

Great response to entries

2009 is not only our 5th anniversary but it is also shaping up to be QUIT Targa West's biggest year yet, with an overwhelming entry response from existing and new competitors. The Entries Received List will be released shortly and whilst we are very close to having our full complement of entries we will be taking a small number of additional entries over and above the 100, to cater for any late changes. So if you haven't entered yet, now is the time to do so while there is still an opportunity.

Entries will still officially close on 31st July 2009, however the list will be full long before that date.

Pre-Event Scrutiny and documentation

With the increase in competitor numbers, organisers have arranged for a pre-event Scrutiny and Documentation day, primarily for the WA based competitors. The purpose of this day is to process as many local competitors as possible prior to the event. Of course the option will still be there to attend the Documentation and Scrutiny sessions the week of the event as per the Supp Regs.

All competitors who attend this day will **NOT** need to re-present their vehicles on Wednesday 19th at DPI Welshpool or attend Documentation at the Holiday Inn Burswood Head Quarters unless there is an issue that needs to be re-checked.

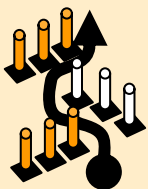
Competitors will be contacted closer to the day to arrange a scheduled time-slot to attend. There will be the chance to have a bite to eat and drink on the day and say hello to many of the officials attending their function on the same day.

Saturday 8th August
WA Car Club
Hale Road, Wattle Grove

Speed Restrictions

Quit Targa West continues to look for challenging and enjoyable ways to ensure all our stages meet the 132kmh maximum average speed requirements for the Competition Category. In 2009 there will be a number of ways that this will be done. All methods and locations are still to be approved by Greg Car, the CAMS Safety Assessor. Full definitions of the Restrictions will be in the Rally Guide.

Chicane



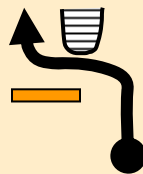
60KM

Slalom



Restricted Speed Point

Gate & Island



Restricted Speed Zone

Good Luck to competitors in Targa Tasmania

Our best wishes go out to all competitors participating in Targa Tasmania shortly, especially the 16 WA crews making the trip over.

One WA competitor making the journey to Targa Tas will be Paul Summers and his co-driver Mike Arnold, competing in Paul's Porsche 911 GT3 RS.

May you all have a safe and enjoyable event.



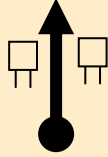
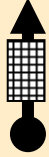
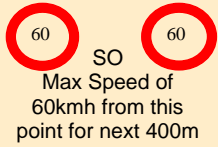
ACTC

2009 is the inaugural year for the Australian Classic Tarmac Rally Championship. The championship is open to all vehicles that are eligible to compete in the Classic Category. Crews wishing to register for ACTC points will need to apply to CAMS. Forms for this are on the CAMS website or contact our Event Secretary, Christine Schrader for assistance in doing this.

98 Octane

We have a few competitors who would prefer all cars be restricted to 98 Octane fuel. This has been a controversial topic for some years. The Targa West view is that we would go along with the wishes of the competitors and that all events be the same to ensure competitors do not have to re-tune their cars from event to event.

We would be interested in feed back from competitors by email **ONLY** to info@targawest.com.au and if there is a view that we should change then we would take it up with the CAMS Tarmac



Chicanes: By far the most common, effective and driver challenging. The legs of the chicane are at 12 metre spacings.

Slalom: New for 2009, a Slalom is similar to a chicane but the legs will be spaced 15m apart and there are 5 of them. The advantages are that they slow the cars down more than a chicane and it is quicker and safer for our officials to replace any bollards knocked over.

Gate & Island: New for 2009; on the Western Range and Bindoon Country Stages there are a number of islands in the middle of the road. We will be placing a gate on the left hand side of the road and the drivers will need to keep to the right of the gate and then go down the left hand side of the island. This is effectively a ½ chicane.

60kmh: On the Kalamunda Special Stage there is a 400m section of the stage that is within the Water Catchment Reservoir Protection Zone. Through this Zone, crews will need to drive from point to point at a maximum speed of 60kmh.

Restricted Speed Point: We tried RSP's in 2008 with Variable Message Boards, but it was unsuccessful because of the slow response rate of the VMB. This year we have dropped the VMB's, but the Racecourse Stage will still have an RSP with a hand held radar gun and a Slow/Go board. As soon as the official records 60kmh or less on the radar the crew will be given the green signal to go.

Restricted Speed Zone: These will be the same as 2008 with 60 seconds to travel 1km at an average speed of 60kmh. On the Kalamunda Stage there is a location that is 1.5km's long which is also in the Reservoir Protection Zone where crews will be given 90seconds to traverse the distance at an average of 60kmh.

Call for Volunteers

As preparations for QUIT Targa West 2009 continue in earnest, event organisers are putting the call out for all individuals who would like to join the growing list of Volunteers for 2009.

QTW Organisers are extremely appreciative of all volunteers who assist leading up to and throughout the event. QUIT Targa West simply couldn't be the successful event it is without the support of the volunteers. The best part is that you don't necessarily need to have any motor-sport experience to be part of the team.

New streamlined Volunteers Registration forms can be downloaded from the QTW website and will soon be emailed (and posted out) to past officials. The form can be electronically filled in and emailed back.

The process for Volunteer Registration is slightly different from previous years, in as much that individuals will only need to complete the new streamlined form and then sign-on the CAMS Disclaimer sheet on the day, before starting their duties.

Working Group.

Course Update

As previously advised, there a number of changes to the course this year which will provide competitors with some challenges that are sure to keep the adrenalin pumping. All the local councils have now given approval in principle and we are now going full steam ahead to get everything in place.

Behind the scenes work is continuing for the Road Book to be completed, checked and double-checked. Greg Carr, the CAMS Safety Assessor will be here on the 4th & 5th May to give his approval and then Event Checker, Leo Iriks will start on the Official Check. It is anticipate that the Road Book will be available for competitors in early to mid June.

Officials Registration & Thank You Day

This year we will be holding the Officials "Thank You Party" before the rally. This will be on the same day as the competitors pre-event Documentation and Scrutiny, Saturday 8th August. Officials will be able to come along and pick up their uniforms, passes and bumper stickers, enjoy a bite to eat, have a drink and check out the cars going through Scrutiny. For Perth Officials this will be at the WACC Clubrooms, 265 Hale Road, Wattle Grove.

We are also planning a similar function for our Chittering and Toodyay officials. In Chittering the current plan will be to hold the function in Bindoon on Sunday 16 August from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and we will soon advise our Toodyay friends which evening we will be up there.

Diary Dates:

18th June Track Day - Wanneroo

16th July Track Day - Wanneroo

20-23rd August QUIT Targa West

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