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are held on the third Tuesday of each month
Location: 1841 Bar, Disraeli Street, Johnsonville
7:30pm, everybody welcome

Club-night

first Tuesday of each month
This month - 4th September
Location: 1841 Bar, Disraeli Street, Johnsonville
7:30 pm
All members and friends welcome

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as we can help.*



Sealed Autocross Round 3 - Day of the Ducks ***Sunday 29 September***

Neil's Wheels presents the continuation of our Sealed autocross

At the Masterton Motorplex Drag Strip - 8:30am
This could be our last sealed event of the year as we're aiming
to be back on the grass in Spring/Summer.
This will be Round 3 of a 3 Round Rubber Duck Series.

Online entries via Motorsport NZ - we will let you know when they're open!

If you don't have a Motorsport NZ Login, get in touch and we'll be happy to help you out, nearer the event time we will upload a form you can fill out.

Treaded tyres only, so semi slicks are okay. No full slicks!

Helmet and overalls requirements haven't changed for events of this level. Just make sure you're wearing cotton or wool under it, and leather shoes please.

To avoid any refuelling headaches (with the new rules) we suggest you bring your car with enough fuel already in it. There is a few choices of petrol stations close by in Masterton.

No competition licence required.

Car club membership required unless this is one of your first two events ever.

Septembling Remembering?

by Leon



Yes, I'm still struggling with original titles for the monthly rambles. This one being particularly inaccurate given that it's actually July and August events I'm recounting. So there we go.

The Corolla arrived back to me a week prior to Wairongomai Road, so I didn't attempt to run in the engine in a series of late night missions, as I was still feeling pretty jaded from what was most likely Covid Round 2 for me. Which also meant I stayed home on the

day of the event, so I've got no report or original photos from the day.

While the Corolla engine is running very smoothly, the oil pressure on the gauge isn't coming up to where I'd expect to be seeing it, so we'll be doing a bit of investigating to see if that's a real problem or not between now and October (which is the first scheduled event for the car).

It looked like a bit of an interesting and slightly odd field at Wairongomai, with five cross cars running, and Jeff Ward double entered in a couple of V8 gravel rashers. The Hillman Hunter, and also his old 5 series BMW that I've not seen at an event for a long time.

Justin Murray from Levin CC was debuting an AE/TE(?)70 Corolla hatch, much like Graeme Penhey used to run back in the day, with a 3TGTE engine. Which was a car I didn't know he had. So I'm not sure if it has been in the build, or if he bought it. But that's a pretty race car to be seen these days, especially with a period correct engine rather than something easy like a 4AGE.

Jeff was the fastest non cross-car, but won't be in the official results as such because of the double entry. Tim was next fastest, in the Ford/Holden Escort, with Graham Heath only fractions of a second behind him in the Pulsar.

Graham is pretty pleased with his result, mixing it up with Tim again for the first time in a while. But a new suspension set up, and some fixes have made the Pulsar a lot nicer to drive.



Richard Prouse (HVMC) had a rare moment of unplanned excitement in his E36 BMW, departing the road through a fence. But the results tell me that he completed the rest of the runs that day, so it must just have been flesh wounds.

Clint Clunie has purchased the ex Karl Robinson Bluebird turbo classic rally car, and was up at the Otaki event giving that a run too. Seemed to be from the results, a lot of the big engine



two wheel drive cars, and only a solitary four wheel drive running. Not many entries in total, and only the one car from HCCC.

My first motorsport event (I'm not going to count driving a Corolla around carefully to put miles on the engine as an event) was in the GR.

Headed up to Manawatu's backtrack autocross, both directions. I enjoy the backtrack a lot, and after a number of years of requesting, they sep-

arated out the motorkhana from the autocross, allowing us a good number of runs this time. We got seven runs on the day, four clockwise, three anticlockwise. The motorkhana event will be in November, running by itself, and just be grass on the backtrack infield areas.

I had worked with Jeff from Manawatu to come up with a different way of using the infield this time around, so we used a bit of the "pretend roading" that we'd not done before, and approached the same roundabout from two different directions. Using only 1/4 of the roundabout, rather than multiple laps of it.



It turned out to be quite entertaining, albeit occasionally scary. Each bit of the infield road had a different level of traction available, including one section that drove like it was pure gravel. Which is pretty challenging on road tyres or semi-slicks.

Then there were bits where you could cut on the grass, and other where if you tried it there was concrete or drains, so you'd assuredly be leaving your sump or a suspension strut on the infield.

There was a really strong turnout from the Wellington area people, and some of the regulars at our autocross events. Which was good to see. 37 entries in total, which was a busy day, but it ran pretty smoothly. I don't think there was any carnage on the day, which is doing well for a wildly varying surface, and some pretty decent rainfall.

It was crazy competitive in the four wheel drive class, which also turned out possibly not too surprisingly to be the top five overall.

Richard Mason bolted some Dunlop semi slicks (I'm not sure if he bought them off Neil's Wheels, but he probably should have done) onto Sarah's A45 AMG Merc. Which to be honest, is a car I'd never really heard of before, but it kind of must be Merc's version of an Evo hunter. Not sure how heavy it was, but I'm guessing it was a bit chonk. Not much shy of 400hp, four wheel drive, and a seven speed flappy paddle box. It really did piss off from the start line, and predictably with Richard at the wheel, put in some very rapid times, while also looking totally not dramatic at all. Richard ended up winning the event, pulling out about two seconds on the

first course from me.

I tried pretty hard (as the in car video footage showed), and gave myself some pretty big moments of sideways in the GR. Some of those sideways moments coming out of nowhere too, which livens things up a bit. The Goodrides were hanging on better than they probably should have done given the number of heat cycles through them now, but with the lack of temperature in the track, were a bit exciting.

I clawed back a few fractions of a second in the anticlockwise track to just sneak ahead of Richard in that course. Although it was initially a bit disheartening, as one of his anticlock runs was six seconds faster than me. However it turned out that was because he went the wrong way.

Nick Chong was there in his GR, losing three seconds to Graham on the first course, but then pulling out five seconds quicker on the second course, to bring his GR home third.

Graham's Goodrides are very heavily worn on the back pair, so everywhere I was sideways, he was a bit more sideways. Which while it's interesting, isn't the fastest way around the track, so he brought his GR home fourth overall.

We were followed by Manfeild regular David Chamberlain in his Ford Focus RS, which he always seems to manage to put in very efficient and tidy laps at every event. He was running Dunlop softs, which would have been really good on the circuit, but were probably a bit exciting when they picked up infield road gravel.

Webster continues to shake down the MR-S (still featuring no side windows, and yes it was raining at times on the day), coming home second in rear drive, a couple of seconds behind Viv Eden in the E30 BMW.



PC was second in front drive, a couple of seconds behind Scott in an EP72 Starlet. Although it's worth mentioning that PC is running a relatively stock mechanically Vitz, and Scott is running a B18C Honda motor bored out to slightly over 1900cc. So well done Pete on using cornering skills to stay so close to a car putting out at least 50% more power than you, and in a lighter car. Once again PC showing what a good setup, and tidy driving can achieve.

Khalid was putting in some more miles in the Fiesta rally car, and getting progressively quicker with each outing. Certainly was a faster track for him to be running on, than our Masterton sealed (arf arf) events.

Brian Worboys was running the entirely open to all seasons "Nugget" race car, which again, will have been a bit character developing during the rainy runs. However he reports no regrets, and that he'd do it all over again.

Everyone's favourite racing grandmother Cathy Reid was out there in the Mirage, having an excellent day.

Harrison did an excellent spin in the middle of the drag strip without touching anything. We've not enquired if there was any laundry required post-event.

EliCopter Pilot Sillay achieved grass rotations status twice, which nearly lead to a laundry bill for the clerk of course as he watched a BMW spinning downhill toward a concrete wall. Less is more on a rainy track ...

Young Vinnie beat dad Quin in the Pulsar... should we be expecting that Vinnie might need to buy his own race car soon?

Jerama has added an intake, some aero, and also some racing stripes that look a lot like the Platz from the previous weekend. Slightly hindering his efforts are that he's running tyres that are only very slightly softer in compound than the wheels that he is running.

We're pretty sure that Ian has bedded in his new clutch after Sunday, having blown the previous one drag racing on the strip at an unrelated event.

Shane earned himself a speeding ticket for not slowing down enough in the "slow down box", so will be writing "I shall not speed" fifty times on a piece of paper.

Loren drove so fast during the morning sessions, that he went home at lunchtime. Either that or he had busy duties on the Sunday, and couldn't stick around.

Neil Tapp has created us some timed traffic lights for the "slow down box" which worked superbly a couple of times, but then threw a check engine light. Version 2.0 on the drawing board.

We even had a coffee cart there on Sunday, courtesy of Neil Roots' neighbour. She is booked in for our September 29th event, which is the third of the all seal (arf arf) trilogy. So you can get your caffeine fix on site next round as well.

That's more than enough words from me (sorry Chelles, and anyone else who is still awake by this page).

See you at a place with cones and cars and stuff.
Leon



Thanks to William Brothwell of Will's Pic's for the gravel sprint images.

Results from the Manfeild Backtrack Autocross Sunday 11 August

Class	No	Name	Surname	Make	Model	Best Clockwise	Best Counter Clockwise	Combined	Placing
F14WD	1	Richard	Mason	AMG	A45	02:40.26	02:44.68	05:24.94	1
F14WD	13	Leon	Cast	Toyota	GR Yaris	02:42.06	02:44.15	05:26.21	2
F14WD	GR	Nick	Chong	Toyota	GR Yaris	02:48.56	02:45.02	05:33.58	3
F14WD	69	Graham	Heath	Toyota	GR Yaris	02:45.47	02:50.01	05:35.48	4
F14WD	RS	David	Chamberlain	Ford	Focus RS	02:48.06	02:48.09	05:36.15	5
NARWD	0	Vivian	Eden	BMW	E30	02:47.43	02:50.43	05:37.86	6
NARWD	23	Webster	Gough	toyota	MR-5	02:48.38	02:50.83	05:39.21	7
NARWD	0	David	Raitt	BMW	E30	02:54.06	02:48.41	05:42.47	8
NAFWD	40	Scott	Allpress	toyota	starlet	02:52.39	02:51.41	05:43.80	9
NAFWD	0	Peter	Collins	Toyota	Vitz	02:48.94	02:57.75	05:46.69	10
NAFWD	19	Greg	Wilson	Toyota	Vitz	02:58.42	02:53.49	05:51.91	11
NARWD	70	Blair	Hughes	Ford	Escort	02:54.75	02:59.30	05:54.05	12
NARWD	35	Keith	Stewart	Mazda	MX5	02:59.99	02:56.46	05:56.45	13
NAFWD	35	Khalid	Mason	Ford	Fiesta	03:00.28	02:56.61	05:56.89	14
NARWD	30	Liam	How	Toyota	Corolla	02:54.44	03:05.18	05:59.62	15
F14WD		Tom	Rolton	Subaru	Impreza Sti	03:00.55	03:02.90	06:03.45	16
F12WD+	455	Joshua	Wood	Honda	Crx	03:00.16	03:03.94	06:04.10	17
NAFWD	111	Steven	Webb	Toyota	Trueno	03:04.17	03:05.08	06:09.25	18
NARWD	95	Harvey	Carew	Toyota	MR-5	03:06.38	03:03.02	06:09.40	19
NAFWD	199	Andrew	Lowe	Toyota	Trueno	03:06.75	03:02.86	06:09.61	20
NARWD	55	Anna	Stewart	Mazda	MX5	03:04.54	03:06.25	06:10.79	21
NARWD	47	Brian	Worboys	Nugget	Nugget	03:03.78	03:09.06	06:12.84	22
F14WD	323	Seth	Quigley	Mitsubishi	Galant VR4	03:04.70	03:08.36	06:13.06	23
NAFWD	7	Cathy	Reid	Mitsubishi	Mirage	03:05.90	03:12.91	06:18.21	24
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NAFWD	23	Owen	Todd	Toyota	Platz	03:11.65	03:12.69	06:24.34	27
NAFWD		Harrison	Cheetham	Suzuki	Swift	03:13.76	03:11.99	06:25.75	28
F12WD+	987	Neil	Blackie	Almac	Clubsprint	03:18.28	03:08.36	06:26.64	29
NARWD	25	Spencer	Christiansen	Datsun	1200	03:13.70	03:14.83	06:28.53	30
NAFWD	287	Ben	Hutchinson	Toyota	Platz	03:18.16	03:15.28	06:33.44	31
F14WD	138	Hannah	Erard	Mitsubishi	Evolution	03:19.14	03:27.88	06:47.02	32
NAFWD		Charlotte	Brown	Subaru	Legacy	03:36.59	03:25.32	07:01.91	33
F14WD		Dolly	Rolton	Subaru	Impreza Sti	03:31.98	03:49.82	07:21.80	34
NAFWD		Katie	Cheetham	Subaru	Legacy	03:55.45	03:39.44	07:34.89	35
NAFWD	78	Tony	Allpress	Mugen	Civic RR	02:52.35	10:00.00	12:52.35	counter-cloc

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Harbour Capital Car Club - Autocross Results Round 2

Neils Wheels Rubber Duck sealed challenge

Autocross 18 August 2024 – Dawn of the Ducks

Thank you all for coming along and braving the inclement weather to the second round of the latest Duck Trilogy. All rounds are on the Sealed venue of the Drag Strip and return Road. We are very grateful to the Motorplex management for allowing us to be able to run on the venue and as happened on Sunday allowed us to still run the event even with Rain on the day.

Well done to all the place getters for the day and thanks for all the helpers too. The Crazy duck moment/s of the day has to go to Eli Sillay for a couple of epic spins onto the grass. (now nicknamed Helicopters...)

4 Wheel Ducks

1st Graham Heath
2nd Leon Cast
3rd Loren Brookes

Engine Not over Ducks

1st Richard Haines
2nd Adam Fisher
3rd Eli Sillay

Engine over Ducks

1st Webster Gough
2nd Khalid Mason
3rd Peter Collins

Junior Ducks

1st Khalid Mason
2nd Vinnie Carver
3rd Eli Sillay

Series places after Round 2

4WD - 1st Graham Heath (60) 2nd Leon Cast (45) 3rd Loren Brookes (39)

ENOD - 1st Richard Haines (60) 2nd Adam Fisher (45) 3rd Eli Sillay (37)

EOD - 1st equal Peter Collins and Webster Gough (50) and 2nd equal Quin and Vinnie Carver equal on (36) 3rd Steven Webb (34)

Juniors

1st Eli Sillay (37)

2nd equal Emmet Sillay and Vinnie Carver on (36)

3rd Khalid Mason (25)

The last round of this series will be Sunday 29 September 2024 so put this in your diary's, will be up on Sporty in the next few day.

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Post completed form to: Harbour Capital Car Club, C/o 13 Gray Street, Pukerua Bay 5026, New Zealand

First name: _____ Surname: _____ DoB: _____

Other family members names and date of birth:

Name: _____ DoB: _____

Name: _____ DoB: _____

Name: _____ DoB: _____

Residential address: _____

Postal address (if differs): _____

Phone number: HM _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Make and Model of car: _____

How did you find out about us: _____

Events I'd like to compete in

	Not Many	Some	Lots
Speed Event			
Rallies			
Motorkhana			
Car Trials			
Social Events			

I'd like to volunteer: Speed \ Rallies \ Motorkhana \AutoX\ Social Events (please circle)

Annual subscriptions paid to: Harbour Capital Car Club

Per year: Single membership \$45.00 - Student \$35.00 - Family \$55 for a couple, add \$10 per additional person.

Bank details: BNZ 02-0500-0351392-02

Reference: your name

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