

WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Venue: Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

Address: PO Box 104 017, Lincoln North, Auckland, 0654
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JULY: <NO ROTARY DESIGNATION>
NEXT WEEK: 3RD AUGUST

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27TH JULY 2011

The Akron Adventurers

Our international stars of the Soapbox Derby team are back and are coming to tell us all about their time away.

CALENDAR

SAT 30TH JULY

Afternoon tea at Linda's

**AUGUST: MEMBERSHIP AND
EXTENSION MONTH**

3RD AUGUST

Guest Speaker

5TH AUGUST

Trees for Survival

MONDAY 8TH AUGUST

Board Meeting

10TH AUGUST

DG Brian Tuck

17TH AUGUST

Club Night

24TH AUGUST

Politician's night

THIS WEEK

TONY WINTER: DWELL HEALTHY HOMES

ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Tony is a Past Rotarian and the owner of Dwell Healthy Homes, a company that specializes in the following areas:

- Residential Building Surveys pre purchase and pre marketing;
- Maintenance Programming & Monitoring;
- Design & Project Management;
- Green Building assessment & Green Star Rating;
- Assisting Owners & Purchasers with Peace of Mind Home Ownership.

Tony is passionate about sustainable homes and actively involved in helping to solve the leaky home problem. One major tip he gave is MAINTENANCE.

Many houses are purchased, lived in and maintenance is forgotten. Houses, particularly those with the potential for problems (flat sheets that can crack) need painting every 7 to 10 years.

Where painting isn't done on a regular basis the heat of the sun will gradually destroy the paint allowing water into the surfaces below. The first walls to show signs of damage are the North and West walls.

Tony also introduced us to the Green Star Rating for houses. To see how your house rates check out www.homestar.org.nz

CURRENT CLUB PROJECTS

CLUB SERVICE

IYE - Elise to Chile

IYE - Cecile from Belgium

COMMUNITY

"Grandma's House"

Trees for Survival

INTERNATIONAL

Orap School, Vanuatu

VOCATIONAL

Political night

YOUTH

A 'House Maintenance for Owners' service is pending, which will create a WOF & Star Rating, as well as incorporating the Green Star Rating when it's launched by the Green Building Council this year. For info on the Green Council www.nzgbc.org.nz

Tony also gave us a tip for selling a house that buyers might perceive as having problems. Get a pre sale inspection done, fix any problems, take photos and lay it all out in the open.

CLUB NEWS

OUR INCOMING IYE STUDENT



As Linda would like us to meet Cecile she has offered to host a "Get to know you" afternoon tea on Saturday 30th July.

This will start at 2pm and everyone is asked to bring a plate. Linda's address is in the address list – anyone who has lost this please let me know.

SOAPBOX DERBY FINALS

Well... it's all over... till next year...

Alan and I woke on Sunday morning and headed off to the website to check on how it was going. The site looks great but with some of the links not working exactly as they should it took a bit of time to work out what was going on. Eventually we found the heat sheet, the live video feed, the results on twitter and eventually the official results hidden on the other site.

Amazing, whilst we were fast asleep... Aaron won his first heat in Lane 2... and his second heat in Lane 1...

We waited with bated breath for Round 3. The video feed worked but every 15 minutes or so a compulsory ad would come up in place of the feed. The third heat came and went just as Seek were showing the Canon Specialist telling us all about how a "canon went off in Gore and blew a dirty great hole in a Torana"!

However I'll leave it to the team to fill in the rest:

THIRD UPDATE FROM THE NZ SBD TEAM

Hi All,

Well by this time tomorrow it will all be over. Aaron was in bed by 8pm as we have to be at the track by 6:45. There is a parade, opening ceremony and the first races will start at 9:00am.

They start with the stock division, then the super stock (Aaron's division), the masters division and then each of the rally divisions. They then finish with the ultimates.

I think they do the first round of eliminations for everyone, then the second round and so on so with nearly 500 drivers it is going to take some time.

Somewhere in there they have to run the international series. There are only 4 entrants - Canada has two, New Zealand and Alaska. We all know that Alaska is part of the USA so not sure why they are included. No point in arguing though.

We had another thunderstorm before and heavy rain for a few minutes. There is only a 30% chance of rain tomorrow. The weather is hot. It was 35C at 7:30 this morning. Shawn is in Pennsylvania and rang to say it was 46C at about 8:00 this morning. He is due back later tonight.

We watched 25 Hill last night. We have bought copies but not sure if they will work in NZ. We may have to get the format changed. A real good shot for about 10 seconds with both Shawn and Henry (in his car) getting ready in lane 2 while immediately behind the 'star' was being filmed getting ready in lane 3. We also noticed that there is a Terry Clarkson mentioned in the credits.

Better go and get some sleep as well as a long day tomorrow.
John, Aaron, Shawn and Barry.

<NOTE: "25 Hill" is a movie about a kid who goes to the derby. Various scenes for it were shot at last year's derby and it was released this year in Race Week. The boys were under strict instructions to bring me back a copy. Movie night anyone? ☺>

FOURTH UPDATE FROM THE NZ SBD TEAM – **RACE DAY**

Hi all,

Well it is all over except for the prize giving which starts in 45 minutes down town so will have to rush.

We are all burnt to a crisp as it has been so very, very hot today. It has been really draining. We have been drinking as fast as we have been perspiring.

Aaron won his first race and then his second race so he was down to the last 18.

He had only one more race to win to get into the last 9 which all receive trophies but he was just pipped on the line by lane 1 which was winning more than average today.

He gave it his best and we are all very proud of him. No Kiwi has made it past round 1 let alone round 2. We have learned a lot and have had a lot of friends. I have photos of Aaron with Emma as proof.

Aaron went into the international series but was beaten in the first round by lane 1 from Canada.

Better go as need a shower before the prize giving.

Cheers

The Champ, John, Barry and Shawn.

FIFTH UPDATE FROM THE AKRON SBD TEAM – POST RACE

Hi All,

Well by this time tomorrow hopefully we will be at 30,000ft somewhere over the Pacific travelling south west at 900kph.

We spent nearly all day yesterday packing the car and parts into the crate. Got everything in except for five shells. I got some long section measurements of the track gradient every ten metres so should be useful for whoever follows us so they can find a road with the same slope to practice on.

We went back to the track this morning for a couple of hours to finish packing the crate then went to Cedar Point amusement park in Cleveland on the shores of lake Erie. Apparently some of the biggest and wildest roller coaster rides in the USA. There must have been about 20 different rides and some were absolutely insane. One shot you from zero to about 150kph in 2 seconds and then sent you spiralling straight up into the air. No thank you. Being summer break there were huge queues for the rides. Most were about 90 minutes long so Aaron, Sean and Barry only managed about 7 rides. I got a couple of rides but volunteered to be the photographer. I have lots of photos and videos.

Got to go now to buy a bigger bag to try to stuff the stuff back in to get home. I realised we wouldn't have to bring all the goodies back we had to give away but forgot that Aaron would be given just as much to bring home.

This will be the last email so we will catch up with you soon.
The Champ, John, Sean and Barry.

STATISTICS

How can I resist this one?

At the Akron races the kids' race once in each heat with the winner going through to the next heat - and they only record the winning time for each heat so we will have to wait till the team returns for full details and how close the times were.

There are several sets of races:

- Stock, Super Stock, Masters
- Rally Stock, Rally Super Stock, Rally Masters
- Ultimates

Round 1 for all races are completed before the next round starts and there was a 3 hour gap between racing in Round 1 and Round 2. With over 500 drivers at the beginning it takes a fair bit of time although they are pushed through far faster than we can manage! As drivers were eliminated the gap decreased.

According to Shawn Lane 1 has a reputation for producing the most winners unless it rains. The theory is that due to a slight camber Lane 2 dries out faster and then it comes into its own (and on Race Day there were patches of rain. Looking at the following chart – guess when).

Due to numbers of drivers Lanes 1 and 3 are always used but Lane 2 is often empty.

So... the statistics (Aaron's lane in bold):

Rounds	# of Drivers	# of Races		Winners			% of winners in each lane		
		Lanes 1 & 3	Lane 2	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	% Lane 1	% Lane 2	% Lane 3
1	110	37	36	12	14	11	32%	39%	30%
2	37	18	1	12	0	6	67%	0%	33%
3	18	9	0	6	0	3	67%		33%
4	9	3	3	3	0	0	100%	0%	0%
Champs	9	3	3	2	1	0	67%	33%	0%

Those who raced in the 4th round went onto the Championship round.

Those who came first in their race raced again for 1st, 2nd and 3rd;

Those who came 2nd in their race vied for 4th, 5th and 6th;

And the ones who came 3rd raced for 7th, 8th and 9th.

So what became of the girl who beat Aaron in the 3rd round? She went on to Lane 3 in the 4th Round (and came third). In the Championship she raced in Lane 1 and gained 7th place.

However, do these statistics tell the whole truth?

Interestingly enough the kid with the fastest time in the previous round had a 60% chance of winning in the next round – regardless of which lane they were assigned.

EMAIL FROM AKRON INTERNATIONAL RACE DIRECTOR

Terry Clarkson, NZ Race Director, forwarded this to me. Bernie is the Canadian Race Director and last year took on the role as International Race Director for the Derby.

Terry

No longer do the Americans look upon the Intl racers as just field fillers....

Your SS driver, Aaron, was awesome.... Almost making it to the top 9 in the Super Stock All American Championship. A minor wiggle in his final run was the difference of a win or a loss.

This year, your team had time to properly setup their car prior to final weigh in and we dialed the

puppy in just right... The race tail weight for the Akron hill is much different then tracks or streets raced on during the year. By my arranging to get the team time for the team to adjust their weights the car was fast and an equal to the competition.

Our Stock Champ made into the AASBD Final and finished 2nd.... So between the success of the New Zealand team and the Canadian Stock, we gave notice to the American racers that we are no longer to be taken lightly.... Our programs have reached the point where our Champs arrive as legitimate contenders for the All American SBD Championship.

Our 3 Champ dads announced after the race that the sole focus for 2012 is on the All American Championship... And not just looking to race in the International bracket ...

Be well and congratulations to your program of producing a driver that took the NZ team further the ever before in the All American Soap Box Derby...

Bernie Daynes

TREES FOR SURVIVAL

On Friday 5th August Graham is once again involved in a planting day for Trees for Survival. This time kids from Te Atatu Intermediate are heading for the wilds armed with spades.

If you would like to join Graham in this rewarding adventure give him a call.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Sunderland School and College are holding a Trivial Pursuit evening on Friday 19th August. Bob is keen to set up a Rotary table. More info and to book seats – see Bob



President Craiger Warmly Invites

Waitakere Rotary Club

To join the members of the Waitakere Rotary Club on

Wednesday the 24th of August 2011

To hear ACT Dr Don Brash, GREENS Russel Norman,

LABOUR Hon David Cunliffe, &

NATIONAL Hon Paula Bennett, present

Tax & job growth in the new Zealand economy

Venue: Langtons on Lincoln. 130 Lincoln Road. Henderson.

Arrive: 6.00pm Pre dinner drinks and fellowship.

Official Welcome: 6.30pm – Dinner – followed by presentations,
concludes with questions and answers

Cost: Tables of 10 for \$400, individuals \$50.00 per person

Cash Bar available.

RSVP by Wednesday 10th August.

Bob Benzie – 021 434 611 or bob_suebenzie@clear.net.nz

PLEASE RSVP FOR TICKETS. NO DOOR SALES.

A ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE CITY VOCATIONAL & MEMBERSHIP EVENT

PARTING THOUGHT	Jim: We make a living from what we get, we make a life from what we give
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RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE TOTAL	FINES TOTAL
Heather	H, H, T	\$34.00	\$35.80

APOLOGIES:
apology@details.co.nz or ph 8109 589 no later than **12 noon on the Monday** prior to the meeting. Late Apologies and No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal as it has been booked and paid for!

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District Governor's newsletter
<http://www.rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10>
 Rotary Downunder Magazine
www.rotarydownunder.com.au

Rotary NZ Promotions and Information
www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364
 Admin page and information
<http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180>

Future Vision
www.rotary.org/future_vision
 Rotary E Club (for make ups)
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Dare West
<http://darewest.org.nz/>

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