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**WHEELSPIN**

**July 2023**

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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.

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## 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 4th July 2023 @ 7:30**



Presidential Prattling

July's rain off notices, sorry, I mean event coverage...

As you can guess from the first line of the article (and also the various Face Book notifications) we were rained off again for the autocross. We cancelled it quite early, as Manawatu had an event running on the same day, to give anyone interested a chance to get to Manfeild before close of entries.

We don't have another date booked in yet, so we've done a cancel and refund. We'll try to get another date possible in August or September, depending on what other folk's events we are needing to dodge.

July is a no-go, as Adam and Jilly are off on a Euro Trip to chase some guy, something Paddon? Seems to be quite well known in some circles? Maybe he's the guy who did the Mt Vic Hill-climb just at the very start of Covid...

For those who aren't on our Facebook page, I need to correct what I said last article about the event fee changes. Despite what was announced in quite a quid pro; this is our last word on the subject and isn't a discussion' change of the \$7 per person increase at Clubsport Basic events, they actually walked that back, and now there isn't going to be an increase. There was a reasonable amount of negative feedback about the \$7 increase at the basic level, and I'm glad to say that they listened to that feedback.

So unless other changes appear, we shouldn't need to change our Rubber Duck entry fee.

With the autocross having been rained off, the next Corolla event for me is looking like the Wairongomai Road gravel sprint down by Otaki golf course, running on July 16th.

Thankfully it is an event with a flying start, so I shouldn't be doing my clutch murdering struggle to get the car off the line, assuming that we do the standing start on tarmac, with the timing starting around the corner on the gravel. Now of course the hope is that the car doesn't decide to play silly buggers on me again like it did for Tea Creek.

With the Daybreaker Rally having been announced for September, I'd be pretty keen to give that a go. However that is going to require an engine rebuild, because with the current level of oil consumption taking place, there's almost no chance that the engine isn't going to run out mid stage while attempting to rally. So that should be a fairly wallet murdering experience, and also fairly tricky to run the engine in, given the very high rpm required to travel at 100 kph (or anything close to it).

Then there's the other stuff, like new rear shocks, and ideally replaced springs too. I've never been entirely comfortable with the rear suspension in the Corolla since I went to gravel set up, so maybe a different spring rate or height could improve matters. If I throw it all away and go for adjustables, so I can tarmac or gravel, then that's another large chunk of money required, so that's not going to happen any time soon.

I do have a reasonable number of tyres in stock though, and with only about 20kw on tap, the Corolla is usually pretty good about not wearing out tyres. So that at least is one cost that I won't be needing to cough up.

Free plug for Neil's Wheels of course ... for supplying said tyres.

Now I just need an engine sponsor, or at least an oil sponsor, given the oil that appears to be vanishing out of the sump every time I drive.

However, all that said, it's a Rally within easy distance from home, so I will have a go at getting the car at least slightly rally ready.

There have also been some rumbles about the Clubsport champs taking place, but that's going to be a bit of a long shot. So I'm not banking on that, as much as I'd like to see that run in 2023.

Rather more achievable a goal though, is a movie night. So we're going to watch an old cult classic Vanishing Point; from 1971. Basically because everything modern and car related, back to around about the original Goodbye Pork Pie movie, chances are everyone has seen between one and ten times.

That's going to be running at the old Avalon TV studio, which is now GNS, on Fairway drive. Refer to the Facebook page for details.

Progress is marching onward for the new licence and permit system Motorsport Online, so if you see any chances to do some training with that, jump onboard.

Club officials have had a couple of hours on the permit and admin side of things, and it is looking pretty clever.

Potentially we might be able to move to an online magazine distribution (either as well as, or instead of the printed version), online membership cards, and a HCCC page hosted effectively on the MSNZ page. Which would allow us to move on from the current website, which is effectively an archive only.

The less we can send by post the better, given that it's an incredibly expensive service to use. Particularly when compared to the amount of non delivered envelopes, and eventually delivered envelopes that we are enjoying.

Please don't be scared to put some words into print for our editor, as you can earn helper points to make you eligible for trophies, and you don't need to write a treatise. Anything is appreciated, otherwise you're stuck with only getting event reports from me, and I don't do tarmac events (other than with a camera), so there's whole groups of people racing and unless you follow the person on social media, the rest of the club doesn't know a thing about it!

I know I've said this before, but I'll keep on saying it, and occasionally finding somebody and holding them hostage until something is forthcoming. Even if you just have some event photos, that's a heck of a lot better than me telling you about events that have been rained off :)

That's it from me, see you at the movies, a rally, or perhaps even an underwater autocross!

Leon

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## Harbour Capital Car Club Calendar 2023 Confirmed dates in RED

Month	Date	Event Type	Club	
<b>July</b>	8-9	Extreme E Sardinia		
	14	Matariki		
	20-23	WRC Rally Estonia		
	25	Taranaki Rally		
August	3-6	WRC Rally Finland		
	13	Taupo gravel Rally		
<b>September</b>	7-10	WRC Rally Greece		
	16-17	Extreme E Brazil/US/Chile		
	28-1	WRC Rally Chile		
October	8 or 29	RallySprint	Levin	Akatawara
	13-14	BOP Rally		
	23	Labour Day		
	26-29	WRC Rally Passau		
<b>November</b>	5	Sealed Sprint	Wtn	
	12	Atiamuri rally	Taupo	
	16-19	WRC Rally Japan		
<b>December</b>	25	Christmas Day		

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**How did you find out about us**

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

	Not much	Some	Lots
Speed Events			
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