



Castrol BMW Race Series

Driver Newsletter 15 – November 2009

E30 Screen Banners: Following feedback after Newsletter 14, the Committee has considered the various options and can confirm that the following will apply for future rounds.

- The supplied screen banner must be fitted with a maximum finished depth of 100mm at any point, as per WOF regulations. The section of the banner with the Castrol logos must be used.
- To provide sun shading, additional material may be added below the Castrol screen banner, to a maximum total depth of 200mm at any point, including the Castrol banner.
- This additional material shall be a single solid colour in black, green (similar to Castrol colour) or tinted (green or black), as already used on some cars, with no additional wording or graphics.

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that his car has a current WOF, even if this requires the temporary removal of the additional material described in b & c, above. Furthermore, drivers are reminded that the fitment of additional shading material cannot in anyway interfere with their ability to see flag points or the start lights/flags at any circuit. The E30 regulations will be updated and posted to the website within 7 days.

Mark Babb Resignation: Due to extensive time commitments related to work and personal activities, Mark has regretfully tendered his resignation as a Committee member of the BMW Race Series. The Committee are sorry to lose Mark's experience and his valued input to the running of the series. We are especially grateful for his massive contribution to the rewriting of the E30 technical regulations earlier this year. We wish Mark all the best and hope that he will continue to be an active driver in the Series.

At this stage, no replacement Committee member is planned, but the situation will be reviewed over the next few months, and if necessary, nominations will be requested from the membership.

BMW Race Series Logo: A further reminder that we are inviting BRS members to design a logo for the Race Series. Entries close December 31st – please contact bmwraceseries@hotmail.com for details.

Manfeild Updates:

- Please ensure that you attend the **BMW Race Series driver's briefing** to be held at 8:00 am Saturday at the BMW Race Series marquee. All drivers must attend, or face penalties. Further briefings may be scheduled for later in the meeting and will be advised in due course.
 - A reminder to order your extra tickets for the **Saturday evening function** being organised by the MG Club. We would like as many members as possible to support this event.
 - During the actual race meeting, the **scales** are likely to be located in pit-lane, as this will provide a better area for weighing up to 45 cars after each race/session. This location will also mean that the scales are only accessible to those finishing a race or practice session. However, to allow drivers to "calibrate" their cars prior to official practice, the scales will be temporarily set up in the BMW pit area.
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Hampton Downs: We have just been advised that the interim track limit for the new circuit will be just 30 cars, against the planned figure of 45 cars. This limit will be in effect for the Auckland Car Club meeting on November 15th, and is almost certain to apply when we race there on November 29th. Depending on how long it takes for MNZ to issue the full track licence, this limit could potentially apply to our January meeting as well. However, HD will be doing everything possible to avoid that, with the big McLaren Festival planned for the following weekend. So nothing's confirmed at this stage, but if we are faced with a 30-car limit, then:

- The **E30 field will be limited to 2 x 30-car grids = 60 total and Open class to 1 x 30-car grid.**
- Entries will be on a "first-in" basis, using the regular www.motorsportentry.com website
- The BRS Committee will advise all drivers by email as soon as this event is available for entry. This is expected to be some time in the next 7 days.

Now for some better news. With Sat Nov 28th now being the date for the postponed Lotus meeting, HD have confirmed that Fri 27th will be a public test day. If there is sufficient uptake, they will restrict the practice day to cars entered on the weekend. With up to 90 BMW entrants on a brand-new track, we would expect quite a few of you to be interested. If you are, then you need to let us know by email ASAP.

Committee Meetings: The next two Committee meetings are planned for November 19th and December 1st. If members have any topics they wish to be discussed, please send to the email address below.

If you have any queries on this newsletter or any other subject, please email: bmwraceseries@hotmail.com