



# Castrol BMW Race Series

## Driver Newsletter 14 – October 2009

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**An update on TV Coverage from Round 1 at Pukekohe:** The E30 coverage ran as expected between October 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, as did the first of the Open class episodes on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. However, the second Open class due to screen at 3pm on October 24<sup>th</sup> was replaced, without warning, by cricket highlights. A quick look through the Sky TV guide shows that two episodes of “**Classic Motorsport Series**” are scheduled for Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and 6pm. Unfortunately, we do not know which episodes are playing at this time, but hopefully at least one of them will be the Open class coverage from Pukekohe.

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**BMW Race Series Logo:** To assist with branding of our race series, we want to develop a logo that can be used on signage, the website, race communication, and possibly even clothing. Given the diverse range of talents among our driver group, we thought it would be appropriate to give our members the chance to design a logo for the series, with the winning entrant earning a prize. Some basic guidelines:

- The logo should include the words “BMW Race Series”
  - For reasons of trademark usage, the new logo should not include the BMW roundel or the Castrol logo.
  - For printing purposes, some consideration should be given to how the logo might look in black & white
- Your ideas do not have to be professionally finished artwork, unless you have that capability – just a rough sketch of how the logo might be laid out will be enough. All entries should be posted to BMW Race Series, P O Box 8184, Symonds St, Auckland or emailed to: [bmwraceseries@hotmail.com](mailto:bmwraceseries@hotmail.com) by December 31<sup>st</sup>.
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**Manfeild Procedures:** The driver’s briefing for the overall event takes place at 8:30 am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. So that we can meet without interruption, we plan to have the BMW driver briefing 30 minutes prior to the main briefing. That means we will meet at **8:00 am at the BMW Race Series marquee**. We require all BMW drivers to be present - a roll call will be made and missing drivers will be penalized. Sleeping in, working on cars, scrutineering or completing entry formalities will not be valid excuses.

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**Dinner / Barbecue:** We would like to support the efforts of our MG Club hosts, and therefore ask that as many of your as possible attend the race meeting dinner on Saturday night. One ticket is provided free as part of your entry, as long as you ticked the box, and further tickets were available at \$40 each. Because of this function, we will not be having a Race Series barbecue on the Saturday afternoon. However, it will be business as usual on November 29<sup>th</sup>, when we will have our first Hampton Downs barbecue.

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**Decals:** We have had a number of queries regarding Race Series decal – here are a few clarifications.

**1) New entrant decals:** A further batch of number boxes is due back from the printer this weekend, and will be distributed next week along with other Series signage and soft towing eyes. If you are still waiting for something, especially for those running at Manfeild, can you please send a quick note to [bmwraceseries@hotmail.com](mailto:bmwraceseries@hotmail.com) to confirm what you are expecting and your postal address. (not P O Box)

**2) E30 screen banners** must be no more than 100mm deep, as per WOF regulations. No other material can be applied to the screen above or below the Castrol banner. NB: The same banner is used for both classes, so it is the responsibility of E30 entrants to ensure that the banner is trimmed to the legal size.

**3) Open screen banners** can be any depth. If there’s a need/desire for this to be deeper than the standard banner, additional material may be applied, but this must be of a plain colour with no graphics and it must go below the Castrol banner. ie the Castrol banner must be in the uppermost position on the screen.

**4) Open Class signage** – due to the variety of body shapes (the cars, not the drivers) a decision has been made to allow signage to be applied to the sills of Open class cars, even in the area immediately below the number box. However, the door panel above and below the number box must remain clear of signage.

**5) Open Class weights** – the current regulations (5.2e) state that cars in Groups B & C should display their car’s minimum weight in the RH rear window. This rule has been deleted, and the minimum weights will now be recorded on the scrutineering sheet. The calculated weight for all cars in those groups will be advised individually by email before the next event. The decision to run to that weight is entirely yours, but you must weigh in after each session/race. If you choose not to, then you will automatically be in Group A.

**Apart from the variations described in 4 & 5 above, all other rules for both classes are as written.**

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**Manfeild Entries:** We have a full grid of 45 E30’s for Manfeild, with 5 reserve cars itching to take the place of one of the first 45. We also have 34 entrants in the Open class, so a very good BMW entry overall.

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If you have any queries on this newsletter or any other subject, please email: [bmwraceseries@hotmail.com](mailto:bmwraceseries@hotmail.com)