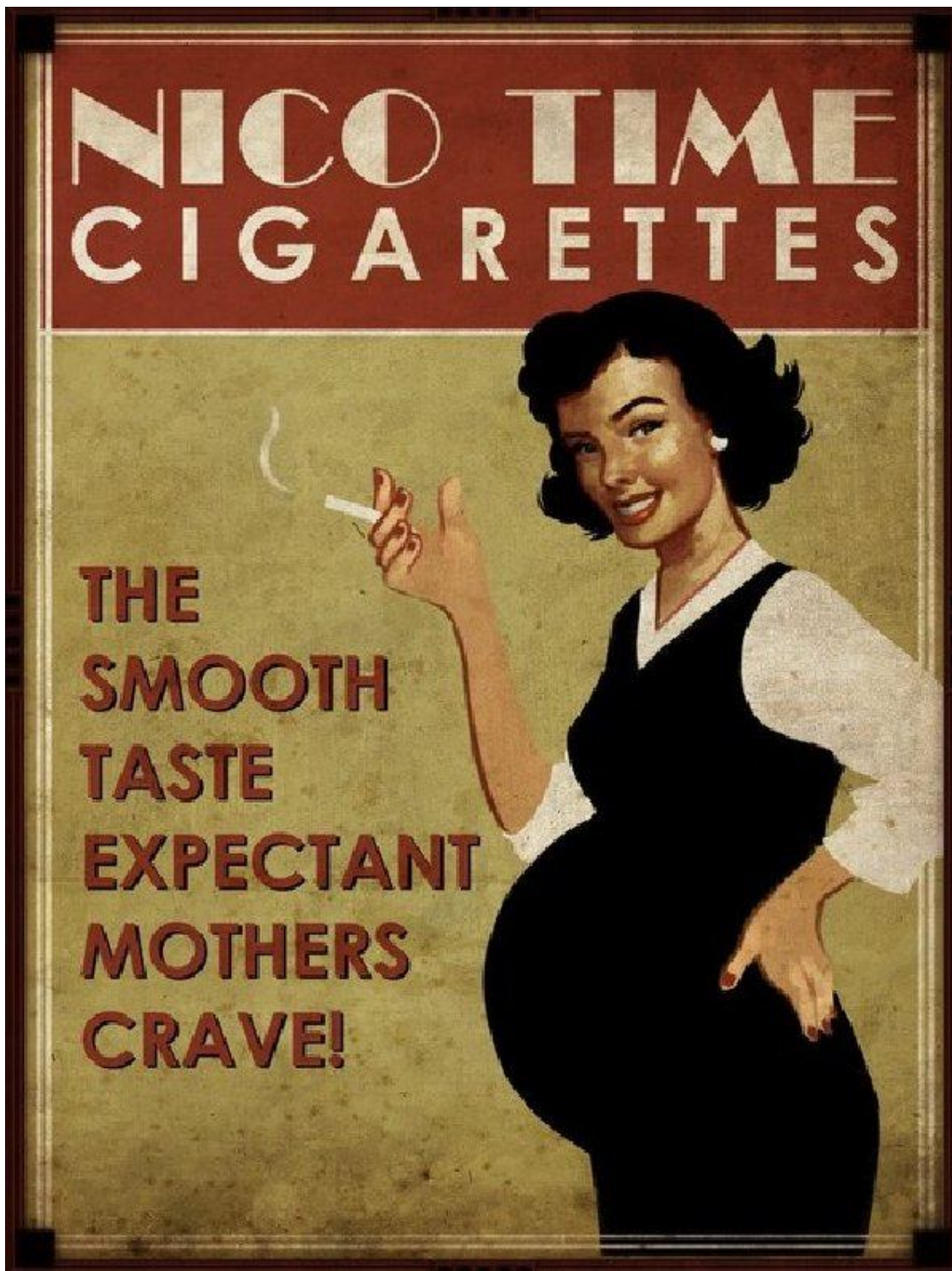
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Month	Date	Steward	Event Type	Club	Venue	Status
March	11		Autocross	Manawatu	Pryces Line	
	15	ALL	Stewards Meeting			
	18	AW	Sealed Hillclimb	Wellington	Alexandra Road	DM/Sc
	25		Sealed Sprint	Levin	Kaihinau Road	DM/Sc
Good Friday	30	??	Hillclimb	HVMC	Reynolds Bach Drive, Silverstream	
April	1					
Easter Mon	2					
	7		Circuit Sprints	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	8		Race (Summer Series)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	13-16					
	14	TS	Gravel Sprint (day/night)	Wairarapa	Tea Creek	
	15	TS	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Tea Creek	GS
	21		Rally Otago			
	22		The Surgery Sprints (Round 1)		Manfeild	IM
	29		Sealed Sprint	Manawatu	Otara Road, Ohingaiti	
May	6		Gravel Sprint	Levin	Gladstone Road	GS
	4-6		Whangarei Rally			
	13		Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Puketiro Road	GS
	19		Rally Hawkes Bay (Targa)			
	26		Race/Single/Dual Sprints	Triumph	Taupo Tack 3	
June	3		Race (Winter series) Canterbury Rally	Manawatu	Manfeild	
Queens B'day	4					
	17		Sealed Autocross	Manawatu	Manfeild (4.5 km circuit)	
	23		Rally Sth Canterbury			
	24		The Surgery Sprints (Round 2)		Manfeild	IM
July	8		Gravel Sprint Race (Winter series)	Levin Manawatu	Waiorongomai Road Manfeild	GS
	15		Autocross	Manawatu	Manfeild (back track)	
August	5		Race (Winter series)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	12		The Surgery Sprints (Round 3)		Manfeild	IM
	18		Rally Coromandel (Goldrush)			
	19		Autocross	Manawatu	Manfeild (back track)	
September	2		Race (Winter series)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	16		Circuit Sprints	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	30		The Surgery Sprints (Round 4)		Manfeild	IM
October	14		Gravel Sprint	Levin	Mangahao Dam	GS
	20		Race	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	21		Race Sealed Sprint	Manawatu Hutt Valley	Manfeild Port Road	Nat DM/Sc
	28		Sealed Hillclimb	Wairarapa	Admiral Hill	DM/Sc
November	3		Circuit Sprints (Multi event)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	4		Autocross/Motorkhana (Multi)	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	11		Race (MG Classic)	MG	Manfeild	
	23		Silver Fern Rally			
	24		Drift tutoring	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	25		Gravel Hillclimb The Surgery Sprints (Round 5)	Wairarapa	Dorsets Road Manfeild	GS IM
December	8		Circuit Sprints	Manawatu	Manfeild	
	9		Race (Summer series)	Manawatu	Manfeild	

Abbreviations			Club Contacts	Wgtn/Wair Stewards
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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 4397616 (John_)	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
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NT	Night Trial Series	Manawatu	manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz	
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Doctor Digger Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic. Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: 'Aaagh! -- This is Gasoline!' Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money. Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything." Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth." Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't -- that is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days. Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!" Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, "Here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!" Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer".





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