



20 November 2009 Newsletter

Sad News

They say that bad news comes in threes and today we can definitely appreciate the harsh reality of the dangers associated with motorsport.

Our thoughts are with the families of driver Gary Tierney, 60, and co-driver David Carra, 43, both from Melbourne who died on Thursday 19th while competing in the 2009 Classic Adelaide. Gary had previously competed in Targa NZ back in 2002 and has been a keen motorsport participant for many years, so may be known to you. For more information visit www.classicadelaide.com.au.

On Friday 13th Philip Elliott, 43, died suddenly of a heart attack. Phil was involved with Targa NZ as part of a timing team finish crew and was looking forward to next year's events. Phil's funeral was held yesterday on the North Shore, which was well attended and he will be missed by many.

Finally, just four days before the 15th Anniversary Dunlop Targa we lost long-time Targa participant and supporter Malcolm Flynn, who was terminally ill.

So let's hope that the run is over and please be mindful on the roads as the Christmas holidays draw near.

Good News

We have been very encouraged by the level of interest in the new Historic Competition and judging from the number of discussions I have had so far, we are well on the way to a set of rules that should make this a very enjoyable competition. Please call me if you are interested as we need to get a good number of participants to make it work. Entries to Targa Bambina, Targa Rotorua and Dunlop Targa are rolling in already so join them and register your interest early to get the best price. Click [here](#) to enter.

Top Gear Live

Targa has been invited to participate as a side show to this event. The concept is to promote your cars and sponsors over the 18th -21st February by running through a circuit capable of speeds up to 160kph and show your skills against another vehicle, similar to the super special stages run in WRC. The course is tarmac and your Dunlop Targa tyres will be ideal. The entry is FREE, so if you are interested then please call me at the office or email peter@targa.co.nz for more information.

There is also the opportunity to show off your rare or unique car in the Top Gear Live Marque Park, so if you have one or know of any vehicles worthy of a place at the event, then email through any photos/information to roberte@befestivals.co.nz

For Sale

As you will have all seen, we have updated our fleet with the new VTNZ Safety cars. This means the old vehicles need to go. So if you are interested in a good deal on one or two or three Ford Mondeo Auto Wagons and a Ford Focus Manual Zetec Hatch then call me on 0274 525643.

That's all for now

Peter and the Targa Team