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Adam or Jilly at Mini Pikes Peak

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 4th October 2022 @ 7:30



Octobers Contemplations

To absolutely no amazement of anyone involved, the final attempt to run our continually rained off autocross on September 11th was deemed “too soggy” again at the paddock.

I guess that’s going to happen when we’re enjoying (enduring) the wettest winter on record since that one were there was a flood, and animals two by two and so forth.

With a lot of busy weekends coming up, in terms of our officials being away doing other things, competing bookings at Motorplex itself, and of course other events running under the WMSA banner, we’ve had to put the event off until December 18th. At which point in theory, it should be well and truly dry up in the Wairarapa [knocks on wood].

We’re going to do the double-event weekend for that, so Saturday 17th will be a motorkhana in the afternoon. After which, we will adjourn to Neil & Lynda’s house in Carterton for some light refreshments. Then, on the Sunday there will be a KN round Rubber Duck Autocross.

Round #2 of the series we have booked for 8th January, which is in holiday season, so check with the family if you’re going to be around to have a skid that day.

Round #3 of the series is booked for February 5th.

So we’re going to be without a full trilogy for 2022, courtesy of endless rain. Hopefully in 2023 we can get a few more smiles from the rain gods, and we might be able to actually get in a couple of trilogies.

I’ve successfully achieved no motorsport again, since the time of the last article.

However from out of the blue, Levin Car Club are running a Rallysprint in the Akatarawas, using Woolshed Road again (same as last year) but extended in either direction, to bring it out to a 5km distance.

So I guess this week, I'm going to need to update things in my first aid kit, as I'm pretty keen to have a go at that.

While the race distance isn't huge for a Rallysprint, it's good enough, and is very conveniently local to most of us in the club.

I believe that they're looking to keep expanding on events within that forestry, which is pretty exciting, given that everything else on gravel requires a drive to Otaki at the nearest, and generally somewhere in the Wairarapa. Fingers crossed there might be a mini rally or something in the future.

Of course, there's Rally NZ WRC, which hasn't been to our shores for quite some time.

I'm heading up armed with a camera, to see what the very pointy end of skids on gravel actually looks like.

At this point in time, I'm probably going to be up there for Friday's Raglan stages, and then Saturday's North Auckland roads.

But given the emphasis on the publicity and viewing points at Jack's Ridge for Sunday, my suspicion is that there will be potentially too many people.

There's not a lot of point in trying to take photos, when you're likely snapping shots of the back of somebody's head, and getting exactly the same photos as the 200 people in the same enclosure. So heading home Sunday will reduce the days I'm out of town for, and give me hopefully a relatively cruisy drive home during Sunday.

Although given that my last drive home from up North (Hamilton on that occasion) was in the badly misbehaving Toyota IQ, I think my drive home in the functional Kia that will actually go easily up hills should be far nicer.

Plus of course, I'm not going to be stuck listening to a CD that I burned about 15 years ago for the duration, as the IQ has only a CD player (yay).

The IQ is untouched since last I wrote about it in damning terms, and hasn't fixed itself. It's on loan to a friend at the moment, so at least it isn't actually in my driveway annoying me. However when it comes back it's going down the road, as I've spent more money on it than I really wanted to given the lack of success.

Wellington Car Club has their Shelly Bay Sprint coming up on November 6th. I believe they're doing it as a there and back event again, so get yourself signed up to that if you've got a caged car. Very nice bit of road, albeit scary.

I'll be scrutineering, and presumably taking photos, so I might see some of you there.

That's it for the moment.

Until Next Time!





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