

Property Link RACING

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Racing Update!

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to 2010 and I hope everyone had an enjoyable break over the summer holidays as we all start to settle back into the calendar year ahead of us.

So, what have we been doing!! Well, I was very fortunate to be invited to race in the inaugural race meeting at Hampton Downs in the very first race of that meeting by the Auckland Car Club. It was a great day and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. It was an event that we will cherish for a long time. Of course, all of us were struggling to find car set ups for that race meeting but it offered us over the practice and the races some very different conditions.

Hampton Downs in my own opinion is an amazing track and it is much much more like racing Targa events where you have got blind corners and over-brows. We are currently doing Hampton Downs in consistently 1.18's which is putting us in the front half of most of the fields we run in.

We have also done Round 3 of the BMW series which was held at Hampton Downs over the weekend of the 16th and 17th January and I have to say for the first time ever I experienced what it feels like to hit a corner at full noise and find out you have no brakes. It certainly makes you realise what it takes to have a car pull up under its own steam. It was handbrake on, full lock and into the sandpit we went. Fortunately, no damage was done to the car. We were leading the race with only three corners to go, only to finish last in the space of one corner, but hey, that's motor racing!!

Overall the weekend was reasonably successful for us finishing mid field for the round. The next round of BMW is at Taupo which we will not be attending and then the following round will be back at Hampton Downs in March.

On the 12th February, we will be holding a test day at Hampton Downs for any of the sponsors who would like to participate in this, please contact me directly. This test day will be run at 80% race pace and we will be setting the car up with new coil over shocks for the rear ready in anticipation for the Targa Bambina which we have entered as the first round for Targa over the weekend of the 13th and 14th March in the Franklin and North Waikato districts.

For those early commitments from our sponsors for the 2010 year, we thank you very much.

Gary Murphy
OWNER/DRIVER



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