



WELLINGTON CAR CLUB (INC.)

Bulletin October 2006

Hello to all for the October Bulletin.

Don't worry, things haven't slowed down any. The Silver Fern Rally is now on us and the Targa is only a week later.

Club members and committee members are involved in both. Jody Seabright and Gordon Diggle will be starting the Silver Fern when you read this. While Joe McAndrew and Murray Cole are likely to be at the front of the field battling Stig Blomqvist and Jimmy McRae.

To keep up with progress, see www.silverfernally.co.nz

Then Craig Shepherd and Lew Henderson will be taking a new Legacy to the Targa, with Murray O'Neil ensuring they make it all the way round the event. Gary Morgan and Richard Skilton are another of our members in a Legacy, while Mark and Chris Kirk-Burnnand have their BMW M3 out again.

It is also rumoured that Ted Clay will be co-driver in a 4WD Porsche speed machine. Not a lot of details available at the time of writing, but apparently Ted is nervous.

Keep an eye on results at www.targa.co.nz

October Club Night

Gordon and Jody will be talking about their exploits on the Silver Fern. Hopefully the in-car camera will have worked and they will have some video to show you all.

Silver Fern yarn.

7:30pm

Motorsport House
69 Thorndon Quay
Wellington.

Come down and hear the stories, drinks and nibbles will be available.

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Coming Events

7-14 Oct	Silver Fern Rally	South Island
15 Oct	Clubman's	Manfeild
22 Oct	Port Road Sprint	HVMC event
23-28 Oct	Targa	North Island
29 Oct	Autocross	Donnelly Park Levin
29 Oct	Admirals Road Seal Sprint	Wairarapa CC event
4 Nov	Mini Pikes Peak Hillclimb	Wanganui
4-5 Nov	Tier 2 Nat Champ Race Meeting	Manfeild
11-12 Nov	Whittakers Classic Race Meeting	Manfeild
19 Nov	Wairongomai Rd Gravel Sprint	Levin CC event
26 Nov	Motorkhana	Donnelly Park Levin

Membership

Membership expired at the end of July. By now you should have received an Invoice for this year's membership. Please pay this promptly. If you haven't got an invoice yet, contact Brian Budd.

AGM

This is set for 21 November at our club rooms. You would have got the official notice in last months Bulletin.

Apart from general business we will also be discussing the future of the club.

Make sure you are there to have your say.

God knows what Jody might suggest otherwise.

Your club needs you

The strength of any club is only as good as the support and assistance it receives from its members, "That's you". Your club will benefit if "You" decide to assist.

The committee has been very busy in various ways, and in order for the club to continue to function (and actually run events), and there needs to be more assistance from the members.

Assistance by standing to be on the committee is always greatly appreciated, but if you can't commit to doing that, then it need be only for one small amount of input in the next twelve months. Examples are.

- Assisting to run an event,
- Suggesting what you would like for club nights and helping to organise one.
- If you have know of any likely venues "hitherto secret that we don't know about" that may be suitable for, speed, non-speed, or novelty events,
- Attend club nights,
- Attending the AGM, and/or as well indicating that "you" would like to be on the committee.
- Any other issues that "you" think that the club should consider.

Web Site

After excellent work by Spiral Web Design our web site is been overhauled and revamped. You may not notice much from the front, but the entire back end has had a make over and is now running properly. A small group is now working to update the information on the site so that it is relevant and up to date.

Additionally, on Jody Seabright's web site, he has set up a Forum discussion group. As a part of that there is a section for Wellington Car Club members, and a private section exclusively for WCC members that others cannot access.

Register on

<http://seabrightmotorsport.co.nz/forum/index.php>

and also email Jody to let him know, he will then give you the exclusive access. This will provide a valuable discussion tool for our members.

"That which is past"

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

37 years ago October 1969

At the September club night the Technical Manager for S.K.F. Bearings Mr. Arkeus presented an interesting talk on the manufacture of ball and roller bearings. A film of the 1968 Hardie-Ferodo at Bathurst followed. It was noted that the Bathurst venue was a real car wrecker that contained some punishing corners. The battle between the Monaro's and Falcon G.T.s was taken out by the Monaro's, winning the first five placings.

Gary Lang the Bulletin Editor suggested that a Formula Libre series be run to attract back the "John Citizen" crowds. He noted that 10 years previously the NZGP had attracted crowds of 60,000 spectators, whereas for the current season would be lucky to have 30,000 attend. He noted that there were now many other sporting fixtures that people could attend.

The Rothman's 2500 4 hour production race at Levin developed into a competition of who could use up the most tyres. The pre race favourites were the Lenoard/Sprague Snr Victor and the Cottle/Sprague Fiat 125. After 30minutes of racing Doc Langley's Zephyr blew a tyre coming off the straight, wedging the car hard into the bank where it stayed for the rest of the race.

Alan Boyle was lapping the Kestrel only 1.5 seconds slower than the Victors and took the lead when Gary Sprague pitted the Fiat following a blowout. Back out again Sprague retook the lead to cross the finish line first with the amazing Kestrel only 40 seconds behind with the Kennedy/Rutherford Zephyr coming home third.

Overseas news, The Ford Falcon is to be phased out of American production, but will carry on indefinitely in Australia and NZ. The 23-year-old Yvette Fontaine won the Belgian Saloon Car Championship; she was driving a Ford Escort. Bruce McLaren is building two special cars for Indianapolis next year for Denny Hulme and himself.

At Palmer Head Peter Jensen took some excellent photos of, Warwick Kay-Anglia Van, Kevin Smith – A40 Farina, Gary Lang A40 – Farina, Brian Taylor – Hillman Imp, J Brader – Anglia, Max Carey – Hillman Hunter and Gary Wellsford – Anglia Van.

There were 17 Entries In the September Night Trial. 1st= Graeme Wealleans/Warren Denton and Max Carey/Mike Reid, 3rd. Alan Smart/Murray McGuire, 4th= Graeme East/Kim Naylor and Dave Money/Eric Undrill. Some of the other competitors were Mike Galvin/Terry Huxford, Leonie Brough/John Thomson.

A Te Marua autocross was held. (Barriers were railway irons and wire ropes). The first 4 placings were to cars in the under 1300cc class. There were 28 competitors. Outright was John Mines –Fiat500, followed by John Harvey – Mini 998, Paul Meit Cooper 1275. Some of the

other competitors were, Warwick Kay – Anglia Van 1340, Mike Galvin – Cortina 1498, Kim Naylor – Mini 848, Kevin George Zephyr. Gary Wellsford put in the display of the day in his Anglia Van.

25 years ago October 1981

Rick O'Neill was at the Rallycross at Mystery Creek. Unfortunately four 4th places meant that he just missed out of the final.

Some of the Bulletin advertisers were, Johnsonville Service Station – Chris Kirk-Burnand, Standen Service Centre – Lloyd Evans, Automotive Reconditioners – Chris Clarke, (Action Autos & Paekakariki Auto Services) TSL Rentals – Colin Taylor (Now Hiremaster).

Murray McGuire reported on the Braille Rally that had been successfully run again for the 10th time. Again it had been well organized by Eddie Conroy. The guest Navigator was Harry Lavington (For those who can remember he was in Close-to-Home as Ken Patchett).

Iain Mollison reported on the recently run Alexander Road event. The day started fine but that was soon overtaken by big black clouds and a dumping of rain, which made for some very interesting trips. Cars ranged from V8 Aston Martins, Chev Stingray to 998 Minis.

Owing to the rain Danie Lupp was finding the Aston a handful, as was Lloyd Evans in the Falcon GT, while Don McLean was complaining about no traction in his Datsun.

Rick O'Neill reported on the Levin Rally. A lot of cars sustained panel damage but they were not as badly of as Shane Murland and Phil Jennings who both rolled. On one corner near the start of a stage Rick watched the first 20 cars with Harvey Kibble being the most spectacular through.

The Bulletin Editor (Lynn Mollison) put in a desperate plea for more help, as being club secretary, working full time and running the household is just too much. (Not that much different now eh Jody, can any body give him a hand?)

The club president Peter Mair reported on the clubs activities and thanked a number of people for their efforts. He also noted that there was a declining membership and that the incoming committee should try and reverse this trend.

Non-speed, here thanks were given to Eddie Conroy, John Thomson, John Pierson and Alan Harvie. Ian and Peter Jensen for their work in re-establishing the use of Alexander Road.

Thanks to Taupo Car Club for their help with our Rally, which had to be the best outside of the Championship calendar. To John Marslin and his team for the mighty clubman's.

Peter Mair also gave great pleasure in announcing the granting of Life Membership to Ruth Shepherd.