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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 3rd August 2021 @ 7:30



August meanderings from the Pres.

Comparatively quiet month of Motorsport related things for me, which means only two events. Those being the second kerbocross of the season, and a random motorkhana up in Masterton. Both in the Windy.

The autocross unfortunately was gruesome weather, it went from mildly moist, to borderline underwater. Which made for a fairly anti social event from my point of view, as I tended to stay in the car with the air con on, to try to keep somewhat dry.

Though that didn't work perfectly, as it took basically the whole week for the inside of the Windy to dry out! I had basically a small indoor water feature on the inside of the screen the next day.

I was very glad that I had purchased a nice new plastic box with a lid, to store all my gear in during the day. I got fed up with my gear bag and tools getting soaked during wet events, as the tarps invariably fail to keep the water out.

It was a bit of a smaller turnout I think, still awesome though at 40+ cars. Autocrossing is pleasingly strong in this area, for both tarmac & grass, even though there's a relatively small crossover between cars doing both surfaces. Certainly not helped by our paddock being pretty bumpy! However unless somebody in the club has the technology to do some hard core paddock resurfacing, that's what we're dealing with.

Very different course this time around, using a quick bit of the road, which gave the poor little Windy something to think about! Nimble yes (cos new suspension). Fast ... ah, yeah, nah.

I was quick enough to get into the top 16 elimination again, probably courtesy largely due to a slightly smaller entry, and some of the actual top 16 placegetters electing to not do the runoff, rather than any particularly good driving on my behalf. I couldn't really get to grips with the course (some pun intended) so I wasn't willing to push my luck all that hard.

But rather than having a play in the shootout this time around, I headed home, just because I was getting soaked through. Which makes for crankypants mode. Which let's face it, because it's me, I already start at a fairly high resting level of irritable.

Neil had a bit of a rough day of it too, as he managed to slide down a kerb, taking out a couple of wheels and a tierod end (if I recall correctly). However as they say in the movies, it was only a fleshwound. Plus he got up to 5th overall, which I am sure took some of the sting out of the incident.

Pete Collins (PC) in the Schitz brought it home in 7th, ahead of Albaru in 9th, then Webster in 14th.

Up at the very pointy end of the field was HVMC's Justin in a Celica, followed by Cas in the Cappucino.

Have to say, the Cappel looks terrifyingly fast, because having a decent dose of power, and being such short wheelbase, it gives the look of trying to kill the driver pretty much the whole time. The Celica driving has definitely impressed me, as they're a car that I typically don't rate all that high compared to the Integras. Which coming from a completely one eyed Toyota fanboy, is saying something. I must have a yarn with the driver at some point, and see if he has done something to resolve the "falling off the big cam" issue that the 2ZZGE cars tend to be known for.

One feature I was able to enjoy when I got home, was being able to unload the wheels and whatnot out of the Windy, in the relative dry of the carport. So that is a definite quality of life improvement.

[free plug for Adam Fisher building stuff for you].

Next event up was a relatively short notice Motorkhana up at Masterton. It wasn't a round of anything, just for giggles.

We only ended up with 10 entries (it is still strange to me that we get every man and their dog for an autocross, and almost nobody for a motorkhana, but it has been that way the entire time I've been in the sport). That meant we ran a slightly later start time (which is great for me, as I tend to need to arrive very early to get things unlocked and set up). We also had an experiment with BBQ cheese toasties for lunch, which as a huge cheese fan, I am firmly in favour of.

This time around, we split the courses between tarmac (the very far end of the drag strip, down near their gravel trap run-off area), and grass.

The forecast was freezing (literally, -3c), so I decided to be very lazy, and just run the whole day on the Supercat (matches the Super Windy moniker) road tyres. This didn't exactly bode well for outstanding results, but given that the handbrake in the Windy is terrible, I really wasn't going to get that invested.

Haydee definitely gets MVP award though, because she was there just to handle the timing, which meant I was able to enter without doing myself too much brain damage timing and driving.

We ran on the tarmac first, doing some long and narrow tests, to suit the narrow dragstrip environment.

Even then, with the crappy handbrake situation, I still had to aim carefully to ensure that I didn't have to do three point turns. So that wasn't ideal.

Unfortunately Adam & Jilly's car had hydraulic handbrake issues, which put a figurative dent in their results all day.

Neil busted out Kea again, for possibly a last hurrah. So of course massacred the rest of us mere mortals.

Albaru in the DeTomato had a pretty good job chasing him, followed by myself as a reasonably distant third.

Trying to get going from a standing start with 34psi in the tyres is fairly boring an experience though. I mean, you start moving, but it is definitely eventually rather than immediately.

If you have any feedback as to how we can get some more people to motorkhana events in general (because this event was super short notice, we were always going to have a small entry).

September 12th is our next Autocross at Masterton, and we're embarking on a James Bond theme this time around.

As such, the first event will be "For Your Ducks Only".

We have enough Bond title puns to keep us going for a few trilogies.

See you somewhere with cones and giggles!

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HVMC - Trentham Autocross - 27th June 2021												Class							
No	Driver	Car	Club	Class	BOS	Practice	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Fastest	Overall	EOD	ENOD	4WD	BOS	Top 16	Top 8	Top 4	Top 2
31	Justin Courtier	Celica	HVMC	EOD		1.26.68 *	1:05.28	1:04.21	1:05.16	1:04.21	1	1				1.06.09	1.05.25	1.04.97	1.04.10
39	Caswal Parker	Cappuccino	HVMC	ENOD		1.14.03	1:06.09	1:07.40	1:06.03	1:06.03	2		1						
14	Alex Little	Integra	HVMC	EOD		1.13.60	1:11.88	1:08.13	1:06.52	1:06.52	3	2				1.05.72	1.05.85	1.10.88 *	
13	Aaron Duncan	Levin	HVMC	EOD		1:07.03	ww	1:07.16	1:06.59	1:06.59	4	3				1.07.56	1.06.13	1.05.47	1.05.91
29	Neil Roots	VW Golf	HCCC	EOD		1.15.84	1:09.45	1:06.91	1:07.50	1:06.91	5	4				1.10.16	1.13.13		
3	Ben Price	Pulsar	HVMC	EOD		1.11.60	1:08.57	1:07.55	1:07.13	1:07.13	6	5				dnf			
32	Peter Collins	Vitz	HCCC	EOD		1.11.31	1:09.31	1:07.98	1:08.94	1:07.98	7	6				1.07.52	1.07.20	1.06.87	
11	Bodhi Bailey	Civic	HVMC	EOD	B	1.13.78	1:09.40	1:09.34	1:08.13	1:08.13	8	7			1				
4	Alan Groves	WRX	HCCC	4WD		1:09.91	1:11.10	1:09.88	1:08.75	1:08.75	9			1					
34	Caleb Macgregor	Civic	HVMC	EOD	B	1.11.48	1:20.16 *	1:09.41	1:21.68	1:09.41	10	8			2				
16	Hamish McClurg	Mirage	HVMC	EOD		1.11.93	1:11.94	1:10.55	1:10.22	1:10.22	11	9				1.10.46	1.09.19		
26	Tim Steeneken	MR2	HVMC	EOD		1.12.03	1:12.75	1:11.66	1:10.37	1:10.37	12	10							
36	Max	Skyline	HVMC	ENOD		1.16.40 *	1:12.44	1:10.47	1:11.16	1:10.47	13		2			1.10.19	ww		
18	Webster Gough	Starlet	HCCC	EOD		1.10.12	ww	1:13.84	1:11.47	1:11.47	14	11							
37	Neil Rush	Integra	HVMC	EOD		1.25.45	1:17.36	1:12.52	1:15.91	1:12.52	15	12							
7	Cathy Reid	Mirage	HVMC	EOD		1.16.42	1:16.57	1:13.95	1:18.50 *	1:13.95	16	13				1.14.92			
10	Oli Hendra	City	HVMC	EOD	B	1.19.41	1:20.18	1:16.06	1:14.14	1:14.14	17	14			3				
22	Leon Cast	Corolla	HCCC	EOD		1.15.97	1:15.03	1:14.32	1:15.25	1:14.32	18	15							
28	Jeremiah Raine	Carib	HVMC	EOD	B	1.29.44	1:17.69	1:14.50	1:14.57	1:14.50	19	16			4				
8	Quin Carver	Fiesta	HVMC	EOD		1.17.44	1:15.46	1:15.19	dns	1:15.19	20	17							
51	Sean Skipage	Pulsar	HVMC	EOD	B	1.19.66	1:17.90	1:15.38	1:16.03	1:15.38	21	18			5	ww			
44	Craig Skipage	Pulsar	HVMC	EOD	B	1.21.72	1:18.10	1:17.98	1:15.52	1:15.52	22	19			6	1.15.85			
6	Peter Gill	Mitsubishi Col	HVMC	EOD	B	1.18.40	1:20.15	1:15.72	1:23.57 *	1:15.72	23	20			7				
48	Simon Ward	MX5	HVMC	ENOD		1.24.03	1:17.57	1:16.93	1:15.75	1:15.75	24		3			1.14.69			
27	David Gill	Mitsubishi Col	HVMC	EOD	B	1.21.72	1:16.95	1:16.66	1:15.97	1:15.97	25	21			8				
49	Ivan du Plessis	Civic	HVMC	EOD		1.19.87	1:17.66	1:16.37	1:16.89	1:16.37	26	22				1.14.65	1.13.94		
5	Eli Barrington	Mirage	HVMC	EOD	B	1.17.65	1:19.00	1:18.21	1:17.46	1:17.46	27	23			9				
33	Owen Todd	Vitz	MOWOG	EOD	B	1.18.17	1:17.73	dnf	1:19.82 *	1:17.73	28	24			10				
52	Barry Grindrod	Civic	HVMC	EOD		1.22.20 *	1:17.99	1:29.81	1:20.24	1:17.99	29	25							
45	Taylor Gideon	Cefiro	HVMC	ENOD		1.28.90	1:18.82	1:18.31	1:21.97	1:18.31	30		4						
12	Loren Brookes	Honda Logo	HVMC	EOD	B	1.35.79 *	1:22.89	1:18.91	1:23.68 *	1:18.91	31	26			11				
25	Henry Bennett	Starlet	HVMC	EOD	B	1.22.04	1:30.79 *	1:21.34	1:19.12	1:19.12	32	27			12				
17	Nick Zawodny	Mirage	HVMC	EOD	B	dnf	1:24.00	1:23.00	1:20.08	1:20.08	33	28			13				
40	Hamish Mackie	Civic		EOD		1.32.32	1:22.50	1:20.09	1:21.19	1:20.09	34	29							
23	Vincent Carver	Fiesta	HVMC	EOD		1.35.07	1:25.64	1:21.56	dns	1:21.56	35	30							
42	Tony Gill	Mitsubishi Col	HVMC	EOD	B	1.25.31	1:27.18 *	1:22.65	1:22.06	1:22.06	36	31			14				
2	Isaac Blomfield	BMW	Manawa	ENOD		1.22.87	1:26.35	1:29.25	1:27.55	1:26.35	37		5						
24	Curtis Callaghan	Legacy	HVMC	4WD		1.41.72	1:33.32	1:28.81	1:31.73	1:28.81	38			2					
46	Chris Chad	Cefiro		ENOD		ww	ww	1:29.54 *	dns	1:29.54	39		6						
19	Harrison Rush	Corolla	HVMC	EOD		1.59.74	1:42.92	1:37.91	dnf	1:37.91	40	32							
47	Abigail McLennan	Starlet	HVMC	EOD	B	1.53.08	1:44.12	1:39.81	1:38.44	1:38.44	41	33			15				
15	Annabel Carver	Fiesta	HVMC	EOD		2.13.97	dns	1:48.37	dns	1:48.37	42	34							

FUNNY HOW SOME PHOTOS COME OUT



A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud.

He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn.

When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time..."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is an Airborne Ranger, the other is a Navy Seal, both serving overseas somewhere.

When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together.

So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there.

The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way.

He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. (I know, a tear is coming to my eye too)

All the regulars take notice and fall silent.

When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs.

"Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking."

"Hasn't affected my brothers though...."

Len fotos of interesting cars at the GT oil Manfeild open day:



A nice update for Jillys MX5



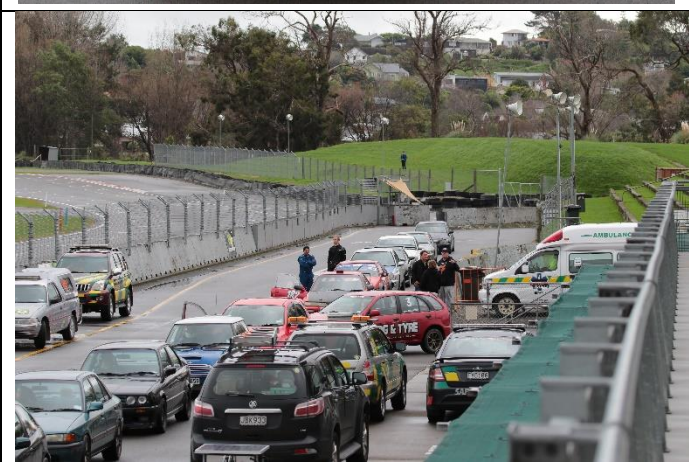
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Brent Sellens' new 4wd Turbo Yaris. He blitzed everybody!

Leon's photos from Clubsports and track day:





SMART ARSE ANSWER OF THE YEAR

Telephone rings, woman answers.
Pervert, breathing heavily, says, "I bet you have a tight arse with no hair?"
Woman replies, "Yes, I have. He's watching the rugby ... Who shall I say is calling?"

Harbour Capital Car Club Calendar 2021

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

Month	Date	Event Type	Club	Venue
August	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
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		
	17	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		
	21	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Dorsets Road
	28	The Surgery Sprint Rd5		Manfeild
December	7	India Rally		
	25	Christmas Day		
February	21	Sealed Sprint	HVMC	Wallaceville

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SMART ARSE ANSWER 2

A teacher at West Australian University reminded her pupils of tomorrow's final exam. "Now listen to me, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow.

I might consider a nuclear attack, a serious personal injury, illness, or a death in your immediate family, but that's it, no other excuses whatsoever!"

A smart-arsed teenager at the back of the room raised his hand and asked, "What would happen if I came in tomorrow suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?"

The entire class was reduced to laughter and sniggering. When silence was restored, the teacher smiled at the student, shook her head and sweetly said,

"Well, I would expect you to write the exam with your other hand."

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