

Welcome to the June edition of QUIT Targa West Update. Did you know that there are less than 84 days before QUIT Targa West 2008 starts?

QUIT Targa West - Entries filling fast

With the closing date for entries fast approaching, all competitors who have not entered are encouraged to complete and return their paperwork quickly.

Entry forms are available from the website under the Competitor Documentation tab (www.targawest.com.au).

TRACK DAYS

In May's Update it was advertised that there will be two Track Days. The first will be held on **Tuesday 15 July** and the second **Thursday 7 August**.

Both days are held at Barbagallo Raceway and will provide competitors with the opportunity of driving two-up form.

The track for the day will also include a chicane and a restricted speed zone for competitors to practice their approach and exits.

If you would like to attend one or both of the Track Days, please complete the Track Day form found on the website under the Competitor documentation tab and return it at your earliest convenience - there are only 25 spots for each track day.

Head and Neck restraints

Targa West Organisers are extremely aware of the safety of all competitors participating in the QUIT Targa West, and strongly recommend all competitors utilize a FIA or SFI approved Head and Neck restraint.

The Hans device is currently the only FIA approved device, while the US based SFI standard has approved Leatt, Hans, Hutchens and LFT Technologies restraints. More information on the effectiveness, use and testing methods of these devices at: www.cams.com.au/downloads/about/AIMSS_Safety_First_Report.pdf (Page 15-17).

Competitors should be aware that it is almost certain that in 2009 or 2010 that Head and Neck Restraints will be compulsory in Tarmac Rallies.

To assist competitors to get a better understanding of what is available on the market and the cost we will be organising an evening soon with Brad Searle from Searle Race Equipment to give an overview on the restraints.



SPONSORS UPDATE - SEARLE RACE EQUIPMENT

Searle Race Equipment has been a supporting of QUIT Targa West since it's inception four years ago. In 2008, Searle Race Equipment is back on board providing all competitors with their rally equipment requirements. Searle Race Equipment have everything you need, from the latest GPS technology and in-car cameras to safety equipment and clothing requirements.

Visit Brad at Searle Race Equipment's Welshpool location (5/138 Radium Road) or give him a call on 9358 0050.



RESTRICTED SPEED POINTS / RESTRICTED SPEED ZONES

We all know that motorsport is dangerous, and with that in mind, organisers have been working on ways to reduce the speed in some locations over the course for 2008 which will ensure safety for all competitors. This year organisers will be introducing a Restricted Speed Point (RSP). The RSP is different to the Restricted Speed Zone (RSZ) and there is also a change to the RSZ's.

This year the Restricted Speed Zone's will be changed to an average speed of 60km/h or 60seconds over a 1km Zone. There will continue to be no restriction on the entry and exit speed of the RSZ. The trick of RSZ is to judge your exit to be at the highest speed possible as the clock ticks over 60 seconds, the way to do that is similar as a start of a yacht race.

A new speed reduction system for 2008 will be Restricted Speed Point's. Competitors will be required to slow down to a speed of 60km/h before accelerating back to competition speed.

We will have boards at 300m, 200m and 100m before the beginning of a 100m zone prior to a Variable Message Board (VMB) that will show your speed. The VMB pulses every 1 second and can detect cars from around 120m.

The optimum place to be at 60km/h is at the beginning of the zone which will give crews a second chance to get

below 60km/h if they were not below it at the first recording. If crews pass through the beginning of the zone at over 100km/h they will more than likely not be able to get a reading of below 60km/h within the next 100m with a pulse every second

As soon as the VMB records a speed of 60km/h or less, competitors can then accelerate. If competitors don't slow to 60km/h, a recording of the lowest displayed speed will be taken and penalties will apply as per the Regulations.

Successful testing of the RSP was conducted at the end of May at the drag strip at Perth Motorplex in Kwinana, a short in-car video of the testing is available for viewing on the QTW website or go direct to www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGTxapkR170

We will soon have an information sheet on RSZ's and RSP's on the website and they will be included in the Rally Guide. There will also be a Bulletin released which will change the penalties for not complying with the RSZ and RSP.



ARE YOUR EYES THE BEST?

Typical rally drivers would seek improvement in engine performance, suspensions, brakes, tyres etc and never think about their own driving skill, health and the last thing on their mind would be their eyesight. Driving at high speed requires excellent vision.

Most people are unaware that their eye sight has deteriorated until they have had an eye test. Past Quit Targa West winner, Ross Dunkerton always made sure his eyes were 100% before an event of this size and the optician has made slight changes to his contact lenses that improved his vision.

If you haven't had your eyes tested for a while, think about having them done before the rally and tell the optometrist what it is for - driving at high speed NOT reading a book.

COURSE OVERVIEW MAPS

As advised in May's update, the official 2008 Road Book will be available in late June in pdf form or early July in book form, however draft overview maps of the course are available for download from the website. It is important to note that these maps are still in draft form, and therefore could change before the Road Book is available.

FOR SALE OR LEASE

MITSUBISHI EVO 9 - This car is immaculate with no expense spared in preparation. Brand new engine and turbo, latest big brake set and a new clutch just fitted.

Tarmac winning car - only done three events from new.

- 1st 2006 Targa West (Competition)
- 3rd 2007 Targa West (Competition)
- 1st 2007 Rookie Targa Tasmania

For more information on what's in this car contact Ross Dunkerton on 0409 117 906.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

City of Perth Cocktail Reception
2 July

QUIT Targa West Track Day
15 July

QUIT Targa West Track Day
7 August