



# *Wheelspin*

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## Committee Meetings

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 - 3rd December**  
Location: 1841 Bar, Disraeli Street, Johnsonville  
**7:30 pm**  
All members and friends welcome

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## Magazine content deadline

The **Deadline** for ***WheelSpin*** articles is the  
**14TH OF THE MONTH**

*If you'd like to submit a story but feel you need  
some editorial assistance please reach out to the Editor  
as we can help.*

## Sanity Clause *(Because its a December article and no other reason)*

by Leon



*Bit of a shorter article this time around, as I've not done any driving events since we last spoke, because the deadline for the December mag was quite early.*

*I'm still deciding if I do the November Rubber Duck (brought to you by Neil's Wheels) round or not, as I don't think I'll have a functional reliable oil pressure gauge in the car by then. With the oil pressure having spiked high a couple of times at the Akatarawa event, I'm*

*dubious about running while not trusting either or both of my oil pressure and gauge. With the oil pressure previously reading lower on the gauge than in the previous 20 years with this engine, and now spiking the gauge (or, maybe it's just the gauge spiking itself for no reason), it's undermining my confidence a bit.*

*Apparently stuck oil pressure relief valves can also be a thing. But also, I'm a non mechanic, so I've no clue if intermittent sticking pressure relief valves are a thing that can happen or not. I'll seek expert guidance between now and decision time.*

*Since the Aka event, the Corolla has I think done a sum total of two trips up and down my driveway.*

*Glad to report the Swift has been sold, and moved on to a new home after two months on the market. So that's going to allow Corolla strut rebuild funds to be allocated. I'm pleased with the new front springs getting me a bit more ground clearance at the front, so adding rebuilt shocks to that, should help control them a bit more nicely too (as per previous comments, the front shocks are nine years old).*

*Annoyingly, looks like some car funds will instead be going into hearing aids, as it turns out that I've lost quite a bit of hearing, especially from my drivers side ear (sorry, right ear). Seems that hearing aids are really expensive.*

*Like more than a cheap car, and you can spend as much as a good car on them very easily if you wished to. However it should assist in my extreme difficulty in being able to pick out conversations from background noise. Getting old is such fun ...*

*Port Road I was there in Steward mode, so I was armed with a folder of documents, and also my camera since I can stand on one corner, and get pics from four different angles.*



*The level of carnage was quite low, which is always helpful. There was an Evo rotation into a footpath (the classic Corner #1 lose that I've seen a few times over the years), and Eli Sillay encountering a footpath or kerb in the big BMW.*

*Some interesting results at the pointy end of the field, with a couple of really quick Evo's up from the South Island taking out both first and second overall, two seconds ahead of the usually all-conquering Cross Cars.*

*Lee Herd had a bit of a day to forget in the AE111, chucking a power steering belt during run one, and then chucking a flywheel during run two.*

*Holding up the Herd honours was Jordan who put in a clean drive all day in the Swift. No mean feat given that the weather was changing all day, causing a mix of wet and dry runs.*



*Webster wasn't able to enter, with the new drive-shafts failing to be completed before the weekend. Mike Hollis in the Celica powered MR-S put in one hell of a run to bring his car in fifth overall.*

*Graham was 12th in the Yaris, putting in a tidy drive, and not letting some very wet runs ruin his day.*

*Matt and Steve dual entered the V8 Ford Escort, which was a heck of a fast bit of machinery, and I actually managed to snap a photo of the car up on two wheels on the bump when you hug the inside of turn one.*

*The battle of the Carvers was won by Quin, who came home a couple of places ahead of Vinnie.*

*Mike Duston was back for the first time in years, running a Mk2 Swift Sport in the 0-1300 class.*



*He chased the Cappuccino (660cc turbo) hard all day, and got within about half a second. So I'm guessing the Swift will be getting some mods for a return match.*

*Then today (as I write this) I was at the Shelly Bay Sprint, parked up on my usual Mussel Farm corner.*

*I learned today, that you don't listen to the stereo*



for 20 minutes in a Rav 4 hybrid with the ignition on "accessory", as apparently it drains the battery and the damn thing won't start. So I also learned today (thanks YouTube) that there's actually a positive terminal in the fusebox, and an earth point on the engine block... cos there's no battery in the engine bay of the Rav! So next time I feel like listening to some funky tunes, I'll be doing so with the car switched on and running.



Glad to report also, a lack of carnage at this event. I think maybe Neil Rush clipped the chicane, but nobody threw it into the scenery. Always a good achievement at that bit of road.



Lee was having a few gremlins with the AE111 not running as cleanly as usual, but still put down an absolute domination in Class B and fifth overall, which he'll be pleased about. Finishing the day without any important parts of the car jumping out this time.

It was a really small turnout, with only 19 starting on the day. So that's disappointing for the club, and they'll have run at a loss this year. Always a

frustrating situation to be in when a club puts in the hard yards to put on an event.

Not helping them, was multiple event clashes, which will have nibbled away some people. MG Classic, and a double Hillclimb in Hawkes Bay, as well as the Port Road drags.

The Port Road drags were occasionally audible from over the other side of the harbour, which gave me moments of confusion as to what car was due to arrive around the corner next.



The two W's, Wade and Warren took out first and second in the Cross Cars, with a ridiculous 7 second gap 2:18-2:25 before a normal car appeared on the horizon, with Joseph in the big power Golf R taking up the final spot on the podium.

Haydn took out second in Class B in the Mirage Asti, and was flying the HCCC colours for this event according to the results.

Once again Don McLean was running solo in the wee Barina in Class A.

That's about the sum of my event recording. I hope to see you out there in one of the events running before the end of 2024!

Leon





## **Membership Renewals**

**Don't forget that your club membership renewals are due this month**

***Its simple to renew your membership with HCCC.  
Deposit your membership fee to the using the following details, update Motorsport Online and email Jilly to confirm at [4jilly.hu@gmail.com](mailto:4jilly.hu@gmail.com)***

***If any of your details need updating such as email, phone numbers, address please let us know***

Pay 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  
Particulars: Membership



## Editor's tale... Photography, cars and an exhibition.

A few months ago I was asked if I would be interested in being part of a project for a student studying their Bachelor of Design, with a major in photography. Ryan, in his last year of study at Massey University, was embarking on a visual documentary of car enthusiasts and wanted a range of different people. Apparently 'yours truly' and the Mirage are a bit interesting. It was a great opportunity to work with a budding photographer and, as a retired pro-photographer I am all about helping the next generation into the industry.

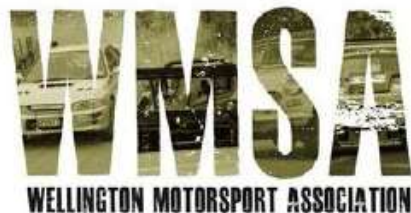
In Ryan's words he states "This photography project is a passion of mine, driven by a desire to explore new perspectives on cars and the ways they connect people. I am interested in discovering how individuals' views on cars can help shed light on the experiences of those who may not be directly interested in cars. My goal is to capture the stories behind each participant's car, revealing their personal connections to their car and identity through the context of New Zealand."



Ryan's plan was to photograph different people in the places they worked on their cars, or enjoyed their cars to capture some of the personality of both owner and car. As I couldn't take him to a race track, Ryan came and hung out in my garage for a time and then we went for a drive down the Wainuiomata Coast Road stopping along the way to capture shots. It was a different experience for me being on the other side of the camera.

The final result was an exhibition at Gazley Škoda Wellington's showroom. I attended the opening night, it was a great success. Ryan showed his passion, along with his understanding of people and their cars. It's a pleasure to see a young man on his way in the creative world.





## **SEAL SPRINT SERIES DATES**

### **DUNCAN MCKENZIE MEMORIAL TROPHY & RON SCANLON MEMORIAL TROPHY**

1	<del>Port Road – Round 1</del>	<del>Hutt Valley Motorsport Club</del>	<del>27 October 2024</del>
2	<del>Shelly Bay</del>	<del>Wellington Car Club</del>	<del>10 November 2024</del>
3	Port Road – Round 2	Hutt Valley Motorsport Club	19 January 2025
4	Wallaceville Hillclimb	Hutt Valley Motorsport Club	25 February 2025
5	Alexandra Road	Wellington Car Club	16 March 2025
6	Kaihinau Road	Levin Car Club	TBC



# Membership Application & Renewal

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

*The information you provide in this form is used and held by the Harbour Capital Car Club Committee for matters relating to your membership and participation in events. Your date of birth is requested to enable us to register you with Motorsport New Zealand.*