

14th February 2009 Newsletter

Hello All,

Happy Valentines Day!

Well time is marching on and Targa Bambina is now only a couple of weeks away, so if you haven't entered then get online or call Mandy at the office. The course has been approved by all the councils and the new roads are spectacular, we are sure you are going to enjoy the weekend of fun we have planned. The livery is at the office and ready for collection or speak to Mandy to have it sent to you.

Recruitment

We are pleased to announce that we have recruited Anaru (Ru) Tauri as our new Event Manager. Ru joins us having just returned from Australia with three years of Event Management experience. This is a new role we have created as part of the refinement of responsibilities within the office. Please make yourselves known to him if you call into the office. Keith will be taking over all of Warwick's responsibilities as well as retaining the traffic safety aspects of his current role. Gina is training the new timing teams and James has introduced new procedures for the officials to deal with and track enquires from competitors.

New Rules

Time for some more clarification on some of the changes that have been made.

Firstly the running order was revised for multiple reasons, none of which was to make life easier for the faster competitors previously at the end of the field, although that maybe a by product. We have always had difficulty with producing accurate and efficient results over the years and this was caused by lots of small issues, the most obvious being the amount of pressure the finish crews have been put under as the cars compress on each other towards the end of the stage. By running the Classic Competition vehicles together slowest to fastest at 30 second interval but with the last 10 cars separated by one minute intervals means that at the flying finish car numbers entered should be more accurate, but should a car number be entered incorrectly then it will become easier to identify in HQ by the results officials, as they are then only dealing with potential numbers starting with 0,1,2,3 or 4 as these are the Classic categories. This will also allow the results team to produce the Classic Competition stage results while the stage is still running with the modern competition. Like wise, by running the modern competition fastest to slowest with the first 10 separated by one minute intervals and the remainder by 30 seconds, it will allow the results team more time to check the stage times before publishing the results. The reason that we are not running the Modern field slowest to fastest is due to the differential speed of the slowest Modern and the fastest Classic which could create a gap of several minutes in the middle of the field where spectators might think the event was finished and begin to move.

With the slowest Classic running first they will get to the service and overnight parks first, as they currently do, allowing them time to manufacture any replacement parts required. The faster Classic and Modern competitors will also get into the service parks a little earlier and that will

mean that the last into the service park will be the less modified more reliable modern vehicles which in theory require less maintenance. Please take time to read this a couple of times, I hope it makes sense, but if you would like to discuss this in more detail then call the office. We will cover this off again at drivers briefing.

Co-Drivers available

We have a couple of experienced co-drivers available for Bambina, so if you need one please call the office and we will put you in touch.

The entry list will be posted on the website early next week along with the approved regs and maps, so have a look.

Groundsky and Black Magic

Please remember to get online and order your photo's from www.groundsky.co.nz and your DVD's from targanz@blackmagic.com.au we need to support these people who provide us with the awesome memories.

Thats all for now, don't forget to get your entry in.

Regards

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