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G'day <<First Name>>,

A lot of people ask 'How is Group N travelling?' The answer is we have seen good Group N number across Australia, strong fields and a resurgence of Cortina's.

You SHOULD read this email in full, so you know all about the latest Motorsport Australia changes that affect everyone, for example:

- Fire Extinguishers in cars
• New Helmet & Apparel rules & expiry dates
• And Harnesses.ss..ssss
• Rev Limiters
• Self Extraction Rule
• Eligibility. Don't do this!!!

But first let's see who the 2023 winners are..

South Australia



Driver of the Year 1st place - Mark Blyfield (Nc Torana)



Driver of the Year 2nd place - Adam Smith (Nc GT Falcon)



Driver of the Year 3rd place - Josh Axford (Nc Escort)



1st Nb Car - Justin Elvin (Nb Mini Cooper)

Queensland



1st - Grahame Wrobel (Nc Mustang)



2nd - Graeme Wakefield (Nc Mustang)



3rd - Mome Lombard (Nc Escort)

New South Wales



Nc & Club champion - David Noakes



Nb Champion - David Roberts

Victoria



Championship Winner - Les Walsley (Nb Cortina)



Runner up - Peter Meuleman (Nb Mustang)



3rd - Brent Trengrove (Nc Camaro)

Western Australia



Overall Highest Points Scorer: Don Behets Ford Galaxy Nb

Table with 4 columns: Class, Driver, Car Model, and Year. Lists winners for various classes like Na Class B, Nb Class A1, etc.

Motorsport Australia Changes that affect you!

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers MUST NOW be fitted to all vehicles in Circuit Races.

Basically you need to carry a minimum of a 1kg hand held ABE class fire extinguisher on board. Details of the types of extinguisher systems approved for installation etc are here...

New Helmet & Apparel rules & expiry dates

For 2024 Snell SA2005 is no longer accepted for circuit racing, so please ensure that your helmet complies with the relevant helmet standard for the type of competition you participate in.

You can find a sticker underneath the lining of your helmet which indicates which homologation number your helmet complies with.

You require a helmet with a class A standards marking as shown in Table 2.1-A in the document on the link below.

Both Helmet and Apparel rule and expiry dates are on this link...

And Harnesses.ss..ssss

There appears to still be some confusion regarding validity of harnesses with regard to manufacturer validity dates and the previous MA policy (5 year) extension. You can find all the technical information in Schedule-I of the Manual of Motorsport here...

The crux of the matter is to which standard your harness was certified. If the certification label on the shoulder strap says FIA 8853/98 (the '98 is the really important bit) then your harness is valid for 5 years after the expiry date.

- "Not valid after XXXX" shown on each strap as detailed below:
• For international competition, safety harnesses must not be used after 31 December of the year stated (XXXX).
• For all other events, safety harnesses must not be used after 31 December, five years after the year stated (XXXX)."
• If you are one of the cool kids with a harness whose label says FIA8853-2016 (again 2016 is the important part) on it, then you're on to a good thing and the FIA and MA have deemed that your harness must be replaced in accordance with the manufacturer's validity date. Yes, that means you do not get the 5 year extension.
• "FIA 8853-2016 Extension of the safety harness validity is not permitted for a FIA 8853/2016 standard harness."

Rev Limiters



Where a Specification Sheet for a specific model of vehicle calls for the fitment of a rev limiter this must NOW be located within the engine bay in an easily accessible position.

The wiring must be visible along its length with the earth connected to the nearest practical earth point. The limiter will be subject to testing at race meetings.

And some specification sheets nominate the specific brand and model

Self Extraction Rule

To bring Australia in-line with the rest of the FIA countries, you now need to be able to get out of your car - and QUICKLY!!

How many tests do you get
What if you fail
When do you get tested????

Motorsport Australia has a new policy on this and they are starting to test it - read ALL about it at this link...

Eligibility. Don't do this!!!

- Sequential shifters are not allowed
• Electric steering is not allowed
• Aluminium Tailshafts are not allowed
• Disc brakes may not be grooved or drilled

New website packed with Group N goodness.

The new AHTCA website is up and running. It's a tool to help you in your Group N racing. It contains items like:

- National Calendar
• State Calendars
• Specification Sheets
• Vehicle Reference Sheets
• News
• AHTCA meeting Minutes
• And more....

And you don't need to log in to get all this info!!

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Contact us

We are here to help please don't hesitate to call us, share your thoughts and ideas for the category, we would love to hear from you

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