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COVER PHOTO

Marty Bertelsen & Flying Fish at Waitomo

Committee : 3rd TUESDAY : 1841 Disraeli Street Johnsonville, 7:30pm, everybody welcome

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

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CLUB NIGHT

1841 Pub (Upstairs)

1 Disraeli St, Johnsonville (next to the BP)

TUESDAY 5th November 2019 @ 7:30



It has been a zero month for driving at any motorsport events. but I've managed to travel afield to watch various folk, including Jilly, Neil, Marty B, and Len, zooming around at the Waitomo Rally.

I've spent some more money with my sponsor (that's Neil's Wheels, rather than Visa ...) buying a new set of Kumho's for the Leaf, on some 16" (down from 17") alloys.

The wheels & tyres that came with the car six months ago weren't quite right. They were a 215, rather than the 205 they should have been, and of a lower profile. So while the Leaf doesn't have a gearbox, it was still spinning the engine more rapidly than was required, and the speedo was even more inaccurate than the factory 9% too low.

New tyres have meant that the car is now far quieter, and has a slightly improved range. What with the range on a Leaf being one of the major bugbears, having a little bit more range is quite good.

I had the ordeal of then trying to sell the old wheels on FaceBook marketplace, which was a painful experience, involving telling a number of people to explore their sex and travel options, regarding their offers of approximately half my asking price.

The Toyota Schitz has had it's first use as a new driver training aid. Confirming that I was quite correct that there is no way I'd want to put a nice car through that sort of treatment. But the Schitz coped well enough with the bunnyhops, and casual whiplash that is part and parcel of a typical driving lesson.

For a car that has clearly had a fairly rugged existence, and a large number of very poor repairs, it continues to truck on nicely. It still has a whole collection of wiring fixes clearly done by monkeys, making extensive use of twisted wires, and hoping for the best.

Though with that being the petrol car that lives in the driveway, that's the car getting all the casual petrol car driving.

Meantime, the 86 has been gathering dust in the garage, figuratively speaking, as it has a dust cover.

Graeme Swan and I headed up to the thriving Mecca that is Te Kuiti, to spend a day chasing Rally Waitomo around the area. That was in fact, the first time that the 86 had been out of the garage in perhaps two months. Clearly the Toyota genes won out over the Subaru genes, and the car didn't seem to be offended at all. The forecast strongly suggested that ducks would like all the rain, but nobody else would. So I gave the car a bath in RainX, and loaded up all my wet weather gear.

Te Kuiti was an experience and a half, both from the township appearing to be strongly set in the shallow end of the gene pool, and the Motel being on a long downhill section of SH3, thus airbrakes all the time. Not to mention having a large chunk missing out of the toilet rim and the semi underwater bathroom feature any time you used the shower.

We made it to three complete stages, but no service parks.

Some good viewing and photography positions, despite the on and off rain.

The UTV's looked like an interesting thing to be driving on a rally stage, apparently setting similar times to some of the club rally cars, despite very off-road suspension and tyres. Though it would have been a hell of an experience driving in an open vehicle, all day, in the rain. Leading to some curiosity about if rainproof, or fireproof overalls would be the go in such vehicles.

If I recall the numbers correctly, Jilly and Neil started out 69th on the road, and finished 48th on the road, with a lot of mechanical attrition taking out cars. Marty B and Len had a good day, with 32nd on the road, and fourth in class. Both seemed to be going nicely whenever they went past us.

There wasn't a great depth of field in the AP4's unfortunately, with a few cars running in an Asia-Pacific rally elsewhere, and the championship already decided.

But Ben Hunt was absolutely sending it, trying to get a clean sweep of the season. Unfortunately a turbo expired, bringing his day to an abrupt halt.

So we actually ended up with a Skoda R5 taking the top two positions on the podium, and Raana Horan taking out his first win in the rally medium.

Nobody did anything particularly silly in front of us, other than some corner cutting at the "Hella" spectator point in Stage 6.

Old faithful my 'brolly sadly died during the final stage of the day, when a really sudden wind gust bent a spoke, resulting in my being hit in the face as it folded up! Still, I think for a 'brolly to have lasted at least ten years is doing pretty well.

The 86 was excellent, sipping frugally at petrol, only getting stuck once (wet grass it turns out is not a friend to a rear drive car when you're trying to do an Austin Powers style turn around at a road end). Probably not the ideal vehicle for the stretches of gravel road, but superb for the drive between stages. Also the level of "old man noises" that Graeme and I were making kept increasing on each occurrence of us climbing up from ground level to standing when exiting the vehicle. I think I'm starting to see the point of the SUV's plaguing our roads ... easy to hop out of!

Significant amounts of water blasting took place on my return home, to turn the car back from brown to orange.

Since the last magazine, the FIA has announced the return to New Zealand of a WRC round in 2020, which is some excellent news.

I can only assume that a really good number of us from the club will be very keen to make the trip up to the Auckland region to do some rally chasing.

Rather more locally, there is a very large autocross permanent track being built, in Nelson. It looks like it will be pretty quick, so maybe not Honda City territory. That said, every time I say something won't suit a City, Neil generally proves me wrong immediately by beating me.

I am thinking also, that a big autocross track is extremely relevant to our interests as a grassroots motorsport club. So some sort of pilgrimage down to Nelson is in order.

On the subject of our events, we're attempting to book December 15th for our repeatedly rained out Duck trilogy round. It isn't confirmed yet, but we're hoping that we can get the day.

Though, the way the weather has been going for us at this event, it might pay to make a bet that it's pissing down for the entire week leading up to the 15th.

That's it from me for this month.

See some of you at Club night, and some of you at Wairarapa Car Club's Dorsets Road!

Leon

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Waitomo Rally

It's been a while since I wrote an article but I had such a great time this weekend with Marty Bertelsen at the Waitomo rally I thought I needed to tell you about it.

I've always had fun with Marty he's a great driver. We set off on the Thursday and headed for Otorohanga so that we were close to the start of the rally about 20k south of Piopio.

Friday morning we had to be at the start by 10 to 7 for Recce. Recce is always a happy event because it's quite social there's no real panic and you cruise along and chat with everybody before the start of the next stage (not for Dylan Turner who had a head-on with a land cruiser and wrote off his car - the roads are not closed for Recce). We got organised badly from the get-go because we thought we had plenty of time to stop for a coffee and then found ourselves at the end of the Recce convoy though this was not really a problem.



Saturday morning bright and early with car ready to go we headed off to the start at Piopio no problems apart from the fact that it was pissing with rain and we cruised out to the first stage sadly this is when our comedy of errors began.

We were both struggling to get into our harnesses, Hans devices and helmets and when we got to the start control I was expecting to be running on the rallysafe but lights came up on the rallysafe asked the marshal were we not running on rallysafe and he said no!

So we were sitting there waiting for the countdown and then the Marshall points out that neither of us had our helmet straps done up so there we were struggling with helmet straps and suddenly there's a banging on the roof and the guy shouts out aren't you going? I looked to the rallysafe and we'd had a countdown from it and should have started.

It appeared that we were not using rallysafe for clocking into controls but we were using it for stage timing!!!!

Marty gave it the boot and I started calling the notes still with my helmet strap undone I thought I would wait for a nice long straight and do it then. Marty said oh you're a bit fuzzy and then he shouted again that he couldn't hear me at all. Then I found that I couldn't hear him either the intercom had died.

So hand signals and shouts became order of the day. Well if you don't know Marty's car it is a bit on the loud side so shouting really didn't work very well the only ones he could get were sixes he couldn't discern between 4 and 5 so I started calling 5 as fours, since every time I called 5 he repeated 4 and there's no time to argue. With hand signals we were not able to go very quickly and we were overtaken by the guy who started a minute behind. As if this wasn't enough frustration I normally hold my road notes with one hand with my finger on my place but since I was using that finger hand for the hand signals I kept losing my place.

It's amazing how a simple thing like helmet straps and a misunderstanding can totally influence what happens after that because you seem to spend a long time just trying to get back onto an even keel and by the time we arrived at Ohura we were still in a state of mild panic since at that point I'm trying to fit a new battery into the intercom.

Marty said this is service isn't it? Well just before Ohura is the start of stage 2 so I looked up from my battery installation haven't got my glasses on and jump to the conclusion that we should be doing stage 2. Fortunately I asked Marty to stop till I got my glasses out and was able to confirm to him that we were due for service before stage 2.

After 20 minutes service and a little bit of a break we felt refreshed and calmed down enough to attack stage 2 this looked ok and off we went hard out but Marty decided to make things a bit more difficult as he'd forgotten to turn on the demister (under the dash) we're both a bit busy and now I had to find a cloth to wipe the screen and needed to wind the window down to get some air in (I already told you what I normally use those two hands for) so once again a state of panic arrived. None the less we finished with a pretty good time and we're able to get the demister going before the next stage.



Having calmed down again at the start of stage 3 we clocked-in on time but the Marshall pointed out that we had a flat front tyre. I recognised that this was the best place ever and said to Marty we've clocked in on time we've got all the time in the world before the start of the next stage to fix the puncture which we did; it took us some minutes so we started the next stage 5 minutes later than intended but with no penalty.

Well folks this is where we really started to have fun with all this drama behind us the rest of the day ran like clockwork Marty was going like a train; faster and faster every stage the notes were flowing good and you couldn't wipe the smiles of our faces.

We finished 32nd overall in a field of 72 and fourth in class which probably would have been third and a trophy without the drama of stages 1 and 2.

None the less a great rally, really well organised great finish venue and food once again Chris Ramsay has produced another winner.

I heartily recommend this rally as a prime example of organisation with amazing roads.

Here are some pictures of Kingsley & Waverley, who came 2nd O/A in the R5 Skoda. They use the Fugly car for recce as its LHD like the Skoda



Flying Fish

Irish Fire Insurance

A man and his wife moved back home to County Cork, from London. The wife had a wooden leg and to insure it in Britain was £2,000.00 a year! When they arrived in Bailieborough, they went to an Insurance agency to see how much it would cost to insure the wooden leg.

The agent looked it up on the computer and said to the couple, '€39.00.'

The husband was shocked and asked why it was so cheap here in Ireland to insure, because it cost him £2,000.00 in England!

The agent turned his computer screen to the couple and said, 'Well, here it is on the screen, it says: 'Any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system over it, is €39.00.'

I often do find the Irish Logic far superior to most others. More Irish appreciation to follopw:

Leon's Waitomo Pix (awesome fotos, go to facebook to see them all, more from Graeme Swann)



I'll never forget my grandfather's last words-

"stop shaking the f@#\$ ing ladder you little shit."

PADDY IS DRIVING HOME FROM THE PUB AND GETS PULLED OVER BY A POLICE OFFICER.

THE OFFICER SAYS,
"GOOD EVENING SIR, DO YOU KNOW WHY I PULLED YOU OVER?"

PADDY REPLIES,
"I'M GUESSING YOU THINK I WAS DRUNK DRIVING."

THE OFFICER INFORMS PADDY THAT HE IS CORRECT AND TELLS HIM, "TELL YOU WHAT, MY SHIFT IS ENDING SOON SO IF YOU CAN SPELL THE ALPHABET BACKWARDS, I'LL LET YOU GO WITHOUT ANY FUSS."

IN A CLEAR AND CALM VOICE PADDY QUICKLY SAYS,
"ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA."

THE OFFICER, WHO IS IMPRESSED BY THE ORATION, NOW BELIEVES THAT PADDY IS CLEAN AND STATES, "WOW, I COULDN'T DO THAT SOBER."

PADDY REPLIES,
"ME NEITHER."

PADDY AND MURPHY ARE WORKING ON A BUILDING SITE.


WHEN A SLATE FALLS OFF THE ROOF SLICING PADDY'S EAR OFF.

MURPHY FINDS IT AND SAYS,
"IS THIS YOURS PADDY?"

"NO" SAYS PADDY,
"MINE HAD A PENCIL BEHIND IT!"

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<p>Suspension, brakes and wheels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAZ Gold coilovers with 2 sets springs; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 275# front and 225# rear – tarmac/gravel rally ○ 350# front and 300# rear - circuit • Alloy top suspension mounts • DBA grooved front rotors • K-Tec uprated rear rotors • Whiteline rear anti-roll bar • New lower suspension arms • Powerflex suspension and ARB bushes • Carbon Lorraine RC5+ race pads front/rear • 6 x 15”x7” white Speedline Corsa competition rims, +38 offset • 4 x 15” x 6.5” Black Motor Sports competition rims; +30 offset • Spare (new) Carbon Lorraine RC5+ front pads 	<p>Body & interior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-Tec rear carbon fibre wing • Front bumper modified for improved air flow • Front and rear tow hooks • Strengthened jacking points • Front brake ducts • Aero bonnet catches • MSNZ homologated cage with side intrusion bars; cage & interior painted factory Iceberg Silver • Sabelt Taurus competition seats (FIA1999 rated) with side brackets and Clio seat bases • Sabelt 5 pt camlock harnesses (FIA rated) • Brantz Pro2S rally tripmeter with remote zeroing • Rallysafe fitting kit installed (including antenna) • Trackit VT30 vehicle tracker; sharkfin antenna • Graytronics intercom system • Racetech helmet hammock • Co-driver footrest • Sequential shift light • Oil pressure, oil temp and water temp gauges • First aid kit; safety triangle • MSNZ log book • LVV certification
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Mick bumps into Paddy in the street, walking with a greyhound.

“That’s a fine looking dog, Paddy.” Said Mick. “Are you going to race him?”

“No feckin’ way.” said Paddy. “He’s far too quick.”

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Two Irishmen are hammering
floorboards down in a house

Keep Calm And Oh Feck It Enjoy Some Craic

Paddy picks up a nail, realizes
it's upside down and throws it
away

He carries on doing this until
Murphy says, "Why are you
throwing them away?"

"Because they're upside
down!" says Paddy.

"You daft twat" replies
Murphy, "Save 'em for the
ceiling."



Paddy and his two friends are talking at a bar.
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His first friend says:
"I think my wife is having an affair with the Electrician, the other day I came home and found wire cutters under our bed and they weren't mine."

His second friend says:
"I think my wife is having an affair with the plumber, the other day I found a wrench under the bed and it wasn't mine."

Paddy says:
"I think my wife is having an affair with a horse."

Both his friends looked at him with utter disbelief.

"No, I'm serious, the other day I came home and found a jockey under our bed."

Neil's Wheels Rubber Duck Autocross Series



Welcome to the third in our trilogy, featuring a shiny new sponsor, but still terrible movie title play on words

Watch Facebook for a fine date
Duck Fiction
Kim Naylor Series Round

CLUBNIGHT

Nick Kacouris (TrickyAngel) will be talking about; Safety Gear and the trials and tribulations of racing an elderly Subaru

Paddy's wife catches him in bed with a female midget!

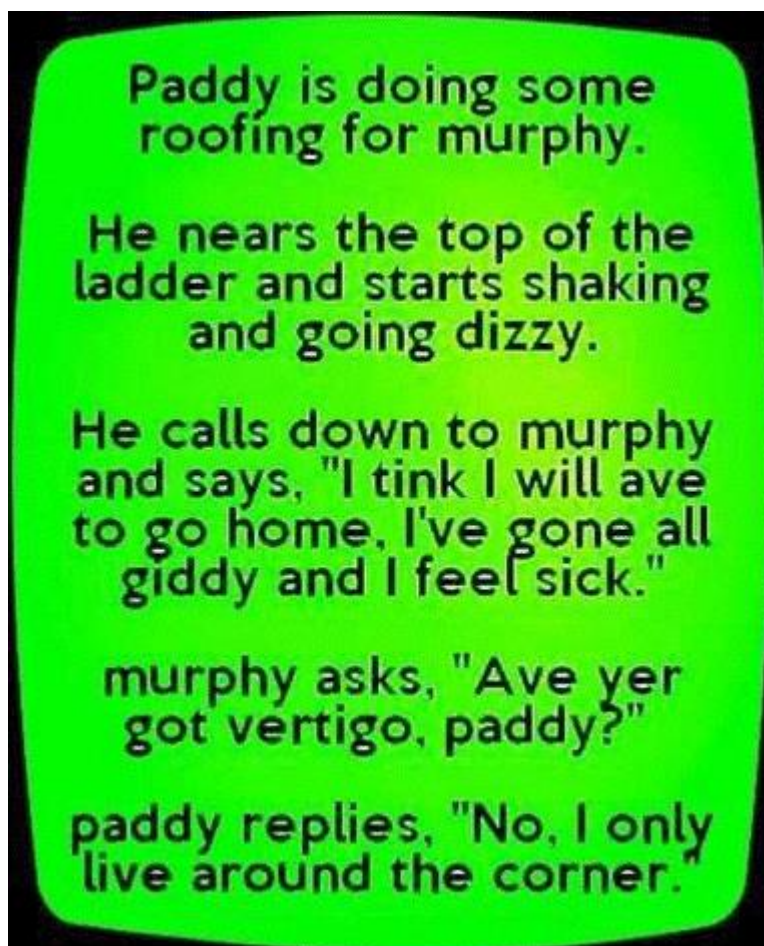
Furious, she screams 'You promised you wouldn't cheat again!'

Paddy says 'Can't you see I've cut down?!'

Wellington Motorsport Association Calendar 2019

Month	Date	Steward	Event Type	Club	Venue	Status
September	12		Rally Turkey			
	21		Japan Rally			
	29		The Surgery Sprint Autocross	Hutt Valley	Manfeild Upper Hutt	IM KN
October	3		Rally Gt Britain			
	13		Gravel Sprint Bathurst	Levin	Mangahao Dam	GS
	19		Waitomo rally			
	20		Sealed Sprint	Wairarapa	Admiral Road	DM/Sc
	24		Rally Spain			
November	28		Sealed Sprint	Hutt Valley	Port Road	DM/Sc
	9		Race (MG Classic)	MG	Manfeild	
	10		Race (MG Classic)	MG	Manfeild	
	14		Rally Australia			
	18		WMSA Meeting		Hutt Valley Motorsport Clubrooms	
	24		Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Dorsets Road	GS
December	1		The Surgery Sprint		Manfeild	IM

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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		
Sc	Ron Scanlan Trophy Series	Wanganui	barbaramgray@gmail.com		
ERS	Engine Room Series	Hawkes Bay	donna_elder@clear.net.nz		





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