



Newsletter - December 12th 2011

VIP guest from Munich -

We are delighted to announce that one VIP during the second weekend of the 2012 event (January 27/28 and 29) will be Dr Ralph Rodepeter, Director of BMW Museum in Munich. He will be on hand to oversee both the DTM car and the M1 Procar and will no doubt have more than a passing interest in the other BMW exotica on display at the event!

Fogg senior and junior set for return -

One of the most popular cars at the 2011 New Zealand Festival of Motor Racing was the legendary Amco mini driven on consecutive weekends by father and son racers Gerald and Angus Fogg. The car wowed the crowds last time out with its blistering speed against cars with much more power and Fogg junior is a cert to pedal it at ridiculous speeds once again.

Warsteiner Beerfest taking shape -

On the second weekend of the event there will be a Warsteiner-supported Beerfest complete with Oompah band, that will start around 6pm on Saturday 28 January. When there is a break in the music and singing, organisers plan to have a brief introduction for any BMW Motorsport drivers of the era not introduced at the Castrol BBQ held on the first weekend of the event. There will be two paintings to auction – one of an ex JPS BMW635CSi and the other of the BMW 3.0CSL Batmobile.

Stewart Garney on the mic -

Acknowledged and highly respected Australian BMW

Radisich to make NZ racing return

Kiwi racing icon Paul Radisich will be back on the grid in New Zealand for the first time since 2008 when he races a classic Ford Mustang at the forthcoming New Zealand Festival of Motor Racing celebrating BMW Motorsport.



Radisich – a two time touring car World Cup champion now living in New Zealand for the first time in 25 years – has returned to become CEO of the new V8 SuperTourer series. A serious crash at Bathurst in 2008 brought his international racing career to a halt and he has not raced on a regular basis since. But he jumped at the chance to drive the famous Fleetwood Mustang when owner and friend Neil Tolich put the idea to him.

“I had a call from Neil who invited me to share the Mustang at Hampton Downs in January. Neil advised me that the car will not be the fastest there as by the sounds of things the class is wide open,” he explained.

It is not Radisich's first foray into historic racing. He made his post-Bathurst circuit racing return earlier this year at the world famous Goodwood Revival meeting in the UK, winning the St Mary's Trophy race in a Ford Galaxie (pictured). He also teamed up there with another Kiwi mate Roger Wills and did a few races in a CanAm McLaren M1B.

“I have never competed or driven at Hampton Downs so I am looking forward to that experience, all competitors have raved about the circuit so here is my chance to judge it for myself. I have had experience with the Galaxie in the UK and also a V8 Cyclone and a Lotus Cortina which Roger Wills and I competed with in Europe together, so you could say I have enough experience with the old cars on the grooved tyres.” Radisich will race the car over both weekends of the event – January 20/21/22 and 27/28/29 but isn't aiming to break any V8 lap records.

“It's going to be a lot of fun and they will be fantastic back-to-back weekends of great motorsport. The key to me going fast in the Mustang will be seeing how far you can hang the car out in a power slide without losing it. That is the difference between modern and historic racing – I can enjoy some big power slides in the Mustang and it should help the times. Having fun and enjoying the event will be paramount though.

expert Stewart Garney will travel across the ditch to be MC with Michael Clark at both evening functions, as well as helping with expert opinion during the event commentary.

Static displays taking shape - one of the more interesting historical static displays will be a 1984 BMW M635 CSi - AC Schnitzer. This is a road car that was commissioned by BMW Germany for a Japanese client, and hence was sent to AC Schnitzer for enhancements. AC Schnitzer upgraded the "standard" M635 with the following modifications, enhancing its rarity appeal: Exterior graphics and badging; Full length skirts and rear apron; 8.5" Schnitzer mag wheels - front and rear; Revised suspension geometry with upgraded shocks and springs resulting in a lowered stance; AC Schnitzer exhaust system; Additional 4 pod of gauges, with a 300kph speedometer! ; Four spoke smaller diameter steering wheel. The car is still in left hand drive and is grey in colour. It is not restored so shows some signs of wear but has covered approximately 136,000kms.

Australian contingent - the Australian contingent is expanding fast with many cars set to travel to the event. We will be doing a fuller article on the Aussie muscle car contingent in a forthcoming issue, but we can confirm the racing party will include: John English '72 Camaro, Ian Woodward '70 Camaro, Grant Wilson '69 Camaro, Simon Phillips '69 Mustang FB, Colin Warrington '69 Camaro and Aussie Trans Am competitor Ross Grimes in his '74 Camaro.

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F5000 entry tops 35

The entry list for the headline Formula 5000 races is looking incredibly strong - with a stunning 37 cars on the list.

We are delighted to see Kenny Smith's name on the entry, in the same Lola 430 he raced with considerable success in recent seasons (pictured). His new T332, so badly damaged in a recent rolling start shunt at Manfeild, will not be repaired in time for the festival weekends of 20/21/22 and 27/28/29 of January.



A total of fourteen entries are from overseas, with new names Eric Haga (USA - Lola T190), Hamish Somerville (Canada - Lola T400), Harin da Silva (USA - Surtees TS8), John Bryant (Australia - Lola T140), Seb Coppola (USA - Lola T192) and Chris Lambden (Australia - McRae GM1) joining regulars like the Lyons family, Greg Thornton, Jay Esterer and Mike Whatley in what is fast becoming the F5000 class's flagship global annual event.

Other notables include Clark Proctor, lining up once again in the March 73A he proved very fast in at the 2011 event, and David Banks recently restored Talon which was featured in an earlier edition of the newsletter.

Flame throwing Peanut Slab returns

Adding hugely to the historic touring car theme of the event. 2012 festival organisers are delighted to confirm that one of the principal rivals to BMW during those halcyon days of motorsport - the Ford Sierra Cosworth RS500 - is set to take the fight to the Bavarian marque once again.



Tauranga GT driver Andy Greenslade will run his 1988 car over both weekends and it is a significant car historically as well. The turbocharged monster is the actual "Peanut Slab Sierra" raced at the Nissan Mobil 500 and Bathurst where it was piloted by Gianfranco Brancatelli, Greg Murphy, Kayne Scott and Robbie Francevic to name just a few.

Another Fast Ford set to reappear will be the V6 Telstar that was raced in the New Zealand touring car series by Paul Radisich. Now owned by Wanganui racer Matt Foster and raced in SS2000 in recent seasons, the car has been returned to its original livery in time for the festival. More on this in our next issue!

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