



# WELLINGTON CAR CLUB (INC.)

## Bulletin May - June 2010

Welcome to the Bulletin for May and June.

It has been a busy few months with events, both locally and nationally, as well as the MSNZ AGM.

So, on with the good news and unfortunately a little bit of bad too.

### PRIZEGIVING

We are very pleased to announce that we now have TWO guest speakers.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 7:30pm  
at the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club  
Oriental Parade**

The guest speakers will be  
**Lewis Scott and Stu Owers**

fresh from their travels to Germany where they competed in the Nurburgring 24 Hour race with Kiwi Team Nurburgring.

Make sure you are there to hear about their experiences and exploits.



### Shelly Bay

We are already in the process of organising this event for Sunday 26 September. Earlier than last year, so you can get some practice in before Targa.

Mark your diaries now and keep that weekend free.

### **Committee**

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### Leicester Banfield

It is with sadness that we have to report Leicester passed away recently. A number of present and passed members made a fitting farewell, both personally and from the club. Don McLean has kindly written the following words.

Leicester was a very active WCC member from the late 1970's onwards. Known for some very enthusiastic drives in cars ranging from Vauxhall Victors (Victims!) Anglias, Zephyrs, Cortinas, an RX2 - even a Mark 10 Jaguar at an Autocross from memory. LB drove a lightweight Mini in sprint events doing well especially at venues like Rallywoods. I recall him organising events like south Makara sprint. The 12 hour production race at Manfield was another success - he bought a Barina GTI winning his class with participation from many WCC helpers. He co drove for Ian Jensen in the Escort and developed his Silvia Turbo which he raced competitively.

LB fought an 8 year battle with cancer maintaining his incredibly optimistic outlook on life, passing away on the 20th of May. LB RIP.

## Coming Events - 2010

### MSNZ AGCM

Held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the annual meet and bleat was for once an interesting affair. The hottest topic was ban on using AvGas in all events from 1 July this year. After much debate, both in the conference and over a beer, the ban has remained in place and you will not be able to use AvGas at any event from then on. Genuine historic cars can still use leaded fuel through the Certificate Of Description (COD) system. But for the rest of us it will be unleaded fuels from here on in.

A new Training and Safety Commission has been established to provide training to marshals and officials. About \$250,000 has been provided from the FIA (from the money McLaren F1 was fined) to set up a full training system, so it needs to meet their standards and requirements. Look for more info as this progresses.

Oh, and the Gold Star Hillclimb Championship has been reinstated. Now separate from the Clubsport Championship, it will consist of two rounds in each island, with a final in one island (alternating each year). Each round will consist of a gravel and seal hillclimb on the same weekend. So it is now a significant and challenging title to contest each year, with a Gold Star awarded at the MSNZ black tie awards night.

Also it was a great pleasure to see Chris Parker honoured by MSNZ at the Awards. Chris started doing a results system for our club when we ran the Ohakune Rally all those years ago. He has continually improved that to the point where Asia Pacific Rallies now want him to run their results. You may know him as Chrissport for your rally results on line. Well done and a big thanks from WCC to Chris for all of his hard work and dedication.

### Succession Plan for the Club Committee

We have had approaches from two members to assist with the committee. Thank you to Paul Berkhan and Sam Tuckey. We will ease you into the role painlessly.

The committee is still keen to have others moving up and through the ranks, so if you can help the committee in any way possible, please contact one of the members listed above.

More hands make light work, especially as we would like to run more events and to have new enthusiasm drive the club forward into the future.

13 June	Autocross	Slipway, Brooklyn
19 June	Road & Track Sprint Series	Manfeild
19 June	Taranaki Tarmac Rally	
27 June	Gravel Hillclimb	Valley View
27 June	John Grapes Memorial Rallysprint	Gwavas Forest, Hawkes Bay
4 July	Race Meeting, Winter Series	Manfeild
4 July	Seal Sprint	Kaihinau Road, Levin
14 July	Night Trial	Petone start.
17 July	Tarmac 2WD Rally	Taupo Motorsport Park
18 July	Intermarque Sprints	Manfeild
25 July	Autocross (Grass)	Silverstream
31 July	Autocross (Seal)	Slipway, Brooklyn
1 Aug	Seal Hillclimb	Okoia Road, Wanganui
7 Aug	Rally of Gisborne	CRRS & THRS rounds
8 Aug	Race Meeting,	United Travel Series Manfeild
11 Aug	Night Trial	Titahi Bay start
14 Aug	Autocross (Grass)	Silverstream
15 Aug	Intermarque Sprints	Manfeild
15 Aug	Gravel Sprint	Ruanui Rd, Ormondville

It is time to pass the baton from the current committee to new people. That way the club runs a lot better and so do events.

WCC has always set high standards and we wish to continue those on into the future.

### FOR SALE

**Honda Civic EF9 V-Tec.** This is a well presented, reliable and quick club/rally car and the current owner has enjoyed great success with it on gravel and sealed events. Comes with spares including tyres and rims. Price \$9995.00 or near offer.

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