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COVER PHOTO

The Starlet that everybody gets to drive
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

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CLUB NIGHT

1841 Pub (Upstairs)

1 Disraeli St, Johnsonville (next to the BP)

TUESDAY 5th April 2022 @ 7:30



More presidential rambling.

I said last time that I would cover off the Levin Car Club motorkhana in the next article, so now's the time (even though the event was at the start of January).

Levin was having a big memorial event, with a car show run by the VCC guys in conjunction with a couple of motorkhanas run on the inside of the horse racing track.

They hadn't run a motorkhana in a couple of decades, so we jumped in with a bit of help to get them started. The venue was pretty decent, albeit a serious sand bowl. So we navigated the cones around the bits with holes in the ground, and dived in.

My vague recollection was that Al might have won it in the DeTomato, with the usual suspects of Neil and Adam close in behind him. I was also present somewhere in the results in the Altezza.

We had a couple of new guys (Levin locals) having a fang in a couple of GT4 Celica's and a Skyline. They were having a good old time, with one of the GT4's ending up pretty solidly in the results too.

We had a couple of tests, and then cleared off to the Vintage Car Club rooms, where there were a bunch of speeches, a memorial plaque (not a memorial plague, that's something else), and a big collection of interesting cars parked around the place.

Weirdly the funnest (most funnest) part of the day was actually the classic motorkhana, which is where a bunch of classic and historic (their age, as well as their amazing pedigree of the drivers) borrowed our cars, and had their own fang around some cones.

It was an awesome experience for us, as petrolheads, to see some of the guys who were absolute legends of the sport going back 50 years of racing. A bunch of them hadn't done much in the way

of sport in ages, but you could absolutely see the brain just switch back the moment they got behind the wheel.

Neil Roots got Graeme Lawrence driving his car around the paddock, having once met Graeme at a race meeting as a kid. So Neil was stoked, and we reckon that the Golf has potentially doubled in value now.

The journalist from Classic Car magazine ended up driving my Altezza around the cones pretty well, and ended up fastest on the day. Although I'm pretty sure he chose the Altezza because it had air con. However I'm pretty happy with that, and only had to spend a small amount of time buffing cone marks out of the paint once I got home. Then I actually got a photo of the car in Classic Car, along with a quote and a bit of a shout out. So I reckon the Altezza must have at least tripled in value. Hell, maybe it's now too valuable to race?

Nah.

But in conclusion, my car does better when I am not driving it!

Next day was not racing, but was car related, because it was Cars & Coffee at Southwards museum. Have to say, epic turnout. They had cars clear out to the front gate, on just about every available area of car park and lawn.

I think I was the only Altezza there, and was quite humble in comparison to a whole bunch of things from all around the world (including a ton of the GTR variety of Skyline).

There was a confusing moment or 10 on the way there, as I was following a Skyline running an ethanol mix, which led to about 5km of Leon trying to work out if the Altezza was making weird antifreeze type smells. Nope, it was the exhaust of the car ahead of me in traffic.

Then there was a huge break of no motorsport stuff for me, until we ran the Women in Motorsport Autocross up at Levin, which was something we have been trying to run for a couple of years, but the weather gods kept getting in the way.

So again, the Altezza was in use, but driven by Haydee (pronounced Heidi) rather than me.

From the running-it point of view, it was pretty good. I had no official position on the day, so I just set the courses and then did timing.

Mel Keith (Wellington Car Club) was Clerk, Chelles scrutineering, Jilly and Sarah running the paperwork side of things.

While we only had 9 entries, holy moly did they make the most of the opportunity.

With the anticipation of a small turnout, and also a good chance for people to have enough runs to "try stuff", the regs were all runs count.

Donna and Paula made the most of that opportunity, with Donna having 20 runs, and I think Paula right behind her on 18 or 19.

Pretty good for Paula, given that it was a BMW they were delivering, rather than a car they own!

We had a brand new driver turn up on the day (Asia Horne) running a lifted Impreza on quite big balloon tyres. She was a heck of a driver, and was running neck and neck for first place in the first course. The second course suited the higher power WRX, so she fell off the pace a bit then (and ran over quite a few cones), but she ended up in a solid second place overall. Which is one heck of a result for a first time competitor. There's some proper go fast potential there.

Overall winner was Anna Steward (Keith's daughter) running in the Sti. She gave everyone a serious thumping in the second course, and pulled out to a clear win.

Jilly brought the Starlet home in third, Cathy in the Mirage fourth, Sarah next in the WRX, Chelles in every car she could find the keys in, Donna in the Altezza, Paula in the BMW, and then Haydee in the Altezza rounding out the results.

It was a good day to run, nice to see people out there on a lower pressure day (because less entries means more runs), taking the opportunity to have more of a bang than usual, and try some stuff.

We hope to run such events again, and hopefully the stars align better so that some of our usual suspects manage to get over there to have a go.

Those wondering what the heck is happening with the Clubsport Championship this year (traditionally Easter, but Covid'd off last year) unfortunately have to remain in the air at the moment. Auckland was on the schedule, but their venue (grass paddock) has been turned into a Covid testing area for the next X number of months. So that's not a go. The Clubsport commission is working on some sort of a Plan B (or C), but there's nothing having received a green light right now.

Welcome Sarah Jaggs to the committee. That's what happens when you're reckless enough to come along to the AGM without some bulletproof excuse as to why you can't be on the Committee (I made the same mistake 27 year ago).

Looking ahead, the April Club night is intended to be prizegiving, so head along for trophies & burgers & lies.

That's it from me for now
Leon

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Ok.. I'm not a bird specialist, but I'm pretty sure that this couple just had a fight.



The Weather Channel said dress for the mid 70s today.



Prizegiving Clubnight April 5th



*actual prizegiving will feature less champagne
1841 Johnsonville Upstairs Function room Gather 7ish for
food, or 8ish for yarns



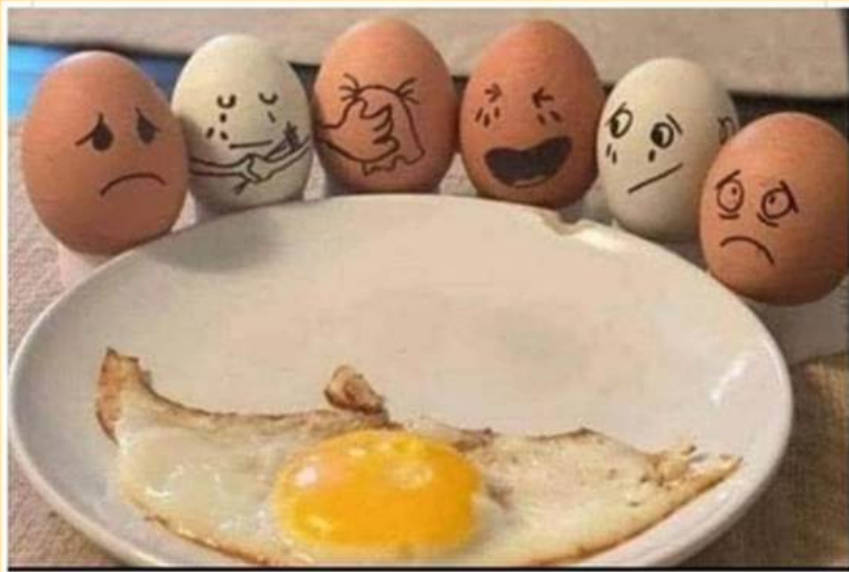
Harbour Capital Car Club Calendar 2022 Confirmed dates in RED, traditional dates left
in place as indicators
Provisional dates in BLUE

Month	Date	Event Type	Club	Venue
March	20	Sealed Sprint	Wellington	Alexandra Road, Wellington
April	8-10	Otago Rally		
Easter	15-18			
	25	Anzac Day		
	21-24	WRC Rally Croatia		
	24	Sealed Sprint	Levin	Kaihinau Road
	30	Track Day		Manfeild
May	1	The Surgery Sprint		Manfeild
	13-15	Whangarei Rally		
	19-22	WRC Rally Portugal		
	22	Gravel Sprint	Dannevirke	Speedy Rd
	26	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
June	6	Queen's Birthday		
	2-5	WRC Rally Italy		
	12	Gravel Sprint Track Rally	Hawkes Bay CC Taupo	Tongoio Rd
	12	The Surgery Sprint		Manfeild
	18	Sth Canterbury Rally		
	23-25	WRC Rally Safari Kenya		
	26	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
July	14-17	WRC Rally Estonia		
	30	Hawke's Bay Rally		
	31	Autocross	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt
	31	The Surgery Sprint		Manfeild
August	4-7	WRC Rally Finland		
	14	Atiamuri Gravel Rally	Taupo	
	21	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Puketiro Road
	27	Gravel Sprint	Wanganui	Mini Pikes Peak, Rangitautau rd
September	8-11	WRC Rally Greece		
	25	The Surgery Sprint Autocross Gravel Sprint	Hutt Valley Levin	Manfeild Upper Hutt Wairongamai Rd
	29-2	WRC Rally NZ		
October	20-23	WRC Rally Spain		
	16	Sealed Sprint	Wairarapa	Admiral Road
	24	Labour Day		
	23	Sealed Sprint	Hutt Valley	Port Road
November	6	Sealed Sprint	Wtn	Shelly Bay
	13	Atiamuri Gravel Sprint (MG Classic)	Taupo	
	10-13	WRC Rally Japan		
	20	Gravel Sprint	Wairarapa	Dorsets Road
	27	The Surgery Sprint		Manfeild
December	25	Christmas Day		

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Autocross photos from Leon





He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.

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