



# Castrol BMW Race Series

## Driver Newsletter 9 – April 2009

**Annual General Meeting** – As advised previously the BMW Race Series AGM is scheduled for 2pm on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at BMW Group, 7 Pacific Rise, Mt Wellington Auckland. ([see location map](#))

At this stage, we are asking members to forward topics for inclusion on the agenda. These topics will be collated by the Committee and circulated back to the membership ahead of the AGM. Yes, there will still be an opportunity for General Business topics to be introduced on the day, but the agenda items will be discussed first. Please send in your suggested topics by Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, allowing us a few days to form the agenda and circulate this back to the members by the deadline of April 25<sup>th</sup>. This agenda, as well as the financial report, needs to be sent out 14 day ahead of the AGM, as per the Race Series Constitution.

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**E30 Driver Delegate** – You will already be aware that Mike Ashton has stepped down as Driver's Delegate for the E30 class. We need to appoint a replacement and therefore seek nominations from the membership for this role. As well as attending some Committee meetings, the delegate acts as the first point of contact for drivers and must be racing in the class they represent. Delegate nominees will be approved by the Committee and if necessary, a vote will be held at the AGM.

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**Committee** – Two of the original Committee members, Colin Briscoe and Conrad Timms, have decided to step down at the 2009 AGM. Their contribution during the formative years of the BMW Race Series will be formally recognised at the AGM. However, their impending departure means that the remaining Committee members need to appoint at least two replacements and we are aware that we need greater Committee representation for the E30 class. Already, we have received expressions of interest from several members including David Lawrence, Glenn Pelham, Mark Babb, Murray Brown and Grant Scheuber. If any other members wish to be considered for a Committee position, please send a brief note to the Secretary with a summary of your skills relevant to the administration of the race series. The successful applicants will be announced at the AGM.

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**Awards Dinner** – Attached with this newsletter is the formal invitation for the 2009 Awards Dinner, to be held in conjunction with our AGM. This is a chance for drivers to say thanks to those who helped them on race day, paid the bills or stayed home to look after the kids! Our venue has a limited number of seats, and so that no drivers miss out completely, each of you will be guaranteed two seats, as long as you reply and pay by the RSVP date of April 24<sup>th</sup>. You're welcome to order as many tickets as you want, with the remainder being allocated to members in the order that replies/payments are received. If you want to form a table of ten with some colleagues, please advise the Secretary and we'll do what we can to assist.

We are pleased to announce Jamie McCarthy (the voice behind this season's TV coverage) as our Master of Ceremonies, and the Stiglet will also be making a guest appearance. The season trophies for each class will be presented, along with Division trophies for the open class. To accompany the video and photo montage of the season, we would like to make a few "fun" awards for "meritorious efforts" during the past season – please forward your suggestions to the Secretary. NB: Anonymity can be guaranteed for \$10. ☺

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**TACCOC Race Meeting** – The first meeting scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. The second meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> (the day after our AGM) is still going ahead and to help encourage race entries, the organisers have relaxed their stance on COD requirement and will allow all E30's to run in the dedicated E30 race group, and if they conform to the T&C Group 4 regulations, they may also be able to cross-enter into other classes. Those who had already entered both meetings before the deadline will get a full refund of their April entry and will still get an entry discount for May. Full details to be posted soon on: [www.taccoc.co.nz](http://www.taccoc.co.nz)

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**TV Coverage** – We are still waiting to confirm the broadcast dates and times for the last two rounds. In the meantime TeleSport have confirmed that they will be producing a DVD package for each BMW class, with coverage of all five rounds from the 2008/09 season. These 3-DVD sets will cost just \$29.95 and can be ordered via the Secretary. Special price of \$25 applies for orders made by orders placed by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**Hamilton 400** – This major event takes place between April 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and wouldn't normally feature any BMW racers. However, a last-minute invitation has resulted in five of our Open-class cars being entered in one of the support classes. So if you're in the stands or watching on TV, please keep an eye out for Paul Mill in his Z3 M-Coupe, plus Mike Tubbs, Andre Cowan, Michael Starnes & Aaron Harris – all in E36's.