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BMW M3 RALLY CAR FOR NZ SILVER FERN MARATHON EVENT

Fans attending next months NZ Silver Fern International Marathon Rally will be able to see a spectacular BMW Rally car in action on the high speed special stages.

Nelson's Garry Adcock and his team have spent over a year purpose building the BMW M3 CSL into an immaculate and powerful 2.4 litre rally car, based on specifications used by the BMW Rally teams in Europe.

While BMW Rally cars have appeared sporadically over the years in various NZ events, it was Aucklander Paul Adams who set the scene for BMW rallying in this part of the world, by winning the 1970 Silver Fern Rally driving a BMW 2002Ti.

38 years later Adcock's BMW should also be at the forefront of the 1300km special stage, eight day event, and following a successful try out at last weekends Boxman Rally Nelson, Adcock and his team are satisfied they will give the top seeds a run for their money.

Consistently placing in the top 4 or 5 classic and 2 wheel drives on the days 9 stages, the BMW finished the days rallying just outside the podium in its class, a satisfying result on its debut, with Garry saying there was more performance to come as he gets used to its power and handling.

Adcock drove an aging Triumph TR7 V8 in the 2006 Silver Fern marathon event, and led the rally for much of the first day's competition. A bad back, niggling problems and late in the event an engine bay fire cost him any chance of a top placing while running 5th.



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A regular competitor in classic classes at Nelson and Otago, Adcock also won the 2000 Rally NZ Classic event driving the Triumph. It now sits in the back of his barn, with a blown motor, and Adcock is really looking forward to his new car and the Silver Fern event.

The 2008 NZ Silver Fern International Marathon Rally, held over 8 days in New Zealand's South Island, is the longest duration motor-sport event currently being held in NZ, and takes its roots from the Silver Fern and Heatway Rallies of the late 1960's and early 1970's.

The October 16th - 23rd 2008 event, will start in Christchurch's Cathedral Square, and take competitors south to Queenstown, Dunedin, and Invercargill, back to Dunedin, Timaru and Christchurch before finishing at the new Marlborough Convention Centre in Blenheim.

For event details and the latest info on the rally visit:- www.silverfernally.co.nz

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The Adcock and Dalton BMW M3 CSL at the start of the Boxman Rally Nelson

