

10th September 2010 Newsletter

Hello Everyone,

Well another week has gone by already and man have I done some miles around the central North Island checking the roads after the recent flooding. We have had to make some small changes to the route as one road was completely washed away making it impassable, the power of mother nature is amazing. Our sympathies also to everyone effected by the earthquakes in the South Island as the after shocks continue to bring more devastation and uncertainty. It is great to see the country unite in their support as pressure continues to mount on all the first response services as they rally in this time of need.

### **Police**

We would like to pay a special mention to the Police this week, the Targa Office was the victim of abuse on Monday night after an officials meeting. At 10.30pm the Police were called to the office as an offender, well known to them, removed all the spouting. Needless to say that he was caught red handed and is now in custody. The Police were onsite within minutes, so well done and thank you, keep up the good work.

### **Dunlop Targa**

Another week closer and time is fast running out to enter. There are still places available in both the Targa Tour and Dunlop Targa, but the clock is ticking, so get on the phone to Mandy and let her help you through the entry process. The Competitors Information Pack is now completed and in the mail so look out for it in your letter box over the next few days. There are quite a few changes to the Supplementary Regulations so please take the time to read them and to all the co-drivers, make sure you get the information from the drivers or download them from the website and get familiar with them yourselves. Remember the corner cutting email we recently sent, well the penalties are clearly defined and we will be policing it. Speaking of the website, keep an eye out as the changes are almost complete and will be actioned shortly.

### **Sponsors**

Have a look at the new sponsors banner at the bottom of the email, notice the changes.

Welcome to both Orafol and Segno, as mentioned last week. They have combined forces to become the new Modern Competition Sponsor which will now be known as the **Orafol Segno Modern Competition**, sorry about the misspelling in the last email. Another change is the Honda brand that we are promoting this year, **Honda MOW-SAFE Technology**, which is the new lawn mower range from Honda. They are pretty cool and our thanks again to Bob for putting one up for grabs. You will also notice **Rislone Racing**, which is a new brand to the Smits Group and replaces Nulon. More information about this will be at documentation, so watch out for that. We would like to acknowledge all our wonderful sponsors for there support in these trying times, remember without them we would need to review the entry fee, so we ask that where possible please support them.

### **In-Car Cameras**

There has been a great level of interest in the cameras from Paul at Black Magic as they are the most suitable for our use as well as ease of operation for you. There are of course many other options in the market and if your budget does not extend to one of these then we still recommend the GoPro as a cost effective option. These now also come in HD and are available from David Black at Racetech or online [www.racetech.co.nz](http://www.racetech.co.nz) . If you do a lot of track work and want to record your data over video then another option is the SmartyCAM which allows you to do this. David Taylor on [dave@motorsport-services.com](mailto:dave@motorsport-services.com) has all the relevant information and pricing on them and while they are more expensive than the other options, they may be of more use for this type of application.

That's all for now.

Peter and the Targa Team.