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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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CLUB NIGHT

1841 Pub (Upstairs)

1 Disraeli St, Johnsonville (next to the BP)

TUESDAY 2nd February 2021 @ 7:30



President's prattlings, post holiday season edition.

Having mentioned in my previous ramblings that the Corolla was getting a new brake master cylinder, hopefully in time to run at Wairongomai Road.

So that was tracked and installed, only to discover I still had no brake pedal. Slightly more investigation showed that in fact I'd spat the lining off one of the front pads. Inspection of the other front pads showed that most of them were borderline knackered, and ready to depart the backing pads also.

Turns out that they'd been in the car for not all that large a number of miles, but in fact quite a few years. Whoops! So I bunged the spare set of brake pads in the car just to get me through Wairongomai Road. They are metalkings, so they kind of suck, but are substantially better than two-piece brake pads.

The pedal feel was quite awful until they bedded in to the rotors on the car, at which point they became tolerable.

The hot weather that basically wiped me out at Dorsets wasn't proving to be a major issue at Wairongomai, as it completely and utterly pissed down. To the point where there was flooding and closed SH1, which made the prospect of getting home a bit worrying. The Wairongomai Road was absolutely soaked, with massive puddles on the insides of a bunch of corners, and an utter bog at the turn-around area.

That made things kind of exciting, as I had to tip toe down the middle of the road, to avoid being dragged into the insides of the corners. Then at the turn-around area, I actually dug the nose into mud, which is a first for the Corolla. Even managed to slightly split the bottom of the bumper, I sunk it in so far.

The weather continued to play silly buggers, as it went from so wet that I didn't switch the car off, so that I could blast the demister constantly, seemingly in minutes, to being so warm that it was windows down, and the fan blasting air in the car just to keep the cabin cool.

Judging from the tide mark on the exit road, the golf course did the flooding thing that we've seen it do out there before. However all the highways and byways were open for the drive home.

Unfortunately for my results in class, Murray O'Neil was there in the Pulsar, and he is a substantially fast driver, in a nice handling car, also a 1600. So he was so far up the times that I wasn't in the same time zone.

Ross and I carried on our battle in class for second and third, I ended up just under a second ahead of Ross, probably only because he had a mare of a last run, featuring a collection of extra lefts and rights that weren't actually a part of the course as intended. However, he kept it off the fence, which is a good thing.

To give you an idea of how much quicker Murray is in the Pulsar, we were over five seconds behind him! So there are some goal times out there for me, but I'm not really sure how I will manage to get the Corolla to go that fast... well, other than with a braver and more crazy driver.

At the fast boy end of the field, Graham Heath put in a scorcher to come in just behind Peter Langdon (first overall) to come in second overall.

Dick Butters took out a rare first in class result in four-wheel drive. Assisted by being one of two cars in class on the day. However, that in no way stopped him from getting the biggest round of applause when he collected the trophy!

Mark Rutherford was the only WMSA driver in his class, so he accumulated another WMSA first in class (second on the day, but the other entrant was from Manawatu). So he has taken out first overall for the WMSA gravel sprint series. Which is pretty exciting for a first season on gravel.

We had another double header weekend in the Wairarapa, starting off a new Rubber Duck Trilogy on the Sunday, having given a second and final motorkhana round on the Saturday. Which means that the WMSA motorkhana trophies can be re-activated.

Again we had a small turnout for the Motorkhana, and a big turnout for the Autocross, and between the two events, we had a nice BBQ at Neil and Linda's new house.

I don't have the results to hand, so my write up from that shall need to be next month.

With the very warm weather that weekend, I elected to not enter, just in case overheating my brains in the car resulted in another 48 hours of migraine battle.

Though from setting up the course in the Kia, I now know that if I jump the Kia, the rear vision mirror unclips itself from the windscreen. Also, I know one bit of paddock that I'm not going to set up a course on!

We've got a bit of a hiatus now, awaiting confirmation of when we can next book the paddock. Hopefully that gives the grass a bit of time to recover, because we definitely scrubbed off most of it.

I randomly cruised up to Manfeild for a nosey at the racing up there, as I wanted to see the first round of The Odyssey Cup, which is sub \$2500 stock people movers, running in the RS Cup races.

There were four (then three, then two) people movers out there, circulating not completely last.

The fields weren't very big unfortunately, really only a couple of grids with some decent racing in them, with quite a few races being a bit processional.

Though I did get to see Craig's racing debut in the Mirage. Craig (Manawatu) has been a regular competitor in our grass autocross events, and motorkhana's. Initially running the Mirage, but more recently running the Mitsi Pistachio (small hilarious, green, technically a car). He was having some gear selection issues, but still managed to battle on.

Gary Maddock was up there in the Alfa wagon, having some good battles. Though I gather that he's going to be building up a Honda powered Mazda RX8 (this being the second Honda powered vehicle of weirdness he has run, the first one being a Starlet).

Had a bit of a yarn with Tricky Nick (who talked to us at Clubnight last year about his new business venture selling race gear).

Coming up, we've got Clubnight (which is AGM) so roll along and put your hand up to join the committee!

That's it from me for the moment.

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**All rallies cancelled,
no motorsport anywhere.
Just had a chat with my wife,
she seems quite nice.**



After 10 years, the wife starts to think their kid looks kinda strange so she decides to do a DNA test. She finds out that the kid is actually from completely different parents.

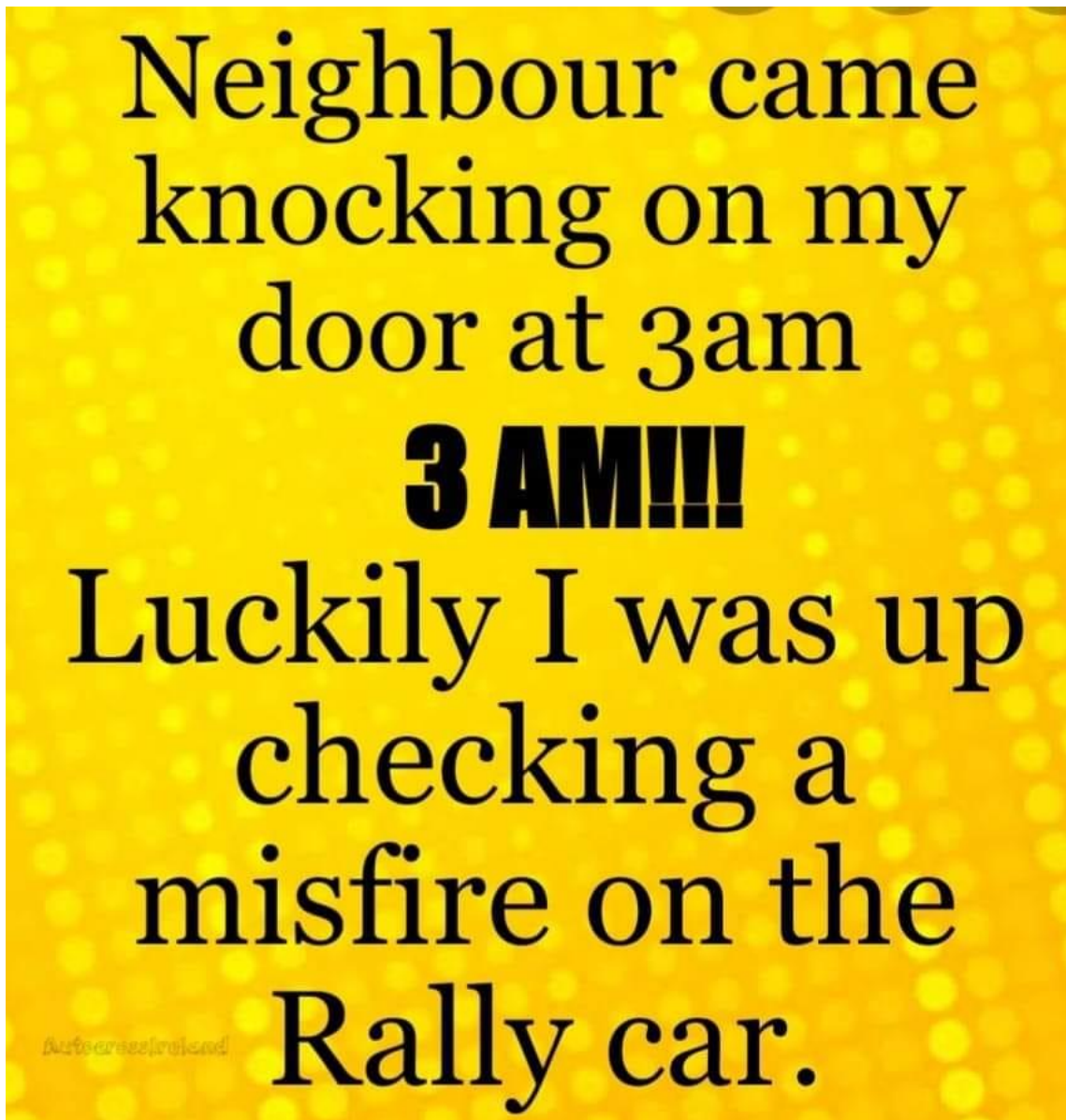
Wife: Honey, I have something very serious to tell you.

Husband: What's up?

Wife: According to DNA test results, this is not our kid...

Husband: Well you don't remember, do you??? When we were leaving the hospital, you noticed that our baby had pooped, then you said: "Please go change the baby, I'll wait for you here." So I went inside, got a clean one and left the dirty one there."

Moral: Never give a man a job for which he is not qualified.



2020 WMSA Gravel sprint Series results - PATS Trophy

Placing	Driver	Club	Car	Class	Mangahao Dam Road	Dorsets Road	Wairongomai Road	Total
1st	Mark Rutherford	HCCC	Ford Ka	A	20	20	20	60
2nd	Leon Cast	HCCC	Toyota Corolla	B	19	20	20	59
3rd=	Ross McKenzie	HCCC	Toyota Corolla	B	20	19	19	58
3rd=	Graham Heath	HCCC	Nissan Pulsar	D	19	20	19	58
5th	Brendon Cantwell	HVMC	ToyEvo	D	20	19	18	57
6th	Richard Prouse	HVMC	BMW 318i	D	18	16	13	47
7th	Mike Reid	HVMC	Ford Escort	C	0	19	19	38
8th	Marty Smith	Wgtn	Subaru Legacy	E	18	19	0	37
9th=	Matt Patterson	Kapiti	Toyota Sprinter	D	0	18	17	35
9th=	Rob Piper	Wai	Toyota Sprinter	B	0	17	18	35
11th	Toby Miller	WCC	Toyota Levin	B	0	15	17	32
12th	Brent Miller	Wgtn	Toyota Corolla	D	0	17	14	31
13th	Chris Clark	Levin	BMW	D	17	0	12	29
14th=	Piran Pigneguy	Kapiti	Mitsubishi	E	20	0	0	20
14th=	Shane Murland	Levin	Ford Escort	C	20	0	0	20
14th=	Stu Andrews	Wai	Evo3	E	0	20	0	20
14th=	Paul Stent	HCCC	BMW 318ti	C	0	20	0	20
14th=	Dick Butters	HCCC	Subaru	E	0	0	20	20
14th=	Peter Langdon	HVMC	Corolla	D	0	0	20	20
14th=	Gordon Diggle	Wgtn	Imprezza	E	0	0	20	20
21st=	Rex Vizible	Levin	Subaru	E	19	0	0	19
21st=	Tim Campbell	Wai	Ford Escort	D	19	0	0	19
21st=	Frank Leufkens	Levin	Subaru Leone	E	0	0	19	19
24th=	Jackson Clendon	Wai	Ford Fiesta	C	18	0	0	18
24th=	Kevin George	Wai	Toyota Levin	B	0	18	0	18
26th	Daniel Hole	Wai	Lancer	E	17	0	0	17
27th=	John Keen	Wai	Toyota Levin	B	0	16	0	16
27th=	Jody Seabright	Wgtn	Toyota Starlet	b	0	0	16	16
27th=	Euan Beattie	Levin	Mirage	C	0	0	16	16
30th	Shane Mackay	Levin	Imprezza	D	0	0	15	15

2020 WMSA Gravel sprint series results - Rallywoods Trophy

Placing	Club	Mangahao Dam Road			Dorsets Road	Wairongomai Road	Total
1st	Hutt Vally Car Club			16	7	18	41
3rd	Levin Car Club			9	11	13	33
5th	Harbour Capital Car Club			3	12	11	26
4th	Wellington Car Club			8	9	7	24
2nd	Wairarapa Car Club			9	12	0	21
6th	Kapiti Car Club			7	0	0	7

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		
	14		Levin	Kaihinau Road
	21	Gravel Sprint	Hawkes Bay CC	Tongoio Rd
March	28	Sealed Sprint	Hutt Valley	Wallaceville Hill
	14	Sealed Sprint	Wellington	Alexandra Road, Wellington
	17	Clubsport Nationals	Wairarapa	
	20	Gravel Sprint	Manawatu CC	Pararorangi Rd
April	7	Race (Summer Series Rd 3)	Manawatu	Manfeild
Easter	10	Gravel Sprint	Wanganui	Fordell
Easter	11	Bent Sprint	Wairarapa	Masterton Motorplex
Easter	12	Sealed Sprint (Race to Dump)	Hutt Valley	Silverstream
Easter	13			
	16	Otago Rally		
	25	Anzac Day		
	22-25	WRC Rally Croatia		
	28	The Surgery Sprint		Manfeild
May				
	5	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Puketiro Road
	14	Whangarei Rally		
	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		
	19	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
	24	Hawke's Bay Rally		
	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				
	4	Goldrush		
	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		

Murphy told Quinn that his wife was driving him to drink. Quinn thinks he's very lucky because his own wife makes him walk.

	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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**MY GRANDDAD WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR 25 DOWNED GERMAN
PLANES IN WW2**



**STILL TO THIS DAY HE IS KNOWN
AS THE WORST MECHANIC THE
LUFTWAFFE EVER HAD**



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.

To register for our series or find any other information please visit our website, Facebook or email us at ersprintseries@gmail.com

Thanks

Pete
(Peter Weir)

Some Light Dublin Traffic Humour

A car full of Irish nuns are sitting at a traffic light in downtown Dublin when a bunch of rowdy drunks pull up alongside of them.

"Hey, show us yer teats, ya bloody penguins." shouts one of the drunks. Quite shocked, Mother Superior turns to Sister Mary Immaculata and says, "I don't think they know who we are; show them your cross." Sister Mary Immaculata rolls down her window and shouts, "Piss off, ya fookin' little wankers, before I come over there and rip yer balls off." She then rolls up her window, looks back at Mother Superior quite innocently, and asks, "Did that sound cross enough?"



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