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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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DEADLINE

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

CLUB NIGHT

1841 Pub (Upstairs)

1 Disraeli St, Johnsonville (next to the BP)

TUESDAY 2nd February 2021 @ 7:30



November and December combined article.

I didn't do anything in October, so that's a nice easy recap!

November was quite a bit more exciting though, as I write this, the Corolla has just gotten through two of the three weekends running.

Well, kind of gotten through, actually the brake master cylinder failed at event two, and the car arrived home on a trailer, oh well.

However, the first event of November for me, Dorsets Road, went extremely well.

Despite the week prior being most notable for having been so much rain that Hawkes Bay turned itself into a living water feature, it dried out brilliantly in the Wairarapa, and turned into a toasty hot day.

There were about 30 entries, which is a pretty decent turnout for a gravel sprint down this way.

It started out a little bit bumpy, with the very first car during practice departing the road, and removing one corner of the suspension from the vehicle. A freshly rebuilt Corolla, repowered with a 13b rotary. This took the Corolla count-down to "only" nine Corolla's, down from the initial ten.

Class B 1301-1600cc was entirely 4AGE powered Corolla variants. Three AE86's, two AE92's, and a 101. After the first couple of runs, we had four cars clustered within two seconds. It was pretty sketchy underfoot, with most cars struggling for back end grip.

Even my car, which I have set up to run quite tail happy was proving a bit of a challenge. The first run of the day was pretty much sliding around, and very much hoping for the best. Which can get a bit interesting, given that I reckon every time I've seen that bit of road, it has just got that little bit narrower.

Ross and I got down to 29's, with Robb and Kevin in the 31's so it was turning into a bit of a front drive versus rear drive contest.

Ross had very much thrown down the gauntlet, a mere 13 hundredths ahead! So I kicked out my passengers, and chucked some new rubber on the front. It paid off pretty well, as I managed to get down into the 26's, while Ross trimmed another second off his time, and came down to a 28.

Kevin George (who is back driving his old AE86 that he sold? Has he bought it back?) came down to 29, to bring up the third step of the podium.

But putting us all to shame, was Dayle in the Barina, whose times were a couple of 26's and then a 23; so he's one class down, and giving us all a bloody good thumping.

Mark Rutherford doesn't seem to be putting a foot wrong in the Ka, dropping a monumental 7 seconds in his last run of the day, to finish second in class on a 46. Great achievement in a car with stock suspension, zero power, and elderly rubber.

Paul Stent from HCCC was giving his newly caged 318 BMW a first run on gravel on the day too, going faster every run of the day, to finish second in class behind Dennis Lukies in the Celica (who had Adam & Jilly navigating for him).

Graham was another second in class in the boosted Pulsar, definitely enjoying his new suspension, even if traction was a bit of an issue running that sort of power through the front tyres!

Oddly, in the four-wheel drive class, there actually weren't that many entries, but Daniel Feck, Stu, and Marty took out first through to third overall respectively, on their way to finishing in that order in class.

I spent as much of the day as I could, hiding under Graham's gazebo, and consumed three litres of liquid. But with the heat, I still ended up fighting a migraine off for the following 48 hours. So I can see that the Corolla is going to end up with air con being refitted, along with a roof vent. Otherwise it might end up at the stage where I just can't compete on hot days. My last couple of runs up the hill at Dorsets I was starting to feel pretty rough from the heat, and that's not a nice state to be trying to race in. I've bought a lego box kit (figuratively speaking) of old Corolla air con bits, so next step will be to try to work out what other bits are missing! At least that way, I can cool off on the dummy grid, and after the run is done. A roof vent can then hopefully keep things survivable during the actual run.

The following weekend, we had the first of our double headers, Motorkhana Saturday arvo, and then Autocross on the Sunday.

We only had a small field on the Saturday (I think 12 entries?), which made things pretty easy. I just stayed on timing all day, so I didn't have to try to get my head into and out of driving mode!

Four courses, and two runs at each course made up the results. But since we had access to the paddock, cones, and cars, we made the most of it. There was a bonus fifth course (unofficial), lots of extra runs at each course for those who wanted the practice (or were just determined to find the extra two seconds they couldn't during their official runs).

There was also a bit of car swapping, and Ian brought out the "Majestic" Chevy Impala (by which I mean, so ridiculously large that it physically couldn't be contained inside our garage markers).

So if you're thinking that you want a bit of precision driving practice, do come along to the same event in December. I suspect you might end up enjoying yourself.

I've not seen the final results yet, but if memory serves, it was Neil Roots, followed by Geoff Warren.

As an added bonus, since we were there on a Saturday, and with some time (okay, yes, I still managed to miss dinner in Upper Hutt!), we set up the course for Sunday's autocross. That saved a decent chunk of time and brainpower consumption on Sunday morning.

Sunday was having a really good rain when I got to the paddock, which was a little concerning. However, the forecast was for showers coming and going, and we knew that the ground was absolutely rock solid and dry as a bone underfoot. It was going to take a really decent downpour before it became a problem for the paddock (although clearly torrential rain would be quite unpleasant for the humans!). Figuring we couldn't trust the weather we stationed the Hyundai van as the official timing tent. That way, at least the time sheets wouldn't get soaked.

It turned out to be a day for interesting cars.

Ian triple entered the MPS, Escudo, and Impala; so he was able to run one car in each class.

Normally I'd have figured, okay, an Impala. That's going to be the weirdest car decision. But in fact no. Steve Stokes from the Porsche club turned up in, yup, a Porsche. So in among a whole random group of fairly low rent cars (and one Impala), we had a late model 911, running tyres roughly as wide as Neil's entire Honda City.

I got through the first course fine, albeit hitting cones on my first two runs, but managed one tidy run to be somewhere toward (but not at) the front of the class. Unfortunately, while we were setting up the second course, the brakes failed on the Corolla so I parked it up, and then just borrowed cars to play in. Which was a giggle. I had a run in Geoff's WRX (with most of the power fed to the back), then my workmate Brendon's Altezza, and then the Fisher Starlet. Jolly good fun was had.

Then the Corolla was trailered home (thanks Geoff). Since I've got home, my semi tame mechanic has taken the brake master cylinder out, and now the mission begins to get a replacement or repair done before Sunday, where I'm hoping to get to Wairongomai Road, for the final round of the gravel sprint series.

Our fastest three overall at the November Autocross were Geoff Warren, followed by Al (in the Charade), and then Adam.

In the classes today, in the front drivers we had Al, Adam, and Neil. Rear drivers, Brendon Norling, ahead of Keith and Dean in a pair of MX5's. Four-wheel drive, was Geoff, Graham (in his tow wagon), and then Michael in the Familia.

The Rubber Duck Trilogy that ended with the November round turned up some quite funny trilogy results. Geoff took out 4wd, and Dean rear drive, but the weird one was front drive, where we ended up with a three-way Neil, Al, Adam tie! Each one of the three having taken a first, second, and a third, during the trilogy.

Looking ahead to our December events, we have a Battery talk at Club night, then our next weekend of events.

Saturday Motorkhana

Saturday evening, post-match function at Neil's house in the Wairarapa (you can camp there, or limited BYO mattress space)

Sunday Autocross.

That's it from me, because it's Sunday night as I write this, and I've done a weekend of car stuff, so I'm going a bit cross eyed!

Cheers

Leon

If you have sex with a prostitute against her will, is it considered rape or shoplifting?



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WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2020 AT 19:30 UTC+13

Club night with guest speaker Owen Todd from Battery Bill

1841 Bar & Restaurant



Owen Todd from Battery Bill will be coming along to tell us all we need to know about batteries. Want to know what is the best battery for your race car? Owens got you covered.

After many years involved in the drag racing scene and a love of Mini's, Owen has now bought Stuart Kingston's old Honda City turbo/supercharged Mini and joined the clubsport scene.

After many years selling batteries in Auckland, Owen moved to Wellington and now is Battery Bill Wellington.

With a huge range of batteries available and a huge knowledge and passion for them, Owens your go to man.

Join us at the 1841 Bar & Restaurant from 7pm for a great night. Have a meal and a drink, tell some lies, learn about batteries. See you there.

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Dear Leon Cast,

Dorsets Road Gravel Hillclimb - 15 November 2020

What a stunning day! Thanks to all the competitors for coming out today and enjoying a great Wairarapa Day.

Attached are the results. Congratulations to our class and overall winners. What an awesome battle there was between some of the classes.

Good luck to those entered for Wairongamai Road in two weeks time.

Sincerely, Wairarapa Car Club



**WAIRARAPA CAR CLUB – Dorsets Road Gravel Hillclimb
Sunday 15th November 2020**



Car #	Name	Club	Car	Prac.	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3		Class	Overall
0-1300cc										
5	Dayle Brock	Dannevirke	Barina	2.43.31	2.26.96	2.26.50	2.23.01		1	
2	Mark Rutherford	HCCC	KA	3.06.75	2.58.75	2.54.77	2.46.15		2	
B: 1301-1600cc										
29	John Keen	Wai CC	Levin	2.44.03	2.41.62	2.35.50	2.36.00			
23	Kevin George	Wai CC	Levin	2.41.79	2.34.18	2.31.79	2.29.36		3	
26	Leon Cast	HCCC	Corolla	2.40.59	2.35.72	2.29.18	2.26.59		1	
12	Ross McKenzie	HCCC	Corolla	2.40.11	2.35.56	2.29.05	2.28.17		2	
15	Toby Miller	Levin	Levin	2.47.64	2.42.77	2.40.43	2.39.02			
14	Rob Piper	Wai CC	Sprinter	2.38.37	2.33.28	2.31.85	2.32.10			
C: 1601-2000cc										
34	Dennis Lukies	Hawkes Bay	Celica	2.34.92	2.28.89	2.40.54	2.26.55		1	
7	Mike Reid	HVMC	Escort	3.04.19	2.53.71	2.52.83	2.49.08		3	
24	Paul Stent	HCCC	BMW318ti	2.51.40	2.44.35	2.40.06	2.38.22		2	
32	Jackson Clendon	Wai CC	Fiesta	2.23.90	2.19.23	2.16.27	2.15.65			
32	Jackson Clendon	Wai CC	Fiesta	2.19.04	2.18.09	2.17.65	2.13.89			
D:2001cc & over										
19	Bevan Parker	Dannevirke	BMW 323i	2.33.81	2.27.73	2.27.48	2.23.92			
6	Brendon Cantwell	HVMC	Starlet	2.28.89	2.26.05	2.28.38	2.19.62		3	
18	Brent Henson	Wai CC	Corolla	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS			
54	Brent Miller	Levin	Corolla	2.35.56	2.29.27	2.26.85	2.25.88			
28	Graham Heath	HCCC	Pulsar	2.32.23	2.25.42	2.21.16	2.19.16		2	
17	Matt Patterson	Levin	Sprinter	2.26.58	2.23.28	2.21.17	2.25.01			
4	Richard Prouse	HVMC	BMW318is	2.44.98	2.39.10	2.39.57	2.37.16			
33	Robin Feck	Dannevirke	MR2	2.21.89	2.18.62	2.15.53	2.14.91		1	
20	Euan Beattie	Levin	Corolla	2.34.28	2.23.93	2.25.50	2.42.13			
20	Euan Beattie	Levin	Corolla	2.29.07	2.27.01	2.25.25	2.27.05			

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E: 4WD open										
31	Daniel Feck	Dannevirke	FTO	2.12.07	2.10.31	2.08.14	2.05.30		1	1
22	Marty Smith	Wgtn CC	Legacy	2.19.70	2.15.04	2.14.42	2.12.11		3	3
3	Stu Andrews	Wai CC	EVO3	2.16.56	2.20.20	2.11.86	2.11.15		2	2
30	Simon Bicknell	Hawkes Bay	WRX	2.19.57	2.18.18	2.16.44	2.14.39			
30	Simon Bicknell	Hawkes Bay	WRX	2.27.69	2.18.57	2.16.57	2.10.44			
W/Dr	Piran Pigneguy	HVMC	EVO5							
W/Dr	Gareth McLachlan	Hawkes Bay	VR4							
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Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?



ASTRONOMER:

When you rearrange the

letters:

MOON STARER

**RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE ARGUING
OVER WHO LOST THE KEYS...**



**SHOULD I TELL THEM OR
JUST SIT BACK AND LAUGH.**

A moment of tension in Vatican.
If the bishop moves forward the
queen can take him.



A Scottish couple took in an 18-year-old girl as a lodger. She asked if she could have a bath, but the woman of the house told her they didn't have a bath, although if she wanted to, she could use a tin bath in front of the fire.

"Monday's the best night, when my husband goes out to darts," she said.

The girl agreed to have a bath the following Monday.

After her husband had gone to the pub for his darts match, the woman filled the bath and watched the girl get undressed. She was surprised to see that the lass didn't have any pubic hair. She mentioned this to her husband when he came home. He didn't believe her, so she said: "Next Monday, when you go to darts, leave a little early and wait in the back garden. I'll leave a gap in the curtains so you can see for yourself."

So the following Monday, while the girl again got undressed, the wife asked: "Do you shave?"

"No," replied the girl. "I've just never grown any hair down there. Do you have hair?"

"Oh, yes," said the woman, and she pulled up her nightdress and showed the girl that she was really generously endowed in the hair department.....very generously indeed.

The girl finished her bath and went to bed.

Later that night, when the husband came in, the wife asked him, "Did you see it?"

"Yes," he said, "but why the hell did you have to show her yours."

"Why ever are you worried about that?" she said. "You've seen it often enough before."

"I know," he said, "but the darts team hadn't !!!"





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SATURDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2020 AT 12:30 UTC+13

HCCC Motorkhana: Stewards Trophy Round 2

Masterton Motorplex International Dragstrip



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SUNDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2020 AT 08:30 UTC+13

Neil's Wheels Rubber Duck Autocross Rd 1 | The Quest for the Holy Duck

Masterton Motorplex International Dragstrip

Annual General Meeting

1841 Pub (Upstairs)

1 Disraeli St, Johnsonville (next to the BP)

Harbour Capital Car Club Calendar 2021

Confirmed dates in **RED**, traditional dates left in place as indicators

Provisional dates in **BLUE**

Month	Date	Event Type	Club	Venue
January	21-24	WRC Rally Monte-Carlo		
	24	Sealed Sprint	Hutt Valley	Port Road
February	6	Waitangi Day		
	8-9	Leadfoot Festival		CANCELLED
	11-14	WRC Rally Sweden		
	17		Levin	Kaihinau Road
	21	Gravel Sprint	Hawkes Bay CC	Tongoio Rd
	28	Sealed Sprint	Hutt Valley	Wallaceville Hill
March	14	Sealed Sprint	Wellington	Alexandra Road, Wellington
	17	Clubsport Nationals	Wairarapa	
		Gravel Sprint	Manawatu CC	Pararangi Rd
April	7	Race (Summer Series Rd 3)	Manawatu	Manfeild
Easter	10	Otago Rally		
	10	Gravel Sprint	Wanganui	Fordell
Easter	11	Bent Sprint	Wairarapa	Masterton Motorplex
Easter	12	Sealed Sprint (Race to Dump)	Hutt Valley	Silverstream
Easter	13			
	25	Anzac Day		
	22-25	WRC Rally Croatia		
	28	The Surgery Sprint		Manfeild
May	4	Whangarei Rally		
	5	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Puketiro Road
	19	Gravel Sprint	Levin	Heights Road
	20-23	WRC Rally Portugal		
		CRSS Academy		
	24	Motorsport AGM		
	25	Motorsport AGM		
	26	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
June	1	Queens Birthday		
	2	Canterbury Rally		
		Gravel Sprint	Dannevirke CC	Tararua Rd
	3-6	WRC Rally Italy		
	22	Sth Canterbury Rally		
	23	The Surgery Sprint		Manfeild
	24-27	WRC Rally Safari Kenya		
	30	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
July	15-18	WRC Rally Estonia		
		Gravel Sprint	Levin	Mangahao Dam
	28	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
August	29-1	WRC Rally Finland		
	11	The Surgery Sprint		Manfeild
	17	Goldrush rally		
	19-22	WRC Rally UK		
	25	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
September	9-12	WRC Rally Chile		
	29	The Surgery Sprint Autocross	Hutt Valley	Manfeild Upper Hutt
October	13	Gravel Sprint	Levin	Mangahao Dam
	14-17	WRC Rally Spain		
	19	Waitomo rally		
	20	Sealed Sprint	Wairarapa	Admiral Road
	26	Labour Day		
	28	Sealed Sprint	Hutt Valley	Port Road
November	9	Race (MG Classic)	MG	Manfeild
	10	Race (MG Classic)	MG	Manfeild
	11-14	WRC Rally Japan		
	24	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Dorsets Road

December	1	The Surgery Sprint		Manfeild
	7	India Rally		
	25	Christmas Day		

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The 2021 season is coming together well, there will be lots of new things including the most important, our new name and home for all the information. www.crss.co.nz

This coming season will kick off in February with Hawkes Bay hosting Tangoio road, a regular sprint road and old rally road. March will see Manawatu Car Club hosting their first gravel event for many years (Pararorangi Road) it is an old sprint road that has a long history. April has Wanganui Car Club running Fordell Sprint (Matarawa Valley Road) but this time it will have a twist. Dust those lights off!

May will be a month off but some they will be attending a new initiative called CRSS Academy which is a day of learning how to drive faster, safer and setting up of cars. June will see a return to an all-time favourite, Tararua Road hosted by Dannevirke Car Club. And to wrap the season up we return to Levin Car Clubs Mangahao Dams Road with a prize giving after.

There will be more prizes on offer in 2021 with a point's championship for co-drivers who wish to participate and also for clubs to try motivate more of their members to compete. This will be open to any club whose members compete.

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Thanks

Pete
(Peter Weir)



Finally, Christmas Greetings:





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