

Welcome to the March edition of QUIT Targa West Update. Believe or not, there is only five months before the first car lines up at the start for QUIT Targa West 2008.

QUIT TARGA WEST 2008 OPEN FOR ENTRIES

Preparations for QUIT Targa West 2008 are gaining momentum, and now the countdown is on. With only 23 weeks before the start of this year's event, entries are now open.

Everyone interested in competing in QTW 2008 (whether you have submitted an expression of interest to compete or not) is required to complete the official entry form and submit a deposit to confirm your place.

With a limited field and already 70 expressions of interests received, places are limited. Organisers encourage all competitors to secure their spot as soon as possible.

Supplementary regulations and the entry form can be found on the front page of the QUIT Targa West website (www.targawest.com.au), or by emailing info@targawest.com.au.

SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTIONS

As indicated in previous newsletters, the organisers of QUIT Targa West have implemented speed restrictions for both the Challenge and Competition categories. The decision to implement these restrictions has not been taken lightly, however in the interest of overall safety to competitors and spectators, the organisers believe that this is the right step forward.

The restricted speed limit for the Challenge category will remain unchanged at 130km per hour. However, the speed limit for the Competition category will be set at 200km per hour.

For the first time this year, the restricted speed limit for the competition category was brought in for the recent Rally of Tasmania, with positive feedback being received from competitors who attended the event.

QTW Launch / Information night

The first social function of the year will be held at the Chellingworth Porsche showroom on **Wednesday 16th April**. As with all QUIT Targa West social functions we expect this to be fully attended and as such an early RSVP is encouraged to secure a place and help plan catering requirements. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends in the targa circle and find out the latest news for this year's event.

The evening will start at 7.00pm and conclude at 9.00pm. Please rsvp to Sally if you would like to attend (sally@targawest.com.au).

PERTH MOTORSHOW IS BACK

This year, the Perth Motorshow held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre will feature six jam packed days full of cars, fashion, entertainment and more activities than ever before.

Shannons Insurance will also be at the Perth Motorshow, so if you're looking for insurance for your car or home, be sure to drop in and see the friendly staff who will help you out.

The Motorshow runs between the 22nd and 27th of April. Opening times are between 10am and 9pm (except for Friday 25th opening times are 12pm to 9pm). Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$9 for children.

ROOKIE EVENINGS

Each year, QUIT Targa West has numerous enquiries from those wanting to compete for the first time in the event. This is a great indication of the interest and support from the general public for Targa West. For all individuals who are interested in competing in QUIT Targa West for the first time and have not competed in any previous tarmac style events, it is mandatory that you attend one of our Rookie Evenings.

The next Rookie Evening is scheduled for **Tuesday 22nd April** and runs for approximately 2 hours (7pm - 9pm). If you would like to attend the evening, please advise Sally (sally@targawest.com.au) by Thursday 17th April.

2008 Harness requirements for Tarmac Rallies (issued by CAMS on 5 Dec)

Following a recommendation from the CAMS Technical Committee, ARCom has approved the mandatory use of harnesses incorporating a crutch strap in tarmac rallies from 1 January 2008 which will see all harnesses needing to comply with the Type A provisions as outlined in Schedule I, Section 6 of the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

Many tarmac rally cars are already fitted with these harnesses and as such will not be affected. There are others however which are not. The Commission regrets any difficulties this may present to competitors, however the safety of participants in competition is considered paramount and this was felt to be a necessary safety improvement.

ARCom encourages all competitors, irrespective of the type of rally event that they are participating in, to give active consideration to the fitment of crutch straps as there is clear evidence that these enhance safety particularly in circumstances where a frontal impact occurs.

ACCOMMODATION IN TOODYAY

If you're looking for a quick break from the city life, or a place for friends to get together, check out **Moondyne Caravan Park** in Toodyay.

Escape to this unique bush hideaway, set amongst 25 acres of natural bushland, wildflowers, bird life, local kangaroos, emus and peacocks.

The lights in the bush at night give this park a very magical and relaxing feel. Situated opposite the Golf Course and Racecourse.

Free transfers to and from train station by arrangement. Moondyne Caravan Park has the lot:

- Self contained Chalets with log fires, Cabins, On-Site Caravans, large open spaced powered caravan and camping sites.
- Wood and Gas BBQ's, modern amenities with very soft toilet paper!
- Recreation Room, Playground, Kiosk/Public Phone, Dogs allowed on leash.
- Valet Parking and rally groups are welcome.

Phone/Fax: (08) 9574 2612

Email: toojcvp@bigpond.net.au

www.toodyaycaravanparks.com.au

Boot and Sock standards – 2008 Australian Rally Championship and Tarmac Rallies

At the commencement of 2007, some crews were unaware of the change in relation to the adoption of the FIA 8856-2000 standard for Australian Rally Championship and Tarmac Rallies. As such, there was a moratorium implemented which has allowed the use of the FIA 1986 standard apparel for the duration of 2007.

We take this opportunity to remind crews in these two types of rally activities that this moratorium will expire at the end of the year and that the newer FIA 8856-2000 standard will be required for boots and socks from 1 January 2008.

FOR SALE

Trip-Tek RallyMaster trip computer, similar to Terra-Trip, 12 months old, used in 2007 QUIT Targa West. Suits modern car with electronic speedo drive.

Pete will also throw in a bag of the oil-soak product. Total price \$375.00.

Contact Pete Jordan - Phone 0429805928.

OFFICIALS - WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested in assisting in this year's QUIT Targa West event as an Official, we would love to have you!

With a wide range of role to fill from Stage Teams, Tag and Tape, results, Scruitineering, the list goes on.

QUIT Targa West is already very fortunate to have a large volunteer base, but we can always do with a couple of extras.

If you would like to help out, email officials@targawest.com.au and we will send you the officials registration form to complete.

All officials will receive a cap, t-shirt and invitation to the Officials BBQ after the event.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

QUIT Targa West Launch

16 April

Rookie Information Evening

22 April

Perth Motorshow

22 - 27 April