



WELLINGTON CAR CLUB (INC.)

Bulletin

February 2006

Hello to all for the February Bulletin,

A belated Happy New Year to you. We are almost through February already, how time flies when you are busy.

However motorsport never sleeps, with a number of events already this year and a number coming up soon. See the events calendar and reports later on.

February Club Night

Gordon Diggle has organised an Indoor Go Kart evening at Seaview. This will feature a challenge with Hutt Valley and Harbour Capital clubs.

Contact Gordon on 381 2303 or 9777 550 or 0274 524820 to confirm your entry NOW.

**Indoor Go Karts, Seaview, Tuesday 28 February
7:30 pm. \$35**

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.

Port Road

This twice yearly spectacle saw 26 competitors take up the challenge on a warm summers day. Of those, 4 are Wellington CC members, Tony Dixon, Chris Wood, Mike Hodgets, and Allister Swan.

Tony Dixon has once again taken the Starlet further than any Starlet has been before, with a 3.2 litre turbo charged engine. This proved effective on the tarmac, with Tony being the fastest 2wd car (6th

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overall), clocking 95.61 seconds as his fastest run. Allister had a good day, improving his times by a good 2 seconds to finish on 102.77 seconds. Chris was consistent and again improved by 2 seconds over the day to get down to 101.67 seconds. Mike had a lot of fun looking from the smile on his face. 116 seconds was his best.

The overall winner was Scott Kreyl in his road going (but modified) Evo 8 in a time of 90.10 seconds. Seconds was the defending champ, Jamie Harbour in his WRX wagon, setting 91.37 seconds. Third was Lewis Scott who managed 92.05 on a rally setup in his Evo 6, that is before he broke an axle while starting the 3rd run.



Tony Dixon



Allister Swan



Mike Hodgets



Chris Wood

Coming Events

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| 25-26 Feb | Clubsport Champs | Blenheim |
| 5 March | Gravel Sprint | Gladstone Rd, Levin CC |
| 12 March | Rallysprint | Barton's Line, Masterton Wai CC |
| 12 March | Autocross / Motorkhana | GM Car Park, Trentham - HVMC |
| 19 March | Autocross | Otaihanga - KCC |
| 24 March ??? | WMSA Prize Giving | Petone Workingman's Club |
| 25-26 March | Super Truck Race | Manfeild |
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WMSA Prize Giving

Once again the Wellington Region will be honouring our best competitors at the WMSA Prize Giving. Wellington CC will be joining Harbour Capital, and Hutt Valley to give their club awards, along with the Intermarque Sprint awards.

The date has been tentatively set down for Friday 24 March. This depends upon the Guest Speaker confirming this date, so look out for an update on this soon.

Silver Fern Rally

The Silver Fern Classic Rally has already got 50 entries for their 6 day marathon around the South Island in October. This includes 2 of our well known members, Joe McAndrew in his Honda Integra, and Gordon Diggle in his Mirage.

For more info see www.silverfernally.co.nz

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By Ian Jensen

35 years ago February 1971

Subscriptions \$5, Husband and wife \$6, Country \$2.50 (You could buy a new 1300cc Escort Van, with a heater as extra for \$2160.00)

Heatway International Rally progress report. There has been high interest with the manufacturers, with one entering 3 cars for the event that has over 2000km of special stages.

Paul Fahey's FVA Escort was protested at Warwick Farm. Apparently FVA's were not strictly legal in Aussie. The protest was disallowed, as it was not made prior to the race.

A Christchurch engineering Co, Steele Bros, will assemble the latest model Lotus 7 in NZ.

Jim Carney was talking to Ford-South Africa about Frank Gardiner's Mustang for Jim Richards to drive.

A Funkhana was held on 24th Jan at QEII Park, organised by John Gladhill. One of the tests had the navigator giving instructions to the blind folded driver. (Apparently nobody died) There were 20 competitors and it was won by Peter Martin.

A Sprint had been held during December at the Te Marua Speedway. It was won by Peter Parnell in his VW powered Fiat 500 with Johnny Mines coming a close 2nd in his 1275 Fiat 500. John Gladhill ran an Alfa with Mike Galvin Anglia, Wayne Huxford Anglia, Kim Naylor Mini and Angus Cameron Monaro.

Bay Park was held and a crowd of over 25,000 attended. There was a line up of Aussie Comaro's an American one and a whole range of NZ saloons. However it was Paul Fahey who stole the show in the Boss Mustang.

The Rothman's 1971 International Tasman Championship at Levin was taken out by Graham McRae after setting a new lap record during practice.

A Grass track meeting was held at QEII Park in January. There were 9 cars plus 3 stock cars. Richard Tippett and Jim Marchbanks were the most successful drivers.

30 Years ago February 1976

Organization of the HOMESTEAD RALLY is well under way.

At a recent race meeting in Levin some of the Wellington competitors were, Peter Jensen, Mike Galvin, Norm Brooker and Robert Guppy all in Anglia's with Dick Sellens Escort, Harvey Kibble Mini and Stuart Kidd Ford powered Sprite.

Hughs Line Straight Sprint. 13/12/75, Fastest car was a Valiant Charger E49 4200cc at 136.4mph (228kph) Driver Harry Elley. 2nd Grant Waddington Falcon GT 5748cc 131.2 mph (219kph) 3rd. Lloyd Evans (Wgton CC) Falcon 5750cc 127.28 (212kph)

A Novelty triai was held in December with 14 Teams taking part. The event was won by Neil McCormick's team with only 15 points lost, while the last team lost 235 points.

A closed club gymkhana/funkhana was held at Dickerson's farm at Pauatahanui. There were 22 entries. The December Night Trial attracted 25 entries. Team Beaver were the winners.

20 years ago February 1986

8 new members were welcomed to the club. Robin Briggs and Wayne Setter were two of them.

Some Bathurst notes of NZ competitors. Graham Watson Commodore 1981. Denny Hulme No2 JPS BMW 635 Csi 1982. Rod Millen BF Goodrich Mazda RX7 11th outright on one set of street radials 1983. Rod started racing in Auckland in 1969, became NZ Rally Champion 1975, North American Champion 1979 and 1980 and US Rally Champion 1981.

The December Night Trial was one by Jenny Maidens and Diane Miller with Edie Conroy and Trevor Blakemore 2nd. A Funkhana was held on 19 January. Iain Mollison Toyota Levin 1st. Mark Taylor Datsun 1200 2nd. And John Crouch Escort 3rd.

The Hutt Valley Gymkhana held on 1/12/85 had 29 competitors. It was won by Alan Harvey Wgton, 2nd. G Daily Vic, Other Wellington entrants were, Iain Mollison, John Paine, and Peter Lumberg.

For those of you who have attended motorsport events recently how about a small article for the newsletter. Just a paragraph or two. Send to Jody Seabright at e-mail address on the header. Who knows it may give somebody some thing to write about in 35 years time.



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Hello to all for the March Bulletin,

Wow! February and March have been busy months for Motorsport, and there is a lot more to come. It is easy to be at an event every weekend at the moment, which isn't earning many Brownie Points with Heather. She is due with bubs number 2 on 26 March, so I'm not allowed to travel too far. No Taupo, no Manfeild for now. But I will see you at the WMSA and Wellington Car Club Prizegiving on the 24th of March. If I dash off quickly you'll know why. Happy skids, Jody.

March Club Night

The March Clubnight will be our Prizegiving as a part of the WMSA Prizegiving. See below for details and make sure you book NOW to enjoy a great night of motorsport celebration.

April Club Night

April's Clubnight will be a later than usual because the third Tuesday is right after Easter. The details are being finalised at the moment, but it will be a good one. More info soon.

Bye Allister and Sonia

We have an opening for the Secretary position on the Committee because Allister Swan and Sonia Wells are heading off for an extended holiday around the USA. Extended means 6 months or more. Good luck to them, and have fun. Thanks for all of your help with the club and we hope to see you again sometime. Especially as Allister is just getting back into competition.

Therefore if you would like to help on the Committee (not necessarily as the Secretary) then please let Gordon Diggle know. An extra pair of hands would be valuable.

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| 2 April | MG Charity Classic Race | Manfeild |
| 2 April | Sprint | Tea Creek, Wairarapa CC |
| 9 April | Gravel Sprint | Cooks Heights, Kapiti CC |
| 22 April | V8 Supercars | Pukekohe |
| 23 April | Seal Sprint | Kaihinau Road, Levin CC |

Barton's Line

The ever popular Barton's Line Rally Sprint was run by Wairarapa Car Club on 11th March and attracted 31 drivers as they used their 5 runs down the 7.3km gravel road it is a rally season shakedown. Richard Mason, Glen Smith, and Andrew Spier took advantage of the opportunity to enter twice and get a double dose. Consequently they didn't feature in the results. Smith was testing out Sam Murray's Impreza, which he intends leasing for the National Championship. Spier was well pleased with his Evo6 purchase as he got to 4.11.0, just 0.2 behind Mason's best of 4.10.8.

The results however did feature Peter Trotter, Peter Clendon, and Clinton Anderson. Trotter's winning time of 4.15.3 was a second a km faster than everyone else. In the end Anderson and Clendon tied on 4.22.0 for their final run, although Anderson had gone 1.5 seconds quicker in the heats.

In 2nd our own Tony Dixon was showing the potent power of the Starlet. His fastest of 4.26.9 was 4 seconds faster than Aaron Cook in second, with a flying Peter Langdon in 3rd. Also out from our club was Craig Martin in 4th 2nd with his best time of 4.33.7. Gordon Diggle came in 5th 2nd on 4.37.6. and Allister Swan learnt more about driving on gravel, improving his time from 5.40.1 to 4.57.0.



Tony Dixon



Allister Swan



Gordon Diggle



Craig Martin



Wellington MotorSport Association Inc. (WMSA)

PRIZE GIVING DINNER

An evening of entertainment including...

WMSA Prize Giving

Hutt Valley Motorsport Club Prize Giving

Harbour Capital Car Club Prize Giving

Wellington Car Club Prize Giving

Scrummy Smorgasbord meal

Guest Speaker

PAUL OWEN

Motoring journalist & author

FRIDAY 24th MARCH 2006

7.00pm

\$30.00 per person

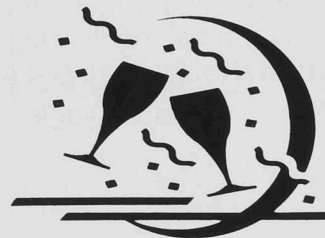
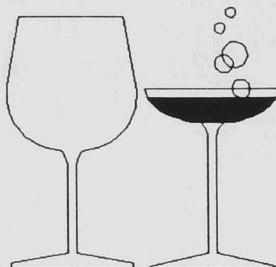
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Petone Working Men's Club

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There was a welcome to 30 new members. Within the list were Ruth Shepherd, Warwick Ashton and Richard Prouse.

Some of the Team organizing the **Heatway International Rally** were, Rally Manager Murray Thompson, Secretary Pat Tollan, assisted by John Thomson, Communications Eddie Conroy, Results Ray Duffel, Accommodation Max Carey, Media Dave Mc Kinney and General hand Peter Mair.

The route, Auckland start 10:00am, Pukekohe 12:45, Hamilton 5:00pm, Tokoroa 7:30pm, Rotorua 2:15am, Murupara 4:30am, Rotorua 8:00am Breakfast and Day Stop (Sleep)

2nd. Division Rotorua 5:00pm, Wairoa via Waikaremoana 1st. time 9:30pm, 2nd. Time 2:15am, Opotiki 7:00am, Whakatane 9:00am, Rotorua 12:00 noon Day Stop (Sleep)

3rd. Division Rotorua 8:00pm Waiouru 6:00am, Taihape 8:30am, Napier via Gentle Annie 12:00 noon Day Stop (Sleep).

4th. Division Napier 8:00pm, Hastings 11.45pm, Waipukurau 1:00am, Palmerston North 7:30am, Levin 10:15am, Paekakariki 11:30am, Upper Hutt via Moonshine 12:10pm, with finish in Wellington 2:00pm.

The February Clubmans at Levin was attended by 39 Competitors driving Saloons Sports cars and Formula Vee's. Some of the competitors were, Gary Lang Cortina, Rick O'Neil Triumph TR4A, Struan Robertson A40 Farina, John Christian Sunbeam Alpine, Peter Parnell Formula Vee, Dick Sellens Toyota Corolla, Jim Reynolds Toyota Corolla, Tom Donovan Austin Healy Sprite, and Dannie Lupp Rorstan Climax.

Graham McRae was selected to lead the works McLaren F5000 team. Mario Andretti won the South African Grand Prix driving a Ferrari.

Wellington Car Club members did well at the HVMC Port Road drag races. Under 1000cc 1st. Struan Robertson, 1001-1300cc 1st Alan Brough Anglia,

1301-2000cc 1st. Gary Lang Anglia and over 2000cc 1st Angus Cameron Monaro.

30 Years ago March 1976

The Motorsport Association announced a new single-seater formula to be known as Formula Pacific and it is intended to mirror the Formula Atlantic Cars. In addition to already approved engines it is intended that engines of Japanese and Australian manufacture will be permitted.

Datsun for the first time moved into the top four for new car sales according to the Registration figures for December 1975. This was the best ever by a Japanese franchise in New Zealand. It was also noted that the statistics for 1975 vehicle production just released in Japan indicated that the Nissan Motor Co of Japan had taken the position of the world's largest exporter of motor vehicles for the second consecutive year.

There were 19 Entries for the Feb Nite Trial. The equal winning teams were, E.M. Berg & Scuderia Tigerius with 19 points lost. The "Wheelnuts" team retired, three other teams were max late and the last recorded team lost 126 points.

25 Years ago March 1981

A "Porirua Auto Tyre Services" Event was held with 24 Competitors attending. The Event was won by Kevin Smith. Some of the other competitors were, Harvey Kibble, Ross Lake, Peter Zivkovic, Richard Stephens, Mike Galvin, Mike Nolan, John Gladhill, Struan Robertson and Peter Hughes.

A Stewards Trophy Gymkhana was held with 31 Competitors attending. The Wellington members competing were, John & Jenny Pierson, Bill King, A Mills, B Walker and R Latimer.

The Monthly Nite Trial was held with a small entry of 9 attending. Team Moggy one with 30 points lost, while Team Steve Brettell lost 286 points to come last.

A Funkhana was held with 11 competitors. Warren Denton was the winner in his Mirage with an elapsed time of 230.3 sec with Dianne McDonald last on 362 sec.

Well all of you who were going to write that little article we are waiting for you.

Don't forget send it to Jody as listed in the Header for our next Bulletin.