



Castrol BMW Race Series

Driver Newsletter 8 – March 2009

Final Round at Pukekohe – We're only a couple of days out from the final meeting of the 2008/09 season and it looks like the dubious weather might add a bit of spice to the racing. Regardless of whether it's wet or fine, we still expect everyone to drive in an appropriate manner. Remember, there is no prize money or world championship at stake, so let's be sensible out there!

For a variety of reasons, entries are a little light in both classes, with just under 40 E30's and 20 Open-class cars, as of last Friday. There may be a few late entries, and perhaps some last-minute withdrawals, but even if the total entries fall below the 40-car limit for the Pukekohe track, HRC have advised that we will still run the "split-grid" format. Therefore, there should be no last-minute changes to our programme.

TV Coverage – As advised earlier, the E30 coverage from Round 3 (Pukekohe, January) is screening this week, followed next week by the Open class from the same meeting. The remaining screen times are:

E30	Friday, March 20 th	03:00	Sky Sport 1
Open Class	Tuesday, March 24 th	18:00	Sky Sport 1
		22:00	Sky Sport 2
	Wednesday, March 25 th	04:00	Sky Sport 1
		07:00	Sky Sport 2

Dyno Testing & Engine Sealing – Thanks to a lot of effort from all concerned, almost all cars have been sealed prior to this weekend, with a handful of "out-of-town" cars to be completed on Saturday morning. We have also completed the latest batch of dyno-testing, meaning that every car in the top 15 going into the final round will have been tested this season, along with a few others chosen randomly. The data gathered during the season will be valuable if we have to consider any rule changes for next season.

NB: The seals should not automatically be removed at the end of the meeting. After the weekend, there may be technical or judicial matters to be finalised by the Committee and this process may take several weeks. As soon as any outstanding issues are resolved, the Committee will issue an "all clear", at which time seals can be broken / removed. If a car needs to be inspected post-race and is found to have any seals removed illegally, it will be at risk of exclusion from the race results – no exceptions! You have been warned! If you have a genuine need to remove seals before the general clearance is made, please contact the Committee before breaking them, and we will determine an appropriate course of action.

Annual General Meeting / Awards Dinner – We have set a date of Saturday, May 9th for our Annual General Meeting, with an Awards Dinner planned for that evening. Full details will be advised in due course, but the date is confirmed and you should mark it in your diaries now. A likely timetable is below:

Annual General Meeting	Saturday, May 9 th	2:00 pm	BMW New Zealand
Awards Dinner	Saturday, May 9 th	7:00 pm	CT Club, Remuera

The buffet dinner will most likely cost between \$40 and \$50 per person. For that, you will get entrees, main courses with carvery, desserts, tea & coffee, as well as your first drink. The venue is conveniently located near the Greenlane off-ramp, has ample parking, and for those from out of town, there is accommodation on-site. In addition, there are numerous other accommodation options within a few km, to suit all budgets.

The date of May 9th will mean that there is an opportunity to go racing the next morning, as per the details below. With Daylight Saving ending that night, you'll even get an extra hour in bed on Sunday morning. ☺

Extra Meetings: Many of you want more racing opportunities – below are a few meetings to consider:

Sunday, April 5th	Pukekohe	TACCOC meeting , E30 race group, COD required
Sunday, May 10th	Pukekohe	TACCOC meeting , E30 race group, COD required
Weekend, May 9th & 10th	Manfeild	MG Classic meeting , no specific BMW groups

NB: Attending the MG Meeting at Manfeild will prevent you from being at the AGM.