



Wheelspin

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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 February
Location: 1841 Bar, Disraeli Street, Johnsonville
7:30 pm
All members and friends welcome

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some editorial assistance please reach out to the Editor
as we can help.*

Summer wrap up article

Aka: what I did instead of having holidays



Right, so I've actually done so many events since the last article, that I'm probably not even able to remember them at this point. So I'll just pluck out some stuff that the old grey cells can muster.

Late November saw our Rubber Duck (brought to you by Neil's Wheels, please buy tyres off Neil!) autocross round on the paddock. Round One of a new trilogy (all grass events, much as the previous trilogy ended up being all sealed events).

It was absolutely the perfect weather, as it had been a bit drizzly, so there was almost no dust, and we mostly slid around on top of the grass rather than digging out corners.

Graham utterly pissed off ahead of the rest of the field, whomping second place by a full four seconds over the two courses.

PC, Adam, myself, and George took out second through fifth overall (and 1-4 in class) all in Toyota's, and all about a second apart from each other.



Kyle, Spencer, and Josh all ran the Pogo Logo, and elected to utilise the optional post-finish jump yump feature, which kept us all amused in the timing van. Again it somehow finished the event without failure, other than if I recall correctly, de-beading a tyre or two.

Six juniors ran, with Jordan pulling out a handy lead in the Levin, followed by Felix in the Demio. Of note, Luci (Levin), Jack (HVMC), and Sacha were all juniors running in their first ever motor-sport event. So that was pretty damn good.

We even had some Hawkes Bay visitors, with a Mondeo and Puglet being driven with some zest around the paddock.

No engine not over driven wheels competitors though! With the Herd MX5 still undergoing boosty development things, then bad conflicting event timing from Donna and Brendon in the Altezza, it was an empty class on the day.



At the start of December, I ended up with four events in three weekends, two of which I was running and also competing in. So I had a lovely overdose of car things leading up to Christmas (RIP my budget).

Having been telling people in these articles (and in person) that the Surgery Sprint series is well run, and a good day out, I put my money where my mouth is, and headed up to do their final round on December 1st.

I fitted the GR with the new old-stock Dunlop's that I picked up when they were clearing stuff, on the Enkei wheels that took me a year to get powder coated, and blew the dust off them.

The tyres were pleasantly predictable, and did good Dunlop things. I got down into the 22's, which I'm happy enough with, given that she's a standard road car, right down to the brake pads. That's about a second faster than I'd previously achieved at Manfeild on the Goodrides (which is a testimony to bang for buck on the Goodrides). Being in the fast boy class, I think I was around fourth in class, which I'm satisfied with.



There were a few HCCC entries there, with Alan in the ex-Targa Evo 5, a couple of seconds ahead of me in the same class. Shane and Keith sharing the Golf turbo, and Dick in his own Golf turbo. Apparently now HCCC people like turbo cars, since that's 5 from 5 all running boost on the day.

They were running very efficiently, and I was actually done before lunch. So I popped the road tyres back on, joined the sausage sizzle for some calories, and then cruised on home!

Their first scheduled 2025 round, is May 4th (Star Wars day), should you feel inclined to head up to Manfeild.



The following weekend in December was Wairarapa Car Club's Dorsets Road gravel sprint, which was the final round of the 2024 WMSA gravel sprint series.

Another pleasant day from the point of view who somebody who doesn't like getting too warm, with a nice Southerly briskly blowing through.

Brendon Norling and I played ballast for each other for practice and two runs, then ran empty in our last run of the day (for that competitive edge). That was good fun from my point of view, as the Altezza was really keen to be sideways all the places, and all the time. I don't know if it was the fastest way up the hill, but I was having a great time in the passenger seat. Plus of course, both our cars have air con ... just saying.



The road still features the really sketchy wash out that narrows down the road, right at the absolute fastest bit. Which remained an alarming experience every run of the day, even if I did manage to get close enough to get two wheels up on the wee yump caused by the new edge of the road.

Brendon was having a fun day as well, as there was the other Altezza there double driven by Adam "Loonie" Fisher, and Dennis "this is my car" Lukies. So it was always going to be an interesting experiment to see how his car lined up against the more developed Lukies weapon. He ended up splitting the two drivers in the other Altezza, only 0.3 of a second behind Adam, and second in class. Which he was pretty pleased about (and has resulted in a bit more weight reduction out of the car over the holiday season). He even managed to survive the Corolla passenger experience, which is doing pretty well as he isn't big on being in the silly seat at sprints.

The Corolla was going nicely on the day, with the new springs getting me the previously mentioned better ground clearance, and the freshened engine getting off the line a bit better than old smokey was.

I finished second in class, a whopping 4 seconds behind Yeti. Proving that I'm just not ever going to be able to stay with him in that Escort! But I was also four seconds ahead of third place in class, which tells me that I was going pretty well on the day.

I did discover that putting newish tyres on the front for my last run, while leaving extremely worn tyres circa around 2017 on the back did result in a whole bunch of oversteer. So that made my last run of the day (no passenger) pretty entertaining. Despite quite a bit of steering correction having to be applied on a number of corners, I did manage to trim one second off my time. Although in the course of doing so, I did have a pretty good close look at the finish line ahead sign on the last corner. Which I am sure I'd been a good four meters away from on all my previous runs. Ah well... a miss is as good as a mile.

Graham has been working with Shane McKay to fettle the Pulsar throughout this year, which meant he came home third overall, which is not mucking around. So the car is handling better,

and putting the power down better too. Entirely unrelated, he has also managed to find a new house for he and Ange, so now there's better race car parking too!

Jilly was back in the red Rolla (sorry, Corolla, didn't mean to give you flashbacks Jilly), and achieved her goal of sub 3 minutes up the hill, on a day where the gravel was heavy and slippery all day.

But let's talk about Adam the Loonie. He's running the Swift race motor now in the KP Starlet, having had the standard Swift engine knacker itself at Otago thanks to a split air filter.

Fourth overall! Fourth!! In a class A 1300!! So his result at Dorsets would have won class in B and C, and second in class E (four wheel drive). That's going properly fast.

My third of four events was the Saturday arvo motorkhana up at Masterton, before we adjourned to Neil and Lynda's house for yummy foods.

We had our typical dozen entries to this one (unlike our January event which pulled in a whopping 23), and mostly we went for fairly simple and fun courses since we had a couple of new competitors.

Vaguely remaining brain cells tell me that it was pretty warm in the paddock, somewhere in the high 20's. So we did throw up a bit of dust on the courses, and it was pretty dry underfoot.

Neil Roots came home with the win in the chopped springs City, despite straining a leg muscle while on cone duties, and alarming us all by dropping into a heap on the ground. Showing that even with one leg, he knows how to pedal a car, pulling out a three second lead ahead of Adam in the Starlet.



Craig joined us from Manawatu, as he so often does in the wee Pistachio, and was third overall. I was back in fourth, having sabotaged myself pretty good by an overshoot and reverse on one course. Turns out that turbo four wheel drive gets



you moving again pretty quick from a change of direction, but is absolutely no use whatsoever when it comes to stopping you from that suddenly achieved speed. Whoops!

New member Benjamin, and I'm guessing father David came along in a BMW wagon, and had a good old time throwing it around some cones. Taking out first and second in the rear skidders class too. Not a bad debut.

Khalid was in the Fiesta, giving his first motorkhana a go as well. Although was severely handicapped by having quite literally no hand-brake in the car at all. Which if you know motorkhana's, is pretty dire.

A blue banner with a white arrow pointing right on the left side. The text 'AGM' is in large white letters, and 'ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING' is in smaller white letters to its right.

AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Your yearly AGM is on, come along and
be apart of the decision making.
Everyone is welcome to attend.**

**1841 Bar - Johnsonville
7:30pm
4 February 2025**

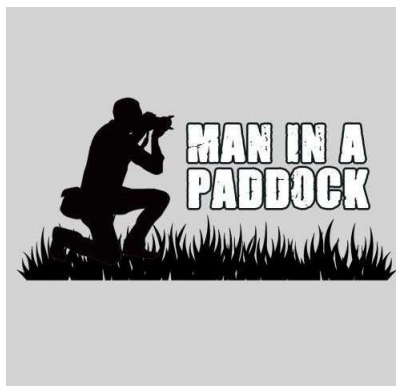
**The new draft constitution will be considered,
nominations for the committee
event ideas and more**



The talented “Man in a Paddock”, Scott Adrian, sadly passed away on Friday 10 January. He is remembered for his dedication and passion for photographing all things automotive. For over 20 years Scott captured the motorsport world around him and created some excellent memories for the community he loved so much.

Thank you Scott, you are appreciated.

HCCC wishes Scott’s friends and family heart felt condolences.





Nugget does the backtrack

by Brian Worboys



This autocross event was run by the Manawatu Car Club. Hats off to them, they are nice folks and run a really good event. The back track is quite separate from the main 3km Manfeild track, although they can be linked to provide a longer circuit for some events. The course laid out for this event made good use of the main back track circuit, with coned slaloms on the straights to keep the speeds down, and short excursions off the main circuit

into and out of a driving instruction roundabout.

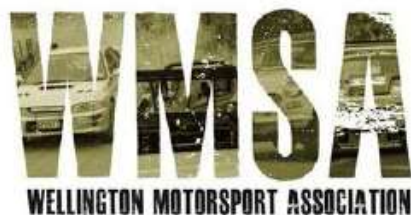
A good time for a run was about 3 minutes. The main circuit has a very nice surface, but the roundabout detours included bits of *very* loose chip-seal that the Nugget found to be 100% marbles. Traversing the marble sections was a question of setting the car up with the right angle and speed so as to be able to coast/drift through the marbles and hopefully arrive at the other side facing the right direction. This issue, plus my usual cautious driving, put me comfortably mid-field in the



results. The weather wasn't the best, with the odd shower of rain, but this wasn't a problem. I had a great day out. The Nugget was 100% reliable and just needs the tank topped up to be ready for the next event.



Adventures from August 2024



SEAL SPRINT SERIES DATES
DUNCAN MCKENZIE MEMORIAL TROPHY &
RON SCANLON MEMORIAL TROPHY

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

Harbour Capital Car Club Motokhana 12-Jan-2025

No	Driver <i>Jrns in Red</i>	Car	Class	Club	Test 1 Fastest time	Test 2 Fastest time	Test 3 Fastest time	Test 4 Fastest time	Test 5 Fastest time	Test 6 Fastest time	Overall	Class
10	Leon Cast	Yaris GR	4WD	HCCC	00:27:15.3	00:37:59.2	00:43:31.3	00:31:59.2	00:30:28.2	00:30:53.1	03:20:55.1	4WD
1	Adam Fisher	Stariet	EOE	HCCC	00:26:90.2	00:38:69.3	00:43:19.2	00:31:57.1	00:29:25.1	00:31:47.3	03:21:07.2	EOE
6	Geoff Warren	WRX	4WD	HVMC	00:29:34.5	00:37:50.1	00:43:44.4	00:33:75.5	00:31:28.4	00:30:07.2	03:26:18.3	4WD
14	Nell Rods	City	EOE	HCCC	00:29:34.9	00:41:63.4	00:39:37.1	00:34:58.6	00:32:06.5	00:32:57.5	03:30:60.4	EOE
16	Peter Collins	Vitz	EOE	HCCC	00:29:59.4	00:43:29.7	00:45:31.5	00:32:97.4	00:30:60.3	00:32:12.4	03:32:10.5	EOE
12	Marty Bertelsen	Corolla	EOE	LemVCC	00:33:00.8	00:43:29.7	00:46:60.6	00:32:73.3	00:33:84.7	00:33:59.8	03:39:67.6	EOE
17	Quin Carver	Pulsar	EOE	HVMC	00:35:60.7	00:44:47.13	00:51:28.8	00:38:05.10	00:33:28.6	00:33:57.7	03:50:24.7	EOE
9	Jilly Fisher	Stariet	EOE	HCCC	00:31:13.11	00:43:03.6	00:51:90.9	00:37:63.8	00:35:28.8	00:36:35.12	03:55:32.8	EOE
23	Webster Gough	MRS	EOE	HCCC	00:34:91.13	00:44:10.10	00:49:22.7	00:38:07.11	00:35:78.10	00:38:54.15	03:59:50.9	EOE
44	Loren Brookes	WRX	4WD	HCCC	00:29:62.1	00:45:78.16	00:52:41.10	00:38:57.12	00:36:65.12	00:40:03.16	04:00:19.10	4WD
4	Cathy Reid	Mirage	EOE	HVMC	00:35:06.16	00:45:06.14	00:54:22.11	00:37:69.9	00:38:22.14	00:34:73.10	04:04:98.11	EOE
15	Neil Tapp	Kia Rio	EOE	HCCC	00:27:81.5	00:44:39.11	01:02:32.12	00:38:90.14	00:35:59.9	00:35:16.11	04:05:70.12	EOE
5	<i>Elia Carver</i>	Pulsar	EOE	HVMC	00:34:38.14	00:42:66.5	01:05:02.14	00:50:37.19	00:36:62.11	00:34:66.9	04:23:71.13	EOE
18	Sarah Jaggs	WRX	4WD	HCCC	00:30:68.17	00:43:62.9	01:03:31.13	00:48:12.18	00:39:34.15	00:37:73.14	04:28:72.14	4WD
13	Matisse Bertelsen	Corolla	EOE	LemVCC	00:30:19.12	00:45:59.15	01:19:93.20	00:44:05.16	00:37:63.13	00:40:33.18	04:41.13.15	EOE
19	<i>Vinnie Carver</i>	Pulsar	EOE	HVMC	00:40:78.10	00:48:07.17	01:06:06.15	00:38:71.13	01:07:40.22	00:33:19.6	04:44.11.15	EOE
21	<i>Benjamin Carter-Willis</i>	BMW 320i	ENOD	HCCC	00:33:79.18	00:54:00.19	01:15:06.19	00:34:67.7	00:48:38.18	00:42:56.19	04:55:05.17	ENOD
22	Kelly Gray	Kia Rio	EOE	Nil	00:45:96.15	00:58:00.21	01:12:94.17	00:51:06.20	00:45:19.17	00:40:22.17	05:02:32.18	EOE
2	<i>Alex Gray</i>	Corsa	EOE	HCCC	00:43:03.20	00:59:10.22	01:13:97.18	00:51:10.21	00:44:19.16	00:47:78.20	05:19:17.19	EOE
8	Ian Stewart	City	EOE	HCCC	01:05:62.23	00:44:41.12	01:07:59.16	00:39:41.15	01:05:68.21	00:37:66.20	05:20:37.20	EOE
25	Mary Tapp	Corsa	EOE	Nil	00:26:75.22	01:02:69.23	01:33:47.21	01:01:05.23	00:57:97.19	00:54:31.22	06:17:77.21	EOE
24	Alyssa Charles-Green	Kia Rio	EOE	Nil	00:48:28.21	00:57:16.20	02:01:78.22	00:53:75.22	01:02:40.20	00:48:79.21	06:29:84.22	EOE
3	<i>Annabelle Carver</i>	Pulsar	EOE	HVMC	00:42:13.19	00:50:41.18	02:12:22.23	00:48:78.17	01:07:40.22	00:59:31.23	06:40:26.23	EOE

Membership Application & Renewal

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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.