



# WHEELSPIN

July 2021

[www.hccc.org.nz](http://www.hccc.org.nz)

# WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

	Home	Work	Email
PRESIDENT	Leon Cast	027 699 6838	<a href="mailto:mowogeditor@yahoo.com">mowogeditor@yahoo.com</a>
CLUB CAPTAIN POINTS KEEPER	Webster Gough	233-8030	<a href="mailto:webstergough23@gmail.com">webstergough23@gmail.com</a>
SOCIAL CONVENOR	Mark Rutherford	027 706 9143	
SECRETARY	Brian Craig	239 9542 471 7746	<a href="mailto:brian.craig@WSP.com">brian.craig@WSP.com</a>
TREASURER	Jilly Fisher	027 230 5801	<a href="mailto:4jilly.hu@gmail.com">4jilly.hu@gmail.com</a>
COMMITTEE	John Tennent	021-058 9807	<a href="mailto:johntennent.45@gmail.com">johntennent.45@gmail.com</a>
	Adam Fisher	027 457 7149	<a href="mailto:flyingfish.adam@gmail.com">flyingfish.adam@gmail.com</a>
	Alan Groves	021 249 8617	<a href="mailto:alan.biddy@xtra.co.nz">alan.biddy@xtra.co.nz</a>
	Dave Wilce	233 9757 027 533 9757	
	Paul Tapper	021 900171.	<a href="mailto:paul.a.tapper@gmail.com">paul.a.tapper@gmail.com</a>
WMSA Rep	Dave Wilce	233 9757 0275 339 757	
WHEELSPIN	Len Fisher	06 364 5336 027 4390 308	<a href="mailto:elfish9@gmail.com">elfish9@gmail.com</a>
CLUB SCRUTINEERS			
Leon Cast	027 699 6838		
Alan Groves	021 249 8617		
Neil Roots	526 7510	027 248 3979	
Adam Fisher	027 457 7149		
WEBSITE:	<a href="http://www.hccc.org.nz">www.hccc.org.nz</a>		

---

## COVER PHOTO Jilly at Tea Creek

Committee : 3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAY : 1841 Disraeli Street Johnsonville, 7:30pm, everybody welcome

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

---

Wheelspin is the official magazine of the Harbour Capital Car Club, PO Box 4102, Wellington.

Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Club or Committee.

To other Car Club Editors: While we do not object to other magazines using articles or material from our Wheelspin, we do appreciate recognition of the source of said material. Originals are usually available on request.

---

## DEADLINE

The Deadline for Wheelspin articles is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month approx.

# CLUB NIGHT

**1841 Pub** (Upstairs)  
**1 Disraeli St, Johnsonville** (next to the BP)

**TUESDAY 6th July 2021 @ 7:30**



July Ramblings

Another fairly busy month has gone by since my last report.

Several of us went on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally tour, which started out from Feilding, to Whanganui, to Taumaranui, on to finish at Cambridge.

This was same same, but different to the one that Graham Swan, Jilly, Adam, and myself went on a few years ago, around the South Island.

The South Island one we went on had something like 8 cars on the tour, while I think this one was knocking on the door of about 30 cars, and 75 people.

With a huge group this time around, it felt quite different, as logistically we had to book buffet lunches and dinners each day, rather than just randomly descending on an unsuspecting cafe or bar.

Also the actual drive experience was quite different, as in the South Island tour we'd often not even see the cars ahead of us on some stages, but with this tour we were sitting in a large convoy of vehicles at all times. Which was a bit less fun, because dust, and often slow. But was still a pretty good way to spend a few days.

Courtesy of Gordon Gandy, who plotted a bonus day, starting in Masterton and going to Feilding, Adam & Jilly, Graeme & myself joined the Gandy crew, and did an extra day of driving ... just to warm up.

For the tour proper, from HCCC we also had Ross and Alison McKenzie joining the group too, along with John Rapley. Along with various ratbags, and legends of rallying in New Zealand's history (both behind the wheel, and behind the scenes).

The Fishers were again in The Rav(ioli), the McKenzie's were in an Sti wagon, John was in a Skoda wagon, while Graeme and I were in the Kia boringbus. After the "excitement" of the gradually failing RS Legacy from our South Island adventure, I was very much hoping for a nice undramatic week of diesel mum bus travel in the Kia.

The other vehicles in the fleet were quite variable. There were oodles of utes and SUV's, one camper van (Joe McAndrew of course), one Fairmont (I'm not allowed to call it a Falcon apparently), and a bunch of road cars.

During the course of the event, a lot of the road cars had punctures, to the point where a couple of cars pulled out, including an HSV that took out all four wheels and a transmission pan on a bridge entry, and the "not a Falcon" finished the event with quite a few parts cable tied back on again, and some replaced rear tyres because of driving related reasons.

We saw some really nice bits of the countryside for scenery, and toured roads that otherwise we would never have seen. Also, ate a lot of food.

The Kia behaved nicely on the gravel (on snow tyres) and provided good comfort, economy, and reliability. The Rav despite some dubious tread depth tyres, and a bit of a tendency to make burning oil smells, did perfectly well. The McKenzie Subaru despite 45 profile rubber, had a trouble free journey. The Rapley Skoda did require one puncture repair, but got away lightly compared to a lot of the road cars.

Shortly after the event finished, they announced a 2023 version, from Timaru up to I think Rotorua (but don't quote me on that), which a lot of us 2021 participants immediately signed up to do. Though if they break it into two different tours, one per island, I'd most likely just do the South Island leg and hope for a smaller tour group!

With the mighty Windy in the fleet, I once again have a car that I don't mind risking at the Trentham autocross, against the rather savage kerbs.

I borrowed a set of sticky 13" tyres from Neil (hey, I borrowed Neil's Wheels, wheels), otherwise I'd be running either Supercats (not nearly as super as you'd hope), or 10 year old Dunlop's with about a 205 width.

The day was fortunately for my results, miserable and damp. I mean, it made the actual event quite soggy and unpleasant an experience, with all my gear basically turning into a soggy pile under a tarp.

However, given that I was running a car with slightly above zero power, and an extra wide ratio four speed gearbox, dry ground and straights are very much the enemy. So a savage little slalom, on soggy ground was very much suitable territory.

It was a busy little day, with 53 (I think) entries.

A couple of cars eliminated themselves pretty quickly, with a big carb'd Corolla playing silly buggers until it stopped working, and then young Jopson had one of those moments that make you wonder why on earth we do this crazy sport, as he took out a post using his mum's Civic. It was a bit of an alarming moment, as the post attained an interesting angle toward where we were standing, as a Honda's worth of physics stopped to have a word with it.

The Windy to my intense surprise managed to arrive home in 15<sup>th</sup> place, very very very much courtesy of having a really soft set of tyres, on a day that was damp, but didn't have standing water.

I managed to actually squeak the car into the top 8 in the elimination shootout, at which point the real cars were able to overtake me, and I was eliminated. However that is still a hilariously good result, given that the Windy isn't actually good, even though it is hugely amusing. Anya and Loren were running a Honda Logo, that hit about 45 degrees worth of lean on, every time they so much as looked at the steering wheel. Anya managed to give a kerb a fair old clobber, but courtesy of steel wheels, the tyre stayed up, and they continued.

My tyre sponsor Neil unfortunately eliminated himself in the shootout by running the finish cone over quite nicely. He is aiming to come back again next time, on a different set of tyres, to see if that helps out the gear ratio situation.

Webster managed to run out of tyre tread, and nearly petrol, so he headed away fairly early.

Al is running a back up gearbox, and also suffered from having the choice between a gear that was too low, or a gear that was too high.

Michael Farmer was back again in the Familia 4wd (bit of time off due to new Dad status), to take what was probably the easiest second in class at that event (due to there being only two cars in that class on the day).

Pete Collins has been doing a bit of work on the Toyota Schitz that he bought off me a year ago. Now running some suspension tweaks, a bit more steering lock, and Dunlop sticky's that cost a decent margin more than his actual purchase cost on the Schitz.

On a non motorsport, but still motoring front, I had a holiday like a normal person the other weekend, and did another visit to Offroad Adventures in Rotorua, and drove one of their Jimny's through water, and off a bank, which was kind of fun. If you're anywhere around Rotovegas, it's worth a nose. Plus also they do outdoor Kart racing, on a full size track.

Looking ahead at our events, we're aiming for July 11<sup>th</sup> Motorkhana in Masterton, and hopefully some go karting too (keep a watch on the Facebook page).

That'll do me for now.

Leon



## Flying Fish Enterprises Ltd

46a MacLean St, Paraparaumu Beach  
Len Fisher : -Phone 0274 390 308  
Adam Fisher Phone 0274 577 149  
Email [elfish9@gmail.com](mailto:elfish9@gmail.com)

For All Household maintenance &  
building, including General repairs,  
Painting,  
Water blasting,  
Glazing  
etc



11

SUNDAY, 11 JULY 2021 AT 10:00 UTC+12

## Motorkhana

Free · Masterton Motorplex and Dragstrip



An Irish painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist.

Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to the town of Miltown in County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses.>

One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude.

This being the first time anyone had made such a request he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; in fact, and she was willing to pay up to 10,000 pounds.

>

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife.

They talked much about the Rightness and Wrongness of it. It was hard to make the decision but finally his wife agreed, on one condition.

In a few minutes he returned.

"T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said "The wife says it's okay.

"I'll paint you in the nude all right; but I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me brushes."

## ***FUNNY HOW SOME PHOTOS COME OUT***









# Harbour Capital Car Club Calendar 2021

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

Month	Date	Event Type	Club	Venue
<b>July</b>	15-18	WRC Rally Estonia		
	18	Gravel Sprint	Levin	Mangahao Dam
	24	Hawke's Bay Rally		
	25	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
<b>August</b>	29-1	WRC Rally Finland		
	1	The Surgery Sprint Rd3		Manfeild
	15	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Puketiro Road
	19-22	WRC Rally UK		
	29	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
<b>September</b>	4	Goldrush		
	5	Quarter mile Sprint	WTSCC	Wainuiomata
	9-12	WRC Rally Chile		
	26	The Surgery Sprints Rd4 Autocross	Hutt Valley	Manfeild Upper Hutt
<b>October</b>	14-17	WRC Rally Spain		
	19	Waitomo rally		
	17	Sealed Sprint	Wairarapa	Admiral Road
	26	Labour Day		
	24	Sealed Sprint	Hutt Valley	Port Road
	31	Gravel Sprint	Levin	Wairongamai Rd
<b>November</b>	9	Race (MG Classic)	MG	Manfeild
	10	Race (MG Classic)	MG	Manfeild
	11-14	WRC Rally Japan		
	21	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Dorsets Road
	28	The Surgery Sprint Rd5		Manfeild
<b>December</b>	7	India Rally		
	25	Christmas Day		
February21		Sealed Sprint	HVMC	Wallaceville

Levin	027 442 1639 (Chris)
Hutt Valley	027 439 7616 (Neil)
Wellington	021 717 676 (Jody)
Kapiti	027 446 9986 (Bryan)
Wairarapa	027 4397616 (John)
MG	04 970 8644 (Terry)
Intermarque	027 232 2523 (Alan)
Dannevirke	j_pperformance@hotmail.com
Manawatu	manawatucarclub@xtra.co.nz
Wanganui	barbaramgray@gmail.com
Hawkes Bay	donna_elder@clear.net.nz



**SEND THIS TO:** Harbour Capital Car Club (Inc)  
P.O. Box 4102  
Wellington  
New Zealand



<b>First Name/s</b>		<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Other family Members name</b>			
<b>Address: Residential</b>			
<b>Postal address (if different)</b>			
<b>Home Phone</b>		<b>Business Phone</b>	
<b>Mobile</b>			
<b>Email</b>			
<b>Occupation</b>			

**Make & Model or car / s**

--

**How did you find out about us**

--

**My interests are in – (Mark relevant areas)**

	Not much	Some	Lots
Speed Events			
Rallies			
Motorkhanas			
Car Trials			
Social Events etc			

**I am prepared to help on: - (You may be contacted if help is required)**

Trials	Motorkhanas	Speed	Rallies
--------	-------------	-------	---------

**Annual Subscription:**

Make cheques payable to: Harbour Capital Car Club

Family: Normal Member: \$ 45.00 p.a.  
\$ 55.00 p.a. for a couple plus \$10 for each additional family member  
Student: \$ 35.00 p.a.

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$

Or Direct Credit into the Bank Account (Please put your name in the reference)  
BNZ 02 0500 0351392-02 - Harbour Capital Car Club

[www.hccc.org.nz](http://www.hccc.org.nz)



© Darren Brothwell



© IAN HOLLINS ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHY 2021



© Darren Brothwell



© IAN HOLLINS ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHY 2021



© Darren Brothwell



© IAN HOLLINS ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHY 2021



© IAN HOLLINS ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHY 2021



© IAN HOLLINS ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHY 2021