

Thank you, to Ian Jensen for organizing last months club night, & Dave Glasson and car, Rodger Ellingham, North City Tyres and Ian Taylor's car for a great little get together, it was interesting to look at and discuss the finer points of these cars (even for a rally fan)

The next few weeks are very busy motorsport wise.

This week the Motorsport AGM is on in Wellington at the Duxon Hotel Wakefield St

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 onwards Race / Rally workshops, this is a great way to find out what is happening in your part of the sport.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 onwards Elections and the AGM

Ring Gordon 04.3812303 or 04.9777550 if you need more details.

June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Queens Birthday weekend Wairarapra Rally is on , this year it is a national event, if you haven't entered how about putting something back into your sport and help out, (on the Sunday they have two 40km stage and required a lot of manpower)

Ring Gordon as soon as possible.

June 25<sup>th</sup> Shelly Bay sprint Thanks to Rutherford & Bond for sponsoring the event. Once again helpers are required , with luck we will finish racing and the clean up by about 3:00 and then back to the club rooms for prize giving and a marshal's draw.

Ring Gordon or Sue, phone numbers above.

Congratulations to Tony Dixon 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall at Hawkes Bay classic 2WD Rally.

Please if you go to an event could you get a set of results to the committee

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“Save Driving outside your comfort zone”

Welcome to our June Newsletter. The major events for us, past was Rally Wairarapa, and future is Shelly Bay Sealed Sprint.

**Rally Wairarapa.** We found that yes rally season has arrived because it was cold, wet and windy, especially on Saturday, and not so on Sunday. This turned into a real challenge for many competitors who found the distance, and slippery roads a little too much, so 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the field fell away. That unfortunately included our own members, Tony Burrows & Catherine Dobbie who fell off the road, and Craig Martin who blew the diff, however well done to Richard Mason who won the event convincingly. Also a big thank you to all those who helped out on the event. Many were seen in odd parts of the country (who knew you could drive for 1 ½ hours east of Masterton and still not hit the sea), and you all helped to make the event succeed, especially after the weather stopped some from coming down.

Our next event is **Shelly Bay Sealed Sprint on Saturday 25 June**. This is a very popular event that is a round of the WMSA Duncan McKenzie Series, and has it's own unique challenges for competitors and officials. With 2.6km of costal sealed road it is a great drive with fast bits leading into tight corners. It's location (rocks, water, banks etc) also means that roll cages are mandatory. Regs are now out, and are available from our web site [www.carclub.co.nz](http://www.carclub.co.nz) or Jody Seabright's web site [www.seabrightmotorsport.co.nz](http://www.seabrightmotorsport.co.nz).

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*(No calls after 9pm please)*

As per usual we do need helpers and marshals on the day to run the event, and we have a special prize for the helpers. Please let us know if you can help ASAP, See below and ring Brian now.

#### HARBOUR CITY SECURITY HELPERS PRIZE DRAW

To be eligible you must register as a helper (or marshal) before **17 June 2005**. We are able to offer great prizes and you need to be registered to be in with a chance to win....so email contact details of your helper including contact phone numbers to;

Committee- Brian Budd: [brian@chambermusic.co.nz](mailto:brian@chambermusic.co.nz) WK(04) 3846133

Other events happening around the region are:

26 June Kahinau Road, Seal Sprint, Levin Car Club

9 July Taranaki Tarmac Rally

17 July Cooks Heights Extreme Gravel Sprint, contact Kapiti Car Club

30 July Hawkes Bay Rally

Clubnight for this month will be combined with the Shelly Bay Prizegiving at our Clubrooms. July's clubnight is being worked on and if it all comes together will be a goody.

That's all for now.

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# WELLINGTON CAR CLUB (INC.)

## Bulletin

## July 2005

Hello to all for the July Bulletin,

The event for the month has been the running of our Shelly Bay Sealed Sprint. See later on for a report, along with a brief report of Kaihinau Road Sealed Sprint run by Levin Car Club the day after. A big thank you to our Committee who pulled it together, and to all the marshalls and helpers on the day. Also a big thanks to Rutherford & Bond Toyota for their sponsorship. They made the event an excellent day.

### Club Night

This months Club Night on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July is one not to miss. After Kim Naylor's serious crash at Shelly Bay we are using the opportunity to have a look at safety issues in our race cars. We will have Kim's car there so we can all have a close look at what worked and what didn't. His car was well built, however the damage caused to it also shows where things could be better and how that might apply to your car. Also there will be Scrutineer Euan Beattie, Sheldon from Motorsport Developments who will tell us about what he is doing with building V8 Touring Cars, and a display from Racetech so you can see what safety features are available. It is also hoped to have other presentations and some club members cars to look at as well.



The idea is to discuss what can go wrong, and for you to know what is available so when you are working on your car it is easy for you to improve your own safety. If you would like to bring your race car down to get pointers on what could be improved, contact Murray O'Neil asap.

The venue will be **Rutherford & Bond workshop**, (Hania Street Entrance) **7:30pm, Tuesday 19 July**.

See you all next week.

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### Membership Renewals

Another financial year passed already for the Club, and your Membership Renewal Notice will be sent to you shortly. Please send in your payment as soon as possible.

As a part of the renewal we will be asking for your email address. Please provide this so that we can update you quickly of club events and motorsport info. It will also allow us to email this Bulletin to you. If you still prefer to get a printed copy then that's OK we can still post you one, however the more we can email the better it is for your club.

If you want to advise us of your email address now then email Jody on  
jody@seabrightmotorsport.co.nz



## Rutherford & Bond

## Some Good & Bad News

### First the Good News

Kim Naylor is now out of Hospital and recovering well after surgery on his nick. Although he has had to cancel his trip around the USA on a Harley, he is pleased that he can walk around already (with a stick for balance) and only needs a neck brace and not a halo to help with healing. The best of luck to you Kim, from all at Wellington Car Club.

### Now the Bad

Wellington Car Club was represented by Gordon and Sue Diggle at two funerals on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>.

Gordon attended the funeral of Joe McAndrew's mother who had been ill for some time. Many of you will have either seen or met her at various events as both of Joe's parents supported him by helping out where they could.

Sue attended the funeral of Tim Clarke. Tim was struck by a car on the Johnsonville motorway in the early morning on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many will remember Tim helping the club a few years ago, as well as competing in his Commodore. He was the former partner of Ness Giles who was involved with many club activities.

All at Wellington Car Club send their condolences to the families of both. Our thoughts are with you.

## Stacey Taylor's Farewell

Well known to most in the Wellington Motorsport scene, Stacey Taylor was farewelled at the Hutt Valley Motorsport Club night on 7 July. She is moving to Christchurch to be with her man, now partner, soon to be ????

We will miss her enthusiasm and commitment to our sport. However our loss is Autosport's gain with the rumour being that she has already been co-opted onto their committee, and she hasn't even moved there yet.

Stacey's last event up here will be Cook's Road Gravel Sprint.



Stacey with her signed card, opps, no it's a guard

## Taranaki Tarmac Rally

Hot off the Internet, the results show a win to Glen Smith with Kevin Honnis second and Glen Inkster third.

Of the local area competitors Struan Robertson captured 5<sup>th</sup> overall. From Harbour Capital CC Nathan Thomas can in 14<sup>th</sup>, just ahead of our own Tony Burrowes who was 9<sup>th</sup> in Class D and 15<sup>th</sup> equal with Thomas Good. (Thomas also won Class B). Johnsonville based Chris Steel was 19<sup>th</sup> O/A and 6<sup>th</sup> in Class C. Craig Shepherd managed to get 32 O/A and 6<sup>th</sup> in Class E.

Unfortunately for Piran Pignegy his recent tuition didn't work as well as he had hoped as he rolled on SS3. The Cook boys also had a day to forget as Evan Cook had oil problems forcing him to pull out and Aaron Cook had problems in SS3, dropping 7 minutes and him back to 71<sup>st</sup> (20<sup>th</sup> Class B). Others to not finish were Tony Barrow who crashed is Escort in SS3, and Stephen Fargher who pulled out with overheating problems in SS5.

### Marshal's Prize Winner

Congratulations to Derek Eggers who won our special draw for Marshals who registered their name with the organisers of Shelly Bay early. He wins a Toyota Racing umbrella from Rutherford & Bond.

Also thanks to Harbour City Security who provided petrol vouchers for all of our marshals at the event.

### Coming Events

17 July	Gravel Sprint	Cook's Heights, off Moonshine Rd
24 July	Intermarque Sprints	Manfeild Autocourse
30 July	Hawkes Bay Rally	Napier & up to Wairoa
7 August	Gravel Hillclimb	Valley View, Totara Park, Upper Hutt
10 August	Night Trial	Harbour Capital organised event
14 August	Brail Trial	Annual WMSA Community Event, Titahi Bay based.
20 August	Taupo Rally	Taupo Forest & Track See www.taupocarclub.org.nz
21 August	Intermarque Sprints	Manfeild Autocourse

## The Tarmac Shakedown in the WMSA Region

By Jody Seabright

The WMSA Region was treated to two Sealed Sprints on the weekend on 25 & 26 June. Many competitors used this as a shakedown prior to the Taranaki Tarmac Rally.

### **Shelly Bay**

The weekend started with the Rutherford & Bond Toyota sponsored Shelly Bay Sealed Sprint, run along Massey Road, covering 2.6km from Scorching Bay to Shelly Bay.

As the day progressed it threw up some interesting surprises. Firstly the weather was kind. Despite the forecast for cold southerlies and rain the day was calm and overcast, making for a pleasant outing to the seaside. The road surface made the course extra challenging with parts covered in a small metal chip making some sections like driving on ball bearings. There were three crashes during the day where each involved a yellow coloured Toyota, a SL coupe, an AE86 Tureno, and a Corolla. Then the three fastest drivers were all driving cars they had borrowed for the day.

Overall winner and winner of Class E (4wd) was Ron Scanlan in a time of 1 minute 16.75 seconds. His objective for the day had been to give some tuition to the car's owner, up and coming driver Piran Pigneguy. However their dramas began on Thursday night. While preparing the car for the event they blew the engine and turned a conrod into a horseshoe. So after spending all Friday rebuilding the engine they managed to get to the start line on Saturday, just.

Second was Murray O'Neil with a time of 1:18.19 in a Subaru Legacy he had borrowed from Craig Shepard. Then Third was Lew Henderson who registered his best time of 1:19.92 in the same Legacy O'Neil was using, meaning this car was not only borrowed, but well used.

Class D (2000cc and over) was dominated by Don McLean in his potent 350hp Datsun 260Z. His best time of 1:20.93 was well ahead of Kerry Marson's 1:22.29 in a 2 litre turbo powered Ford Escort. Then while Marson had started fast and went progressively slower, Simon Legge started slow and improved over the day as he got his 6.6 litre Rover P5C down to a best time of 1:24.48.

In Class C (1600cc – 2000cc) it was a very consistent Stephen Jopson who won with a best time of 1:21.18 despite him not completing his last run when the Ford Escort jammed into 4<sup>th</sup> gear. Next was Gordon Diggle who also ran consistently in his 2 litre engined Mitsubishi Mirage with 1:24.07. 3<sup>rd</sup> in another Ford Escort was Craig Blackler with his best time being 1:29.37.

Class B (1300cc – 1600cc) was a clear win for Shane Mackay in his Toyota Starlet. Luckily for him his Starlet is painted brown, so he survived the road to record a 1:22.49. Long time competitor Leslie Edwards showed that both he and his Datsun 1200 SSS are still

competitive by taking second in class with 1:25.93. Then Peter Collins also had luck on his side as his red coloured Toyota Carolla came in 3<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 1:36.33.

Class A (0 – 1300cc) was an easy effort for Ewart Anderson in his Mini, being the only one in the class, however his best time of 1:24.53 was still 13<sup>th</sup> fastest overall. This time would have been good enough for 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class B or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class C.

Wellington Car Club was also pleased to be able to take mayor Kerry Prendergast and her husband Rex Nichols for a blast down the road. The support shown by the mayor in trying to get major motorsport back into Wellington was acknowledged as Don McLean and Murray O'Neil took the pair on a high speed run down the road course.

### **Kaihinau Road**

Further up the Island, Kaihinau Road, just north of Shannon copped the nasty weather that had been forecast for Wellington the day before. A chilly start on 1.5 degrees never really improved making for a cold and slippery day of racing. This is a challenging driver's course at the best of times, being a good mix of tight and twisty as well as flat out. It was made even more challenging by the moss and pine needles covering it in parts. As the day went on and the road dried out in places the change in grip levels was made more dramatic, however the times of most competitors dropped on each run making for a hotly contested event.

The battle at the front between Struan Robertson and Ron Scanlan saw the lead see-saw between the two after each run. Ron was again in Piran Pigneguy's Lancer GSR and was feeling confident of a win after knocking 3 seconds off his time on the last run. You can imagine his surprise when Struan Robertson pushed his Evo 3 harder to pip him by just over a second. Robertson chewed 6 and a half seconds off his own time on the last run to record the best of the day on 2:04.21, pushing Scanlan to second on 2:05.39.

There was then a 4 second gap to the rest of the field. The best of them being Jason Weld who did a very creditable job of piloting his Datsun 180B to claim not only third overall but also the best of the 2 wheel drives in a time of 2:09.37.

From here there was a close battle, with 6 competitors covered by 15 seconds. Piran Pigneguy must have been learning something from Ron as he secured 4<sup>th</sup> overall and third in the 4wd class on 2:10.88. Collecting 5<sup>th</sup> overall and second 2wd in a 1600cc Toyota Starlet (with sunroof and towbar) had Shane McKay smiling for once. His best effort of 2:12.71 had people talking and showed his liking for the road.

Rounding out the top 8 were Ross Alan in his Evo 3, Thomas Good getting the Escort wound up to be third 2wd and 1.5 seconds in front of Don McLean in his 260Z.

## Shelley Bay 25 Jun 2005

Car No.	Class	Driver	Fastest	Overall
133	E 1	Ron Scanlan	76.75	1
29A	E 2	Murray O'Neil	78.19	2
29	E 3	Lew Henderson	79.92	3
24	E 4	John McAndrew	80.47	4
33	E 5	Piran Pigneguy	81.06	6
28	E 6	Craig Shepherd	81.99	8
32	E 7	Chris Wood	89.81	20
91	D 1	Don Mclean	80.93	5
39	D 2	Kerry Marson	82.29	9
26	D 3	Simon Legge	84.48	12
23	D 4	Ian Hosler	85.47	14
38	D 5	Ian Thomson	85.65	15
539	D 6	Mark Kirk-Burnnand	86.41	17
40	D 7	Jeremy Knight	87.16	18
35	D 8	Allister Swan	92.25	21
22	C 1	Stephen Jopson	81.18	7
37	C 2	Gordon Diggle	84.07	11
27	C 3	Craig Blackler	89.37	19
533	C 4	Stuart Chandler	100.76	24
47	C 5	Kim Naylor	999.00	25
34	B 1	Shane Mackay	82.49	10
36	B 2	Les Edwards	85.93	16
41	B 3	Peter Collins	96.33	22
83	B 4	Mark Crundwell	97.67	23
21	B 5	Adam Hughes	999.00	25
25	B 6	John Raptis	999.00	25
75	A 1	Ewart Anderson	84.53	13



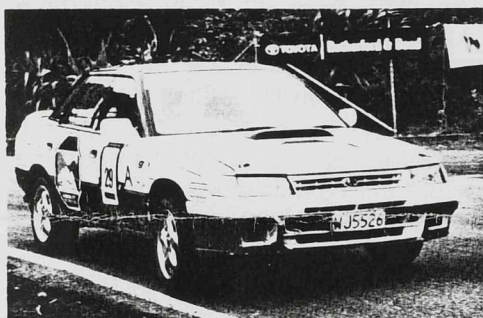
Don McLean taking Kerry Prendergast for a Hot Lap.



Don McLean at Speed



Simon Legge muscling the PC5 around



Murray O'Neil racing to second at Shelly Bay.



Peter Collins with another Corolla



Allister Swan taking the Corolla for a run



Chris Wood in his GTiR



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## Bulletin

## August 2005

Hello to all for the August Bulletin,

Last months Club Night was a great success with 65 people attending. Thank you to all who came along, and to all who organised the event. Read the article further on for full details.

### August Club Night

August Club Night on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> will be a video evening at our Club Rooms. With kind thanks to Eddie Conroy we will have film of the 1973 Heatway Rally, a Rally from the 1980s, and film of the 1985 Nissan Mobil 500. It will be a look back in time to when rallying was a real mans sport and to reminisce about the good old times.

There will be refreshments and we will have a projector to screen these videos at a decent size.

See you all next week.

### Membership Renewals

You should now have your Membership Renewal Notice. Please send in your payment, along with the form updating your details as soon as possible.

We are asking for your email address so we can update you quickly of club events as well as emailing this Bulletin to you. If you still prefer to get a printed copy then that's OK we can still post you one, however the more we can email the better it is for your club.

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### AGM

Our AGM has been set for 18 October. Please mark it in your calendar now. If you have any issues or items for the agenda please advise Gordon Diggle before the end of August. The official notice will be sent out in September.

### Committee

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We will also need to elect a new Treasurer as Rochelle is stepping down. If you or anyone you know can help your club as a Committee Member please advise Gordon asap.

### Coming Events

14 August	Brail Trial	Annual WMSA Community Event, Titahi Bay based.
21 August	Intermarque Sprints	Manfeild Autocourse
28 August	Autocross	Otaihanga
4 September	Gravel Sprint	Cooks Road, a Kapiti CC event
11 September	Clubman's Winter Series	Manfeild
11 September	Autocross	Donnelly Park, Levin
14 September	Night Trial	Harbour Capital organised event
18 September	Motokhana, seal	G M Carpark, Upper Hutt

### Taupo Rally Cancelled

With only 29 entries the Taupo Rally has been cancelled. This is the CRRS round, and Alan Barnes has advised that the Classic and 2wd Rally is still on for the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### Daybreaker Rally Still On.

At this stage the Daybreaker Rally is still all go for 1 & 2 October. There had been some doubt on it, however it is all go as at the time of writing. They are looking to get 65 competitors in order to break even so get your cars ready to support this excellent event on great roads, especially seeing as we haven't been in that area for a while.

### Nelson Rally

If you were thinking of going to Nelson for their rally on 10 & 11 September then get yourself organised now. It looks set to be a ripper. The National Championship is tight with 7 points separating Mason and West, then a real scrap for the minor placings.

#### **National Championship Points. -**

- 1, Mason, 246;
- 2, West, 239;
- 3, E Gilmour, 168;
- 4, B Martin, 167;
- 5, S Murray, 165;
- 6, G Smith, 163;

In combination with the rally they are also holding a reunion of people involved in the 1980 Motogard Rally of New Zealand. So if you were one of the crew, officials, or random other who was involved then contact Lester Brown; [ljbrownie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ljbrownie@xtra.co.nz) or 03 548 2060.

They already have some of the top crews attending, Dougal Stephenson and others along with a Masport sponsored works Escort.

### Joke Time

A woman came home just in time to find her husband in bed with another woman. With superhuman strength borne of fury, she dragged her husband down the stairs to the garage and put his penis in a vice.

She then secured it tightly and removed the handle. Next she picked up a hacksaw. The husband terrified, screamed, "Stop! Stop! You're not going to.. to..cut it off are you?!"

The wife, with a gleam of revenge in her eye, said, "Nope. You are. I'm going to set the garage on fire."

### **INTERNATIONAL THINKING AT ITS BEST!**

Question:

What is the truest definition of Globalisation?

Answer:

Princess Diana's death.

How come?

Answer:

An English princess  
with an Egyptian boyfriend  
crashes in a French tunnel,  
driving a German car  
with a Dutch engine,  
driven by a Belgian who was drunk  
on Scottish whisky,  
followed closely by Italian Paparazzi,  
on Japanese motorcycles;  
treated by an American doctor,  
using Brazilian medicines.

This is sent to you by an American, (Canadian )  
using Bill Gates's technology,  
and you're probably reading this on your computer,  
that uses Taiwanese chips,  
and a Korean monitor,  
assembled by Bangladeshi workers  
in a Singapore plant,  
transported by Indian lorry-drivers,  
hijacked by Indonesians,  
unloaded by Sicilian longshoremen,  
and trucked to you by Mexicans.  
That, my friends, is Globalisation!

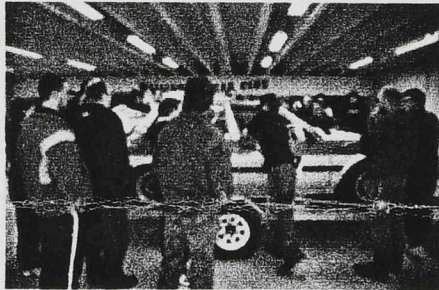


## Safety Matters in Motorsport

By Jody Seabright

Wellington Car Club hosted a very successful club night on Tuesday 19 July. Held at the Rutherford & Bond Toyota workshops, there were more than 65 people there, looking at a number of cars on display, including the rather bent Toyota of Kim Naylor.

With the theme of the evening to look at safety features in our race/rally cars, Kim's Corolla was the first point of discussion. Looking at what features worked and what could have been better, the main discussion was on the roll cage, safety harnesses, battery box, and seats.



An important consideration with Safety Harnesses is the locking mechanism and fixing points. With 4 point belts there is the possibility of "submarining" out under them, so 5 point harnesses or more (7 point are now available) offer better protection, as do wider belts to disperse the load in a crash. Also a cam-lock type coupling is better. With a tongue type (as on your road car safety belt) these are almost impossible to undo when they are under tension, as was found in Kim's crash where the car (and obviously driver) were upside down.

With Roll Cages, a number of points were made by Sheldon from Motorsport Developments.



Although the basic designs shown in Schedule A of the Motorsport Manual are adequate (and the minimum requirement) there was a number of areas that could easily be strengthened for little additional cost. This included gussets and triangulation bars to make the whole structure stiffer. And also considering mounting points so that the shell of the car isn't moving differentially to the cage. Not to mention the quality of the materials and the welding in it's manufacture.

Relevant points on these issues were shown on the 4 other cars there. Sheldon & Phil Stewart had Phil's V8 Touring Car there and pointed out various features of what is approaching the top of the NZ motorsport tree. Don McLean had his Datsun 260Z there, which he has owned for 20 years and it has been through a number of improvements. It now has a very comprehensive cage,

including a Nascar style ring attached to the main legs in the driver's cockpit. Also there was Dave Wilson's RX7 which is being rebuilt and is an example of a club car that has a number of enhancements to the standard design of a cage. Finally Alister Swan had his club Corolla there which has an "off the shelf" bolt in cage that has been re-engineered to be fully welded.

With the more complex cages these are now being specifically engineered for the car and are supplied with structural calculations to show that they will be strong enough. Although this adds cost, it also improves safety and especially in V8 racing the cages are being used more and more to fine tune the handling of the car, making it an integral part of the cars performance.

Seats and HANZ devices were looked at, with a sort video clip supplied by Racetech showing how even a relatively minor incident can throw the occupants around inside a car, even with all the required safety gear. The point being made that the MSNZ Schedule A requirements are the minimum (not the maximum), so the selection of the seat, how it is mounted to the car, and what head restraints are used, all add up to driver & co-driver safety. Always buy the absolute best that you can afford.

The evening ended with Phil Stewart showing pictures of his car after the big accident he had at Pukekohe two seasons ago, where he was "T-boned" by a car at 160km/h. This showed what 42Gs does to a well built and strong V8 Touring Car and had many there thinking of taking up Tiddy Winks. The point again was that although Phil had a badly broken pelvis and other injuries, he is still here walking around and looking forward to a new season of racing.

Wellington Car Club wish to thank Kim Naylor for allowing his car to be looked at & for coming down himself. Rutherford & Bond Toyota for providing the venue, Sheldon from Motorsport Developments for bringing down Phil Stewart's V7 Tourer, Phil for talking about his accident and what he is doing now. Also thanks to Don McLean for showing his car and providing the video projection equipment, Alister Swan and Dave Wilson for displaying their cars, and Racetech for bringing in a display of some of their safety products.



“That which is past”

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By Ian Jensen

35 years ago August 1970.

A report on the Glenvale 100 at Bay Park by Robin Curtis. Robin noted that the track was made up of straights and constant radius curves. Also at the end of the longest straight there is no run of with just a wooden fence and trees beyond. Practice was held on a damp track in the afternoon the fastest practice time was posted with Spinner Black’s road going Comaro fitted with Dunlop Aquajet tyres. With the Cook Strait Ferries not operating it put out most of the South Island entries. Ron Mc Phail however persuaded a Bristol Freighter to fly his car to Wellington and it arrived at the circuit just in time for practice.

In the supporting races it was noted that the man to watch was the spectacular Jim Richards as he powered the Escort around. The main race was won by Jim Palmer in his immaculate 350 Monaro.

Winter Gymkhana. There were 19 competitors. Wayne Huxford entered in an Anglia and was 5<sup>th</sup>. The event was won by Peter Parnell in a Fiat.

There was a proposal to have a Mini 7 Free Formula. The basis was on the BLMC 848 cc engine. Bodywork standard panels only, Fiberglass and alloy panels prohibited. Rollcages compulsory, Seatbelts full harness compulsory.  
The bulletin editor, Gary Lang sold his A40 to Struan Robertson.

Leo Leonard is a further entrant to the Shell Silver Fern Rally. Wellington Car Club has the greatest number of entrants to the event. Some of these were, Mike Galvin, & Terry Huxford, Murray Thompson & John Thomson.

Graham McRae was invited to test the new March CanAm car at Thruxton. He carved the sports car record to ribbons.

A very large crowd attended the July club night to view the superb Castrol Film “The Flying Finns” featuring Hannu Mikola and Timo Makinen.  
The July night trial had 30 competitors and was won by team Brough with 3 points lost.

Alexander Road was held 25/7/70. There were 46 entrants. Some of these were, Struan Robertson Anglia, Kevin George Mini, Wayne Huxford Anglia, Mike Galvin Anglia, Harvey Kibble Sebring, Dexter Dunlop Mc Rae who won the event in 58.85. Mike Galvin was 5<sup>th</sup> 1-07.08.

30 years ago August 1975.

7 new members joined the club. One of them was Jim Webber a well-known Motoring correspondent and journalist, and another was Chris Clarke, an Aussie mechanic here on holiday as a temporary Kiwi. (now known as Granddad of Levin Car Club)

33 competitors took part in a "Rallywoods" bent sprint. Among them were Leicester Banfield in a Mini 1275 who was 2<sup>nd</sup> in class and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and Les Edwards in a Holden 3310 at 7<sup>th</sup> in class and 28<sup>th</sup> overall. The event was one by T Jones MGCC in a Bandicoot powered by a Corvair 2500.

As a public relations exercise Wellington Car Club organized a car wash for the competitors in the 1975 Heatway International Motor Rally. Some of those who helped were, Pam & Mike Galvin, Kim Naylor, Wayne Moore.

1975 Heatway International Motor Rally.

Harvey Kibble and John Gladhill car 36 were invited to join the Todd Dealer Team that consisted of two 1600cc Lancers in their Mitsubishi Galant GL 1850cc. Their car was new and at the start of the first stage had only 1600km on the clock. At first it would only rev to 5000rpm but later in the event it would rev to 6000rpm and beyond. The event was won by Mike Marshall and Arthur McWatt, Escort RS in 932.98 minutes, Harvey and John were 19<sup>th</sup> in a time of 1102.65.

Non-speed events that were held were the monthly night trial, an interclub gymkhana and an invitation Wall trophy series trial organized by Victoria University Car Club.

20 years ago August 1985.

There were 12 competitors in the previous months Night Trial. It was won by D Jennings and 3 others.

There was a report on the MANZ conference held in Christchurch. The elected President was Morrie D Chandler.

There was a note, "So how long has it been since you came to club night? Don't delay any longer, come to August Club night.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Round of the World Rally Championship- the AWA Clarion Rally of New Zealand had been held. It was won by Timo Salonen ahead of Ari Vatanen. This was the first time that Peugeot had ever achieved a 1-2 in a World Championship Rally. Malcolm Stewart was the first Kiwi home. Possum Bourne was first in Group A.

There were 39 finishers from 67 starters.

The results of the "Standen Service Centre" night sprint held on 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

There were 18 competitors with the event being won by Steve Budd in his Chevette 2300. Some of the other competitors were, Alan Barnes RX2 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ian Mollison Corolla 3<sup>rd</sup>, Alan Harvie Laser 1490 4<sup>th</sup>, Wayne Gair RX2, 8<sup>th</sup>.



## **WELLINGTON CAR CLUB (INC.)**

**Notice of the  
63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of Wellington Car Club Inc**

**to be held at 8pm  
on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005  
at the Clubrooms, Russell Terrace, Newtown.**

### **Agenda**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM**
- 3. President's Report**
- 4. Approval of the Accounts**
- 5. Election of Office Bearers**
- 6. General Business**

For further information, contact Gordon Diggle, 381 2303wk, 977 7550hm.



# WELLINGTON CAR CLUB (INC.)

## Bulletin

## September 2005

Hello to all for the September Bulletin,

Last months Club Night was a trip down memory lane with the showing of 4 films of past events. First up was the classic "Rally - Like boys in a man sized sport" from the 1973 Heatway Rally. Next we jumped forward to 1986 and the Sanyo Rally NZ, which was very appropriate as it showed the (now) late David Lange meeting the competitors and going for a skid on the first publicity stage.

The 1985 Nissan Sport 500 was the very first Wellington Street Race and showed just how much things have changed. In spite of Brock, Johnson and eventual winner Robbie Francevic doing 200 odd km/hr down Jervois Quay the whole track as set out like an oversized motorkhana course. There was no armco, but had containers, truck tyres, and timber sleepers marking out the track, and tyre bundles around parking meters. How did we survive then?

The last film was from the 1983 Rally NZ and featured Michelle Mouton, plus the Group B rally cars of Peugeot, Audi, and Nissan. These things are awesome to watch, especially on NZ roads.

A big thanks to Eddie Conroy for lending these valuable tapes and to Don McLean for providing the projector and screen. It was just like being at the movies.

### September Club Night

September Club Night on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> will be held at Jonny Mines' workshop, 138 D Park Road Miramar (opposite Californian Garden Centre). John has got his new Radical for us to look at, plus we hope to have a couple of other cars to look over as well. It's a good excuse to get out and talk motorsport bull again, while examining some potent machinery. Jonny hopes to get below the minute around Manfeild in it.

There will be refreshments there.

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### Membership Renewals

You should now have your Membership Renewal Notice. Please send in your payment, along with the form updating your details as soon as possible.

We are asking for your email address so we can update you quickly of club events as well as emailing this Bulletin to you. If you still prefer to get a printed copy then that's OK we can still post you one, however the more we can email the better it is for your club.

If you want to advise us of your email address now then email Jody on  
jody@seabrightmotorsport.co.nz

## AGM

Our AGM has been set for 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please mark it in your calendar now. If you have any issues or items for the agenda please advise Gordon Diggle ASAP.

We will need to elect a new Treasurer as Rochelle is stepping down. If you or anyone you know can help your club as a Committee Member please advise Gordon.

The official notice is attached.

PS When you turn up at the AGM you won't be press ganged onto the Committee, but this is an important part of the running of your club and it is important for you to be a part of the meeting. It is your opportunity to be a part of your club's future.

## Alexandra Road

Unfortunately we won't be able to run Alexandra Road this year. After extensive talks with the council, they won't allow us to use the road for a sprint until after 12 months since it was re-sealed. So the club is now working to organise the event for early next year. Bugger, is all we can say!!

## Cook's Road Gravel Sprint

Well done to Tony Dixon who took second overall at the event on 4 September.

Nathan Thomas was the only 4wd there and managed to keep 8 seconds in front. However the minor money

saw Dixon in Class D, stay just half a second in front of Aaron Cook as he won Class B. The only major incident was Chris Steel going over the bank and 30 metres down through the trees. He is now working hard to get the car ready again for the Daybreaker.



Tony Dixon

## Coming Events

14 September	Night Trial	Harbour Capital organised event
18 September	Motokhana, seal	G M Carpark, Upper Hutt
1-2 October	Daybreaker Rally	Manawatu
2 October	Intermarque Sprints	Manfeild
15 October	Taupo Classic Rally	See <a href="http://www.classicrally.org.nz">www.classicrally.org.nz</a>
23 October	Sealed Sprint	Port Road, Seaview
24 October	Autocross Donnelly Park, Levin	by Harbour Capital Car Club
24-30 October	Targa NZ	North Island
30 October	Blind Trial	WMSA Community Event



Peter Collins

## Nelson Rally

Well Done to Richard Mason. After missing Rally NZ he has fought the rest of the season to now win the Nelson Rally, and so win the National Rally Championship. He finished 30 seconds ahead of Chris West.

Mark Tapper appears to have decided that seeing as the best he could do was third in the NZRC, he pulled the plug and was navigator for his regular co-driver Jeff Judd. Then Sam Murray, Emma Gilmour, and Glenn Smith all failed to finish, leaving Brett Martin and Dean Sumner to battle for the final podium position. SO although Sumner wins on the day, it is Martin's superior points that gets him third in the championship.



# WELLINGTON CAR CLUB (INC.)

## Bulletin

## December 2005



Hello to all for the December Bulletin,

The Festive Season has descended like a red haze on us once again, so we wish you the best season greetings.

Last month we had an excellent club night with 40 people coming out to our private showing of "The World's Fastest Indian". It was an excellent night with some faces we hadn't seen for a long time, some it was good to meet for the first time and the general rabble in between. (you can decide which you fit into).

This was so successful we will keep the idea in mind for future films (old or new) and if you have any ideas of what would be good films to see, let us know.

### December Club Night

There is none.

### Club Web Site

As you many have seen, our web site has been a bit static in recent times. The reason for this is that the guy who developed it is no longer able to maintain it for us. So we are in need of a person who knows how to programme a web site using Microsoft ASP (rather than the more commonly used Unix PHP). If you can, or you know of someone who can help the club update the web site then please call Jody Seabright.

### Dorset's Road

A number of our members were in action at the Dorset's Road hillclimb, somewhere between Masterton and Eketahuna. It was an excellent, fine day with 39 competitors out for a play, including Richard Mason in his Impreza.

Well done to Gordon Diggle who picked up second in Class C. Others out for a skid were, Allister

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Swan on his first ever gravel event (what a hill to pick for your first one Allister) who came in 4<sup>th</sup> in Class D. Murray O'Neil and Matthew Wilson were sharing a Mitsi Evo, with Murray taking the 6<sup>th</sup> best time of the day. Unfortunately for Ted Clay he had problems with his Civic and only got in one official run before retiring.

The only major incident on the day was when Shane McKay rolled the trusty old Starlet. Despite this he still won his class. After having spent the day taking photos up the hill, Jody Seabright was invited to go for a ride with Shane on his last run. He should have stayed taking photos, much safer. This was the first roll over for both of them, so they are rally virgins no longer.

## Coming Events



Gordon Diggle



Allister Swan



Murray O'Neil

15 January	Classic Hillclimb	Wallaceville hill, run by Triumph Club
21 January	Dual Car Sprints	At Manfeild by Harbour Capital CC
22 January	Port Rd Street Sprint	Hutt Valley club event
4-5 February	V8 Ute Race Meeting at Manfeild	Also national championship classes.
18-19 February	Tier 1 Race Meeting @ Manfeild	The big one for the year at Manfeild
19 February	Competitor Coaching	@ Donnelly Park, Harbour Capital & Levin CC event

last round were Colin Parkin, Rob Gardner, and John Langford. Although not registered for the points series, these drivers are showing at these events are a great way to learn to drive on a circuit and to test and improve the car. Good luck for next season guys.

### Wallaceville Hillclimb

The Triumph Club of Wellington are organising a classic sealed hillclimb going up the hill behind Wallaceville for 15 January 2006. They are not accepting 4wd or single seater cars and you will need to check their regs on 2wd eligibility.

Contact Eion Smoothy for regs and entry form on 021 173 1833 or email [smoothy@paradise.net.nz](mailto:smoothy@paradise.net.nz).

### InterMarque Sprints

A number of our members have been testing their skills at the InterMarque Sprints. A regular at Manfeild has been Mike Hodgetts in his Toyota Corolla. Steadily improving over the year he has got the little car down to 1:36 lap times. Also at the



### "That which is past"

Compiled from "MOTORING NEWS" bulletin of the WELLINGTON CAR CLUB.

By Ian Jensen

#### 35 years ago December 1970.

From the editor Gary Lang, it is noted that the club membership has remained static for some time. It was suggested that members bring along a non-member friend that may be interested in some form of motor sport to assist the club membership to grow.

There was a rally progress report for the 1971 HEATWAY INTERNATIONAL RALLY. New Zealand's first International Rally promoted by Wellington Car Club. This is on the back of a very successful Shell Silverfern Rally. The Rally is to be around 2500 miles (4000km) long with 1000 miles (1600km) Special stages. It is expected that there could be up to 20 overseas drivers.

In "KAPTAIN KONROY'S KHRISMAS KORNER" it was noted that the next two events were to be a 'Funkhana and Barbeque' at Queen Elizabeth Park on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January with a 'Rallycross/Grasstrack meeting at the same venue the next day being Anniversary day.

"Cross Flow" (Those little snippets of info).

Congratulations to Mike Galvin and Pam Burns on their recent marriage. In the Tasman series Chris Amon is to drive the 'March' that had previously been used by Mario Andretti.

The clubs international rallyists, John Thomson and Murray Thompson took part in the Australian Southern Cross Rally and acquitted themselves with honour.

The November night trial was won by Peter Martin and Ian Shepherd in a Triumph. Some of the other competitors were, Wayne Huxford & H. Pfeffer Anglia, Terry Huxford & Mike Galvin Cortina, Colin Taylor & "K" Foulkes Commer, John Gladhill & G Draper Alfa Romeo, Eddie Conroy & Anne Conroy Cortina, Peter Jensen & Ian Jensen Anglia.

Kim Naylor in a Mini 1100 wins the 15 November Gymkhana at Queen Elizabeth Park.

There were 120 cars entered for the Rothman's Gold Star Meeting at Levin. Some of the competitors in the feature race were, Graeme Lawrence Ferrari, Frank Radisich in the ex McRae Mc Laren 5000, and the Begg 5000 with several 1500s and three Formula C's. The production

saloons were dominated by Jim Richards Monaro. Wellington Car Club was represented by several members that included, Tom Donovan, Ian Drummond, Alan Brough, Grady Thomson, Wayne Fuller, Struan Robertson and Dick Sellens.

#### 30 Years Ago

Planning was well under way for the "Festival 76 The Homestead Rally" (Nick named "The Chicken Run" owing to the sponsors providing golden fried chicken from their Upper Hutt store to the competing cars during the event)

Wairarapa Car Club's Admiral Road Gold Star hillclimb was run during November. Some of the competitors from Wellington were, Ross Gordon Mini, Peter Jensen Anglia, John Ahradsen Escort Sport, Stuart Kidd Sprite, Les Edwards Mini. Peter Hughes Escort, Mark Jennings Torana XU1, Harvey Kibble Mini, Steve Gardiner Anglia, Gordon Tucker Escort.

Entries were due to open soon for the "Heatway Rally" to be run in the South Island. Individual entry was \$150.00. One division of the rally is due to start early Saturday and finishing late Sunday.

"Jackson's farm Autocross" a round of the Kim Naylor Trophy Series had been run with 32 entries. The outright winner was Chris Kirk-Burnand in a Datsun 1600. and Wellington was the winning club on the day followed by VUCC.

A Ladies Trial was held during November. There were 12 entries and it was noticed that 5 of them were observed doing more than 50km/h in Happy Valley Road. The event was won by Jo Lankow (Wife of the then Bulletin Editor Milner) 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ruth Shepherd and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Colleen Lloyd.

#### 20 Years Ago

14 new members joined the club. One of them was John Crouch and at the time he was driving an Escort 1300GT.

The Braille Trial promoted by the club was run in November. 33 drivers, mainly club members with assistance from a few outside along with their navigators took part. Navigator Frank Thackery, driven by Mark Jennings with 7 points lost, won the event.

Wellington Car Club Stewards Trophy Gymkhana was run at Porirua with thanks to Housing Corp for providing the venue. Wellington won 4 of the 5 Team placings with Iain Mollison being the overall winner.