

12th November 2010 Newsletter

Hello Everyone,

Dunlop Targa 2010

Well the 16th Dunlop Targa is over and judging by the number of positive emails we have had so far, it was very well received by all and possibly the best run event yet. A big thank you to everyone involved, while we get the bulk of the credit, without good people in all the right places an event of this size could not run so smoothly. Everyone has a part to play and know what is expected from them so we can deliver the truly unique experience that is Dunlop Targa. Well over 800 people are directly involved, and we spend a lot of time training, listening, coaching and sometimes instructing, so we can continue the improvements that help make this "The Ultimate Road Race". Congratulations to all the winners, from Categories to Competition, discretionary to finishers, everyone who made it to the end needs to be proud of their efforts. This is a marathon event that requires lots of preparation and organization, so thank you for your support and keep spreading the word to friends and family. We have almost completed the debriefs with the various groups and this weekend is the officials turn on Sunday at the Ramarama School Hall.

As mentioned at prize giving we have focussed on technology this year and a big thanks has to go to Paul Mullan and the crew from Black Magic. The new in-car camera's are a huge hit and we were inundated with video footage, more than 500 gigabytes of data was collected from the in-car camera's alone, so that is why it took us a while to get your individual footage back to you. Special thanks to Kim Jenkins for collating and copying it. I would also like to pay a special thank you to Steve Reynolds, all the way from USA. He was the guy behind the camera at the service parks with Jamie, as well as filming, he was cutting and producing the dally updates to the website. This initiative, along with the speed of results, kept everyone who couldn't get time off to follow the event involved and up to date. The footage has been viewed more than 40,000 times by people from 72 countries around the world. The documentary is being completed as we speak and will go to air later this month, so keep your eyes open and we will send another reminder with specific times in the next newsletter.

Targa Bambina 2011

We are now in the planning mode for all of next year's events, starting with Targa Bambina. Pricing for each event is now on line and we are already receiving entries, so if you want the best pricing and are going to do all three events then get in now and make the commitment, Mandy is ready and waiting to process your entries. We have changed the route for Targa Bambina, while it will still start in South Auckland, we are heading to the Coromandel. Most of these roads have not been used before while other's not for sometime, so come and get to see some parts of the country that are new to Targa.

Thanks from the Targa Team.