



BMW CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND **Wellington Branch – May 2008**

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Greetings BMW Enthusiasts.
Its time for another newsletter

.The club recently held the 2008 AGM at Johnsonville RSA

The new committee is

Alec Wallis President
Stephen Marks Secretary
Paul Shepherd Treasurer
Kevin Cornford
Jo Martin
Richard Hitchcock

One of the main points of discussion was the decline in the number of club events and the attendance at those events

It was generally agreed that one of the main contributing factors was relatively poor communication. Therefore we will be giving more notice and more reminders of upcoming events. We will take advantage of publicising said events in dixi and the club website, instead of email and postage just before the event. Whilst these avenues of publicity are not new we have been unable to make the best use of them as most events have only had the minimum notice prior to the event.

We held the April 20 round of the Surgery Intermarque sprints. It was a very successful day in that we had a full complement of helpers and the day went very well.

A total of eight club members also met for breakfast at the Sage Café in Feilding before hand! I left Wellington at about half past six and I thought “What am I doing at this hour on a Sunday morning?” However all was well. There are at least seven other people of questionable sanity in our club! Perhaps I should say seven other people as keen as I about our ultimate driving machines and the people who drive them!?

We also had a good number of club members competing so we will have made a good start in the series.

However the total number of competitors was well down (Hamilton V8 weekend) so the event was not the financial success it has been in the past.

The track hire fees have also increased, so not only was revenue down, costs were up. We ended up losing \$100.

The new facilities at Manfeild are very good. The new timing tower really makes the timing process a much more pleasant process than before.

While we are talking The Surgery Intermarque Sprints, here are the remaining dates for 2008

June 1st

July 20th

August 17th

October 5th

December 7th

The new committee have resolved that the club championship will be run on a point's system, in the same way as Auckland. It will not be awarded for the 2007/2008

As the Surgery Intermarque Sprints was the first event for the year all helpers are eligible for points. Can everyone who attended please email or phone me so we can allocate points for the club championship. Points will also be awarded to attendees of the AGM. The next newsletter (and subsequent ones) will have a table showing the current points situation of the club championship.

Points are awarded as follows

At an event run by the BMW Car Club

For the moment that would not for example include the Surgery Intermarque Sprint series except for the round run by our club.

Attending event 1 point

Winning a competitive event 3 points

2nd place 2 points

3rd place 1 point

Organising or acting as an official 1 point

Organiser but unable to compete 2 points

Dixi article 2 points

Photo to accompany article 1 point

Points are cumulative, ie a winner of an event who also wrote an article with photo for dixi would get

$1+3+2+1=7$

Someone who attended and helped 1+1

A reminder that your club subs are now overdue .Unfortunately the sub has **increased to \$75 per annum**. This can be a family membership, so your whole family can join, only one dixi is sent per membership. I have a subscription form that I can send (post or email), there is a pre-printed form in DIXI and there is a form available online at the club website. If you only have internet banking I can help there too. Some new members will have memberships valid for 2008/2009

New Members

Welcome to new member Blair Double, Khandallah Wellington

COMING EVENTS

We have a couple of cracker events coming up. Please mark them in your diaries, or “to do” lists!

The first, and we have been waiting for this for some time but the pieces have finally fallen into place! We are to hold a “club evening” at Jeff Gray BMW and Mini, Hutt Road, Kaiwharawhara, Wellington, June 10

Paul Ardin and his team have managed to acquire no less than FOUR new models for us to see!

The X6, 1 Series Coupe, 1 Series Cabrio and the M3 with the new DCT transmission.

We will also get to see some amazing new technology in action in the workshop, as well as to meet some of the staff at Jeff Gray BMW and Mini, and meet and mingle with other club members.

Paul Ardin is keen to meet us and our families. Perhaps this will be the first of more “club nights”, a chance to meet and mingle without the need for a drive and/or (competitive) event?

The outline of the program is

5.45PM - 6.00PM - Guest Arrival & Welcome Drink

6.00PM - 6.10PM - Welcome Speech by Paul Ardin, Update on BMW Group WorldWide, Models coming & when

6.10PM - 6.25PM - BMW Service Technology Update - I-Server, WiFi Workshop, Telematics - Paul Kemp - JG Group After Sales Manager

6.25PM - 7.00PM - Second Drink, Nibbles, Reveal X6, 1 Series Coupe, 1 Series Cabrio (Possibly also first M3 DCT if still here).

7.00PM - 7.30PM - Wrap up

There will be ample parking on site but the turn into the site is quite sharp from the north and it's a 70k zone. Please email me if you intend to attend because we need to track numbers to assist with the catering arrangements

The second event we have coming up is the “Mid Winter Get Together”

ON Sunday 13 July

This will take place at SOUTHWARDS car museum, Otahainga Road, Paraparaumu.

This will commence at 10 30 am

Drive down the LH side of the main building, past the lake and proceed to the Workshop

We will then have a tour of the workshop where the cars are prepared for display

We will then adjourn to the Café for lunch. The club will not be subsidising the meal this year

After lunch there will be a couple of trophies awarded from the 2006/2007 year and then it is planned to tour the museum, which has been extended and has many new exhibits. Of course any part of the day can be omitted if you desire

Tuesday 10 June

CLUB NIGHT

Jeff Gray BMW & MINI Wellington

5:45-6:00 pm Jeff Gray BMW, Hutt Road Kaiwharawhara

Sunday 13 JULY

Mid Winter GET TOGETHER

Southwards Car Museum

10 30 am