



WELLINGTON CAR CLUB (INC.)

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It may be late in May, but there was a good reason to wait for this edition.

Gordon and Jody represented our club at the MSNZ AGCM over last weekend and there are some exciting new initiatives happening.

But first up is our.....

Clubnight - Prizegiving

Our next club night will be our annual prizegiving.

7.30pm – 18th June

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

Oriental Parade

Guest Speaker will be Tony Burrowes and his team, talking on their recent experience of competing at the Bathurst 12 Hour enduro. It has been an ambition of Tony's for a while now and he achieved a very creditable result. We highlighted this in our Jan-Feb Bulletin.

So mark your calendars now and come down to hear the background story of how to compete at Bathurst.

Also, for those of you with trophies, please ensure these are returned to Gordon Diggle, by 3rd June at the very latest.

MSNZ AGCM

Well, yes, it was a bit of a talk fest, but there are new things a foot that will affect you directly.

Possum.....That is the nick name of the new online database that will be replacing the system known as Sybil. The new data base is being built from the ground up and will allow you to access all of your info online. Not only licensing, but you can have your car details attached, get notifications of upcoming events (based on the preferences you select), enter individual events online (where it automatically inserts your details), nominate transponders being used, allow you to transfer car details when you sell to another MSNZ license holder, etc. Organisers will apply for permits online and that will allow competitors to enter at the same time. It will also allow organisers to see the entrants

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details, and as a result streamline documentation. Organisers will even know who needs scrutineering based on the log book history entered from each event. This will be a major improvement to the existing system, with the full calendar of all events in one place, and a one stop shop for all of your motorsport activity. Watch for it to be progressively rolled out later this year.

Governance Review.....The sport has been undertaking a review of the governance structure, where the major problem is the blurring of governance and management issues at the Executive level. Therefore it was agreed that MSNZ will move to more of a corporate type structure with a Board (partly elected and partly appointed) to undertake governance, while the existing Commissions will have a management focus to deal with the nuts and bolts of running the sport, alongside the people employed in the office that undertake the administration. Hopefully there will be a clearer definition of roles and responsibilities, allow for better and more responsive decision

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making. This is a work in progress with final recommendations to be made and a change to the MSNZ constitution to be formally adopted.

Training and Volunteers..... A formal working group has been set up to recognise the roles volunteers play in all aspects of our sport, and to provide them with tools and support, especially where they have more official roles. They too will be able to utilise the new Possum system to volunteer for events and be kept informed. Hopefully it will provide stronger links, where many volunteers don't belong to any car club, but have a huge involvement in our sport. Proper training systems and modules are also being developed to improve skills and develop consistency.

For more info, talk to Jody or Gordon.

Commemorative Products

The Glass Coasters, Polo Shirts and T-Shirts commemorating our 70th Anniversary are available for sale. They have the club's logo and the 70th Anniversary info. Coasters are \$20 for a set of 4. Polo shirts are only \$25 and T-Shirts \$20. Contact Jody Seabright direct to get yours.

Membership

We all know that clubs go in cycles of boom and bust, like anything else. Our club is no different, but the committee are pleased say that after a few lean years, our membership is increasing again and the club is looking very health.

A number of people have taken advantage of our family membership scheme, where we are pleased to welcome a number of sons and daughters.

So don't be afraid to recommend our club to others, we are currently looking at some new venues and negotiating access, so we will be wanting as many competitors and volunteers as we can get to make our club hum again.

The different membership options we offer, apart from ordinary membership are.

Coming Events - 2013

2 June	Rally Hawkes Bay	Napier and north
2 June	Clubmans Race Meeting	Manfeild Winter Series
8-9 June	Dual Car Sprints & Enduro Race	Taupo
9 June	Seal Autocross	Trentham
12 June	Night Trial	
22-23 June	Dual Car Sprints	Road & Track Series, Manfeild
23 June	Seal Sprint	Kaihinau Rd, Levin
29 June	Daybreaker Rally	Fielding
29-30 June	Dual Car Sprints & Clubmans Race	Taupo
6 July	Endurance Race Meeting	Manfeild
7 July	Clubmans Race Meeting	Manfeild
7 July	Gravel Autocross	Otaihunga
10 July	Night Trial	
14 July	Intermarque Sprints	Manfeild
21 July	Dual Car Sprints	Road & Track Series, Manfeild
28 July	Seal Autocross	Trentham

Family memberships, where the first family member is an ordinary member (at the standard rate) and then additional family members (in the same household) are only \$20 each.

Non-competing membership, at \$20 is ideal for volunteers and supporters who want to belong to the club, and be involved, but not compete at events. Of course this can always be changed to an ordinary membership later if you do decide to compete.

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