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COVER PHOTO

How not to finish on the Denniston Hillclimb 20Feb

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 March 2021 @ 7:30



Presidential Prattlings

Well, she's been a quiet month for me, I haven't even been in possession of the Corolla, much less driven it.

She's still with my semi tame mechanic for the big off-season overhaul, which mostly consists of a brake overhaul, and hopefully the re-instatement of the air con, which is definitely turning into a money pit.

As such, I'm elevating removing air con from the car following the Shelly Bay crash several years ago, up into my top 100 stupid decisions. Which if you're familiar with many of my decision-making processes, definitely makes it quite the blooper. I am the person who can include a Fiat Uno, and a Holden Commodore in my previous car purchases list, and removing the air con makes it up there as being a bigger mistake than the Holden, but not quite as bad as buying a Fiat.

Just to add to the outflow of money, I'm going to be getting Adam to do some very long planned alterations to my car parking at home. I've been thinking about it for at least the last ten years, but now it is time to get a bank dug back and retained (thus giving me an area I can park a car on, without having to Dukes of Hazzard out the window), and a car port lid put on top of the soon to be wider (and concreted) lawn.

I mean, it will still be quite sucky as I'll only have the same old teeny tiny garage, but given that I'd need approximately infinity \$ to buy a house anywhere near work, that will actually offer me decent garaging. So at least better lawn parking is a start.

Potentially I might be looking around for a small industrial / storage unit to buy, as that way cars can live there, and suddenly it becomes easier to store the rally car on top of the tow dolly, such that using the dolly to get to events becomes a thing that I can do without waking my neighbourhood up at 6am on a race day. Back the tow wagon up the dolly/Corolla combo, in a unit somewhere early in the morning, hook her up, and away we go.

The central region gravel sprint series has started on the same day I'm writing this, but Hawkes Bay is a bit far for me to travel, even if the Corolla had been back in one functional part. However Mark, Adam & Jilly, Al(baru), and Graham have all headed up there for it.

I'm assuming we're going to see some magazine write up stuff from Mark and Al (he said in an only mildly threatening tone of voice). I've a Facebook message from Mark saying that he got to use his extinguisher on somebody else's fire. So, there's going to be a story there.

Having no Corolla here to fiddle vaguely with, does mean that I'm spending a decent amount of time in the driveway cleaning cars, which is good for calming my brain down. Which is good, given that I've not been able to go mountain biking for the last couple of months, courtesy of what seems to be presenting as some sort of a thumb sprain (in a thumb cast for three weeks over the Christmas holiday season, yay).

Now that I've got the December Autocross results on the computer, I can do some reporting there (since courtesy of my memory, I basically don't recall anything about the day, other than accidentally jumping the Kia while course setting).

It was once again (for a change) an all Subaru four-wheel drive class, thanks to Mark using the Subbie rather than the Ka (some sort of malfunction side-lining the Ford, probably electrical), Webster's Starlet having an electrical malfunction, therefore he dual drove the Albaru car.

So we had a five WRX top 5, Geoff, followed 0.3 of a second later by Albaru, thereafter Webster, Mark, and Sarah.

The top three rear skidders were all the same MX5, with Dean, Lee, and Peter in that order. Josh brought the Altezza home behind them, followed by (if I recall correctly) a nephew + uncle combo in an old Datsun 120Y.

The front drivers were much more of a mixed bag, with Neil in the City, Adam in the Starlet, Graham in the Pulsar (of noise), then PC in the Toyota Schitz.

Further down in that same class, but having what I think was battle of the day, were Marty B, and Greg "racing" a Daihatsu Pyzar. Which is apparently a real car, with some sort of engine, a number of doors, and some type of gearbox connecting the spinny metal bits, to the spinny rubber bits. The level of sledging involved was truly world cup.

There was some degree of attrition during the day, with the above-mentioned Webster Starlet, then add to that the Norling Altezza slashing a tyre (no spare, bugger), the Quin Fiesta top radiator tank starting to leak, and then "medical" attrition with Neil Roots just barely scraping through the day with a bung back after having spent several weeks shifting house.

That's it for me for now. Hopefully I will have motorsported again by the next time we chat.

Leon



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Some Pics from Tangoio Rd 21Feb



Tangoio Road gravel sprint

(Sorted By Overall Place)

Organising Club: Hawkes Bay Car Club Date: 21 February 2021 Competitors: 40 Permit: 210141

No	Competitor	Car	Class	Club	Practice	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Best Time	Overall Place
3	Mason Grimmer	Mazda 323	G	Taupo Classic Rally Club	03:47.71	03:35.55	03:27.22		03:27.220	1
10	Daniel Feck	Mitsubishi FTO	G	Dannevirke Car Club	03:46.43	03:34.99	03:27.79		03:27.790	2
20	Wayne Williams	Semog Bravo	S	Motorsport Bay of Plenty	03:42.11	03:34.10	03:29.38		03:29.380	3
17	Jackson Glendon	Ford Fiesta ST	D	Wairarapa Car Club	03:48.60	03:34.88	03:30.11		03:30.110	4
4	Gareth MacLellan	Mitsubishi VR4	G	Hawkes Bay Car Club	03:41.97	03:36.97	03:31.07		03:31.070	5
7	Rex Vizable	Subaru Legacy	G	Levin Car Club	04:31.69	03:47.35	03:34.70		03:34.700	6
18	Daniel Haines	Ford Escort Mk2	E	Motorsport Bay of Plenty	03:58.98	03:48.64	03:40.09		03:40.090	7
16	Thomas Gods	Ford Escort	C	Dannevirke Car Club	03:56.96	03:43.66	03:40.26		03:40.260	8
56	Chris Gracie	Honda Civic	C	Hawkes Bay Car Club	03:50.94	03:41.55			03:41.550	9
33	Robin Feck	Toyota MR2	F	Dannevirke Car Club	03:52.75	03:42.08			03:42.080	10
39	Brendon Cantwell	Toyota Starlet Turbo	F	Hutt Valley Motorsport Cl	03:51.49	03:47.21			03:47.210	11
6	Greg Browne	Honda Integra	C	Manawatu Car Club	04:21.57	03:56.83	03:49.23		03:49.230	12
112	Matt Mason	Subaru Impreza	G	Hawkes Bay Car Club	DNS	DNS	03:49.72		03:49.720	13
69	Bryce Hackett	Mitsubishi Lancer	G	Wanganui Car Club	04:00.08	03:50.12			03:50.120	14
36	Bevan Parker	BMW 323	E	Dannevirke Car Club	04:03.33	03:51.02			03:51.020	15
11	Graham Heath	Nissan Pulsar	F	Harbour Capital Car Club	04:07.51	03:58.72	03:51.18		03:51.180	16
2	Derek Payne	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 4	G	Motorsport Bay of Plenty	04:15.74	03:56.91	03:51.64		03:51.640	17
12	Simon Bicknell	Subaru Impreza WRX	G	Hawkes Bay Car Club	04:16.89	03:52.20			03:52.200	18
42	Craig Tickle	BMW 2002	D	Pukekohe Car Club	04:08.51	03:54.11			03:54.110	19
74	Cam McLean	Toyota Corolla FX GT	C	Dannevirke Car Club	04:04.07	03:54.24			03:54.240	20
8	Aaron Cook	Honda Civic Type R	D	Levin Car Club	04:11.10	04:03.87	03:55.37		03:55.370	21
504	JP Van Der Meys	Suzuki Swift	C	Motorsport Bay of Plenty	04:11.49	03:55.66			03:55.660	22
68	Marty Bertelsen	Toyota Starlet	B	Levin Car Club	04:18.76	03:58.98			03:58.980	23
9	Dennis Lukies	Toyota Celica	D	Hawkes Bay Car Club	04:10.39	03:59.95	03:59.17		03:59.170	24
14	Robbie Johnson	Toyota Corolla	C	Hawkes Bay Car Club	04:20.42	04:00.01	03:59.87		04:00.010	25
25	Andrew Lowe	Mitsubishi Evo 7	G	South Rangitikei Car Clu	04:03.80	04:02.00			04:02.000	26
111	Leon McKnight	Mazda RX7	E	Motorsport Bay of Plenty	04:06.34	04:02.27			04:02.270	27
77	Paul Taylor	BMW 535i	F	Wellington Car Club	04:15.04	04:03.64			04:03.640	29
22	Alan Groves	Subaru Impreza WRX	G	Harbour Capital Car Club	04:24.50	04:05.47	04:03.15		04:03.150	28
58	Brian Best									

**My wife just opened
my car door for me.**

**Would have been a
nice gesture had we
not been going 70mph.**

A married man's honest
confession :



"I always read my wife's horoscope to
see what kind of day I am going to
have..."





Glass coffins ...

will they be popular ?

Remains to be seen ...

**How do you milk
sheep?**

**Bring out a new
iPhone and charge
LAUGH OR CRY
\$1000 for it.**

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
March	14	Sealed Sprint	Wellington	Alexandra Road, Wellington
	17	Clubsport Nationals	Wairarapa	
	20	Gravel Sprint	Manawatu CC	Pararangi Rd
April	2	Hillclimb	HVMC	Silverstream
Easter	3			
Easter	4			
Easter	5			
	10	Gravel Sprint	Wanganui	Fordell
	11	Quarter mile Sprint	WTSCC	Wainuiomata
	16	Otago Rally		
	25	Anzac Day		
	22-25	WRC Rally Croatia		
May	2	The Surgery Sprint Rd 1		Manfeild
	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		
	30	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
	June	7	Queen's Birthday	
		Gravel Sprint	Dannevirke CC	Tararua Rd
3-6		WRC Rally Italy		
13		The Surgery Sprint Rd 2		Manfeild
19		Sth Canterbury Rally		
24-27		WRC Rally Safari Kenya		
27		Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
July	15-18	WRC Rally Estonia		
	18	Gravel Sprint	Levin	Mangahao Dam
	24	Hawke's Bay Rally		
	25	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
August	29-1	WRC Rally Finland		
	1	The Surgery Sprint Rd3		Manfeild
	19-22	WRC Rally UK		
	29	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
September	4	Goldrush		
	5	Quarter mile Sprint	WTSCC	Wainuiomata
	9-12	WRC Rally Chile		
	26	The Surgery Sprints Rd4 Autocross	Hutt Valley	Manfeild Upper Hutt
October	14-17	WRC Rally Spain		
	19	Waitomo rally		
	20	Sealed Sprint	Wairarapa	Admiral Road
	26	Labour Day		
	24	Sealed Sprint	Hutt Valley	Port Road
	31	Gravel Sprint	Levin	Wairongamai Rd
November	9	Race (MG Classic)	MG	Manfeild
	10	Race (MG Classic)	MG	Manfeild
	11-14	WRC Rally Japan		
	24	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Dorsets Road
	28	The Surgery Sprint Rd5		Manfeild
December	7	India Rally		
	25	Christmas Day		

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Make & Model of car / s

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