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Jilly going for it Aug Autocross

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 1st September 2020 @ 7:30



Article September

The drought has at last broken, the Corolla has been out of the garage twice, in anger. Well, once in fun, and once in some degree of frustration!

The long awaited first event for the Corolla since November last year (wince) was Mangahao Dam, which is my favourite bit of gravel thus far (I don't claim to have had all that much range of gravel experience though).

The wake up call was positively offensively early in the morning. I can't recall exactly how early, as I have tried to blank it from my mind. I think about the only good thing was, my neighbour was away, meaning the car stayed in the garage the night before, so I didn't have to defog it for ten minutes before starting the drive Northward.

It was pretty bloody cold in the pits, which is about standard there, as it doesn't get any direct sun for a while. An unwelcome addition to the car park was a sodding big container, probably there for completely valid reasons, but most definitely made life difficult in the car park for us.

We were warned at driver's briefing that the road had suffered quite badly due to the amount of rain that had been inflicting the world in general for some time prior to the event. They were assuredly not kidding.

Mark Rutherford was there for the first time, so he came up the hill with me. Luckily his helmet isn't compatible with my intercom, or there may have been quite a few uses of colourful language during the process of getting to the top of the hill.

Even the one straight bit over the rocks, past a marshal point was so badly carved that I actually was zig zagging my way through it, to try to find a non destructive line.

It was a really frustrating practice run, and I decided that given the condition of the road, and my lack of interest in rebuilding my suspension, I was going to put in one official timed run, then pack it in.

The first timed run showed that the road was continuing to fall to bits, and we got launched off the ground fairly nicely on a few occasions just through ruts. So that was me for the day. Didn't even bother putting the good tyres on the front, got a lousy result, and not much driving. About the only positive I can come up with, is that I drove the car there, and was able to drive it home again. So that was my "frustration" day.

Thank goodness though, the Neil's Wheels Rubber Duck autocross was a blast! So that made up for only doing 50% of the miles at Shannon.

We had a whopper of an entry, ending up with 48 drivers, in the usual highly eclectic collection of vehicles. We had Tallguy racing in the Falcon, Tim Box running some sort of soccer mum diesel SUV thing (Ford Kuga, if you're being specific), Ian in the Escudo (after the intended race Peugeot diesel stationwagon dropped a large quantity of fluid on the trailer) tow vehicle, and basically half a paddock worth of Corolla variations.

Two of my ex cars were there, with the Albaru DeTomato, and the PC Toyota Schitz. So that was a bit of a laugh.

Mark, Geoff and I wandered about the paddock, being chased by Adam towing a trailer full of cones. We zig zagged between the gnarly bits as best we could, and set out a fairly flowing course, just in case the ground had taken enough of a soaking that we dug out corners. Once again, I forgot my gumboots ... whoops. Race boots are basically a sponge, with laces.

We had LOADS of juniors running, which was utterly brilliant to see. To try to ease them into the skids on grass experience, we put on some more intro laps for them, and allowed the "dad in passenger seat" option where they wanted it.

You'll certainly recognise the Junior's surnames ... Seabright, Jopson, Mason (x2). Along with a duo of Carvers. Seems to be the season for the next generation to hit the sort of age where they can come out for a play.

There was a damn fine demonstration of the apple not falling far from the tree with the Mason twins (in identical, but different Corollas). That was battle royal from start to finish, with some completely sideways handbrake antics from start to finish too (clearly it's genetic). Exactly how much were they twinning? Well over two courses, the gap between them was 0.3 of a second. Though to give you an idea of how competitive that end of the field was, there were actually two other drivers sitting in between the twins in the results.

Vinnie and Annabelle Carver both put in a good solid drive all day. They just kept getting quicker and quicker each run, as the confidence grew. A couple of cones were mowed down in the process, but that's exactly what this sort of event is for. Gain some practice, run into some very low consequence objects.

Ethan was having a good day of it in the Honda. Though dad "helped" during one of the tiki tour runs with some handbrake application, causing dad to then have to go back and put a cone back up again. To be fair, this is exactly how you'd expect Steve to go ... he threatened to come back at some stage with the Escort, so that could be a giggle.

Ryan and Jody Seabright were competing in a recently purchased KP Starlet rally car. I don't know the details of the car, but it certainly looks fairly serious, and

sounded like some brutal clutch and diff noises when it was departing the line. Haven't seen Jody behind the wheel since Slipway days in his Mirage road car. But he doesn't appear to have lost any fire.

Along with the gang of juniors, Brent and Paula Reddington came down from Hawkes Bay, bringing an accumulation of speedway drivers with them! So we've probably never had such a good collection of out of towners running.

Unfortunately for Andrew and Kaila, their BMW did BMW things, choosing to evacuate the cooling system. Luckily for them, it was a trailered club car anyway, and they jumped cars into some Corolla's and carried right on racing.

Despite the BMW antics, I think Michael in the Familia gets the hard luck award for the day, as he backed into a post in the car park. On the positive side, the post was extremely rotten, so it just fell over, rather than causing too much damage. On the negative side, I guess there's going to be a repair bill for a new post!

We had two runs at the first course, then three at the second course. Although as the temperature dropped away in the afternoon, the times actually got slower. So possibly not a lot of point (other than random skids) in running that late in the day, during winter anyway.

The second course was a bit quicker, with some long sections where you could walk the car around on the throttle quite well, if you were so inclined. Though there were also some bits that playing too much with the throttle might lead you into some unintended corner entry speed and angles. So that was fun.

The pointy end of the field (as compared to the posty end of the field, sorry Michael) was pretty intense for competition. Neil and Al ending up in a dead heat in the first course, followed not very closely by Adam and myself.

Over in the rear skidders part of the paddock, Dean and Keith were swapping times all day in their respective MX5's. Though using very different methods. The Herd MX5 is stock height (about 20 feet off the ground), and about 5psi tyre pressure. Meantime Keith was running semi slicks on the back of his (because more tread than his road tyres), and is in a lowered car. Though we were all wincing at some of the bash and crash noises emerging from Keith's car. Brendon Norling was trying to keep up with them, putting in a tidy drive in the Altezza. But it's a big car by comparison, and power definitely was not helping on the day, but he kept it clear of the John in the AE86, and came home third in class.

Four wheel drive was a bit less of a close fight, with Geoff running away with it, but with Brendon and Andrew running pretty much the same times as each other (and in the same car). You knew when Brendon was driving, as you could hear the limiter bashing from all over the paddock. Michael and Ian (Familia and Escudo respectively) were having a good fight for fourth position too.

At the end of the day, the top 10 was : Neil, Al, Adam, me, Brent (all in EOD), Dean, Keith (both in ENOD), Geoff (first of the 4wd cars), Mark, and then Webster.

So it was the front drivers, followed by a pair of MX5's in a surprisingly high overall position. The greasy surface really meant that the four wheel drives were struggling to turn. We didn't really dry out the paddock, or dig any holes. So we knocked the grass off, and then basically just slid around on the top layer of dirt all day. As always, heaps of people stepped up and helped during the day, with cones, timing, cooking, wrangling the line. Without you guys helping us out like that, we'd probably

be lucky to get half the numbers of runs done that we did. So thanks to all the people from all the different clubs, for making it an excellent day out. It's a bloody good little community we have going.

Thanks go of course to Neil's Wheels, our naming sponsor, and supplier of all those nice cold drinks during the day, Wairarapa Car Club for the use of their paddock and rooms, and Nationwide Fire Protection (Jeff Ward) who has supplied the extinguishers that we sincerely hope to never have to use.

Our next round (weather willing) is SATURDAY (he shouted) September 19th. Also if you're interested in making a weekend of it, Wairarapa is running a sealed bent sprint using we believe the drag strip, and some return road. Though I don't know their exact layout intention.

Third round, we're still awaiting date confirmation.

Motorsport NZ AGCM was a Zoom conference thanks to Covid levels, and was a little bit frustrating, because half the point of the day is the networking. However, them's the rules, and I'd have been quite reluctant to attend a big conference in person these days. We got what I think was the first apology from the top table for poor communication around the building sale. But then the good will of the apology was largely undone by the Pres scolding everyone for airing opinions on social media. So, yeah, that was a thing. Will be probably more interesting to see what happens next AGCM, especially if there's noteworthy elections.

Right, that's enough out of me. Got a bit excited, because I had something to write about this time.

See you somewhere with cones and enthusiasm!

Leon

MORNING CHUCKLE.....They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then, I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen." There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!" Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." He retorted, "I will; just as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your damn car!" Welcome to the **GOLDEN YEARS**

CLUBNIGHT

Watch out for the next exciting speaker.

Covid Catch-Up Sealed Autocross Overall Results
29/08/2020

			Best Time Clockwise			Best Time Counter clockwise			Total	Placing	
Sean	Browne	Manawatu	NARWD	00:46.921	01:03.737	01:50.658	00:45.722	01:34.212	02:19.934	04:10.592	1
Webster	Gough	HCCC	FI +	00:48.271	01:03.568	01:51.839	00:49.216	01:38.911	02:28.127	04:19.966	2
Liam	How	Manawatu	FI +	00:48.241	01:05.423	01:53.664	00:47.607	01:39.329	02:26.936	04:20.600	3
Barry	Cutelli	HVMCC1414	NARWD	00:48.271	01:06.469	01:54.740	00:48.252	01:40.997	02:29.249	04:23.989	4
Loren	Brookes	HVMC	FI +	00:48.002	01:04.943	01:52.945	00:49.278	01:42.115	02:31.393	04:24.338	5
David	Chamberlain	Manawatu	FI +	00:49.526	01:06.066	01:55.592	00:50.066	01:42.736	02:32.802	04:28.394	6
Caswal	Parker	HVMC	Rookie	00:51.114	01:06.289	01:57.403	00:50.149	01:42.923	02:33.072	04:30.475	7
Graham	Heath	HCCC	FI +	00:51.326	01:05.901	01:57.227	00:50.837	01:43.594	02:34.431	04:31.658	8
Phil	Derby	HVMC	FI +	00:53.557	01:08.991	02:02.548	00:48.740	01:40.683	02:29.423	04:31.971	9
Matt	Flewellen	HVMC	NARWD	00:51.375	01:07.822	01:59.197	00:51.672	01:44.099	02:35.771	04:34.968	10
Craig	O'Brien	Manawatu	NAFWD	00:51.954	01:09.089	02:01.043	00:52.653	01:47.302	02:35.771	04:36.814	11
Rod	McCardle	Manawatu	NARWD	00:52.144	01:07.858	02:00.002	00:52.054	01:48.925	02:40.979	04:40.981	12
Sean	Chrystall	na	Rookie	00:54.112	01:09.841	02:03.953	00:51.417	01:48.060	02:39.477	04:43.430	13
Jack	Cleland	Manawatu	NARWD	00:53.636	01:12.380	02:06.016	00:52.587	01:45.783	02:38.370	04:44.386	14
Wessam	Bessada	Manawatu	NAFWD	00:54.251	01:14.990	02:09.241	00:55.080	01:52.390	02:47.470	04:56.711	15
Neil	Roots	HCCC	NAFWD	00:55.110	01:13.494	02:08.604	00:56.597	01:53.501	02:50.098	04:58.702	16
Liam	olson	Hawkes bay	NAFWD	00:57.453	01:15.342	02:12.795	00:57.638	01:55.122	02:52.760	05:05.555	17
Andrew	Lamb	HVMC	FI +	00:56.669	01:16.578	02:13.247	00:57.526	01:56.366	02:53.892	05:07.139	18
Neal	Cole	HVMC	NAFWD	00:58.228	01:18.300	02:16.528	00:59.647	02:01.521	03:01.168	05:17.696	19
David	Penfold	Manawatu	NARWD	01:00.571	01:19.769	02:20.340	01:01.391	02:05.955	03:07.346	05:27.686	20
Ian	Stewart	HCCC	FI +	01:06.211	01:24.842	02:31.053	01:06.110	02:10.171	03:16.281	05:47.334	21
Browne	Greg	Manawatu	NAFWD	00:53.590	01:11.950	02:05.540			DNS		22



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SATURDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2020 FROM 08:30-17:00

Neil's Wheels Rubber Duck Autocross Rd 2 | D2: Judgement Ducks

Masterton Motorplex International Dragstrip

A woman and a baby were in the doctor's examining room, waiting for the doctor to come in for the baby's first exam.

The doctor arrived, and examined the baby, checked his weight, and being a little concerned, asked if the baby was breast-fed or bottle-fed.

'Breast-fed,' she replied.

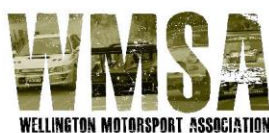
'Well, strip down to your waist,' the doctor ordered.

She did. He pinched her nipples, pressed, kneaded, and rubbed both breasts for a while in a very professional and detailed examination.

Motioning to her to get dressed, the doctor said,

'No wonder this baby is underweight. You don't have any milk.'

'I know,' she said, 'I'm his Grandma, but I'm glad I came.'

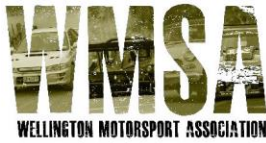


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As at 31/08/2020

01 Oct 2020 - 31 April 2021

Start	Title	Location	Description
13/09/2020	Winter Series Round 4 - Manawatu Car Club	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon, 59 South Street, Feilding 4702, New Zealand	
19/09/2020	HCCC Autocross - Round 2 - Duckment Day	Wairarapa, New Zealand	Run By: Harbour Capital Car Club Series: None
19/09/2020	Mini Pikes Peak HillClimb - Gravel - Wanganui Car Club	Whanganui, New Zealand	Wanganui Car Club
20/09/2020	Waicc Bent Sprint 2020		Run By: Wairarapa Car Club Series: WMSA Gravel Sprint Series Steward: TBC
26/09/2020	MGCRR and CCC Track Day	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon, 59 South Street, Feilding 4702, New Zealand	
27/09/2020	HVMC Autocross Series - Round 5		Run By: Hutt Valley Motorsport Club
27/09/2020	The Surgery Sprints - Round 4	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon, 59 South St, Feilding 4702, New Zealand	Details to Follow
4/10/2020	WCC Shelly Bay Sealed Sprint	Shelly Bay Road, Maupuia, Wellington 6022, New Zealand	Run By: Wellington Car Club Series: WMSA Duncan McKenzie and Ron Scanlan Steward: TBC
17/10/2020	Wai CC Admiral Rd Sealed Sprint	Admiral Road, Admiral Hill, New Zealand	Run By: Wairarapa Car Club Series: WMSA Duncan McKenzie and Ron Scanlan Steward: TBC
18/10/2020	Bathurst		
25/10/2020	HVMC Port Road Street Sprint	Port Road, Port Rd, Seaview, Lower Hutt 5010, New Zealand	Run By: Hutt Valley Motorsport Club Series: WMSA Duncan McKenzie & WMSA Ron Scanlan
1/11/2020	LCC Wairongomai Road Gravel Sprint	Wairongomai Road, Otaki 5512, New Zealand	Run By: Levin Car Club Series: WMSA Gravel Series Steward: TBC
8/11/2020	WCC Driver Training Day & Single Car Sprints - Manfeild	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon, 59 South Street, Feilding 4702, New Zealand	Run By: Wellington Car Club
8/11/2020	WTSCC - Wainuiomata Coast Road Sealed Sprint	Wainuiomata Coast 5373, New Zealand	Run By: Wellington Triumph Sports Car Club Series: WMSA Duncan McKenzie and Ron Scanlan Steward: TBC



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13/11/2020	The MG Classic Race Meeting #35	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon, 59 South Street, Feilding 4702, New Zealand	Run By: MG Classic Racing Register Inc
15/11/2020	RT Taranaki Foreman Rd Hill Climb		Organiser: Taranaki Car Club Inc
15/11/2020	WaiCC Dorsets Rd Gravel Sprint	Dorsets Road	Run By: Wairarapa Car Club Series: WMSA Gravel Sprint Series Steward: TBC
21/11/2020	Pukerimu & Brunswick Rds - Sealed - Wanganui Car Club	Whanganui, New Zealand	Wanganui Car Club
29/11/2020	The Surgery Sprints - Round 5	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon, 59 South St, Feilding 4702, New Zealand	Details to Follow
24/01/2021	HVMC Port Road Street Sprint	Port Road, Port Rd, Seaview, Lower Hutt 5010, New Zealand	Run By: Hutt Valley Motorsport Club Series: WMSA Duncan McKenzie & WMSA Ron Scanlan
21/02/2021	HVMC Wallaceville HillClimb	Wallaceville Road, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt, New Zealand	Run By: Hutt Valley Motosport Club Series: WMSA Duncan McKenzie and Ron Scanlan Steward: TBC
14/03/2021	WCC - Mt Victoria Hill Climb	Alexandra Road, Wellington, New Zealand	Run By: Wellington Car Club Series: WMSA Duncan McKenzie and Ron Scanlan Steward: TBC
2/04/2021	HVMC Club Day - Silverstream HillClimb	Reynolds Bach Road, Wellington 5019, New Zealand	HVMC Members Only Club Day



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Rallies			
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