

FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER

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BIRTHDAY TEST FOR LARINI

Chevrolet driver Nicola Larini celebrated his 44th birthday on Wednesday while testing his racing car at the Guadix racetrack in Spain.

Larini and the Chevrolet RML team spent two days at the Spanish circuit with the aim to establish better chassis performance, tune other car areas, put mileage on new parts and do some evaluation work on prototype parts.

Larini commented: *"We had two full working days. Weather conditions were excellent and the Guadix circuit is very interesting, so it was a very useful test. We have worked mainly on the set-up, trying a number of little adjustments, some were new, and others we had already tried. It has been a lot of fine-tuning."*

The car used was the designated 2008-spec test car, as the actual race cars are currently enroute to Mexico via sea freight containers.

BMW Team UK/RBM also took part in the test with reigning world champion Andy Priaulx.

THE VIRTUAL WTCC IS ONLINE

SimBin Development Team, producer of RACE the WTCC Game, have launched the 2008 Virtual WTCC, which is expected to dramatically expand the community of the WTCC fans.

Players may register online, and attempt to qualify using the 'best lap' mode on any of the WTCC racetracks. Those who have, either the online version of the RACE 07 game installed or the demo, must press the 'In Game Register' button in the World Leader board menu, and a registration tool will popup. The 'In Game Register' button will then change into a 'Ranking Servers' button, which is where the action begins.

Performances will be monitored through the on line World Ranking system hosted on the www.race-game.org website.

The best ten players will be invited to the WTCC events in Valencia, Pau, Brno, Anderstorp and Oschersleben to take part in the semi-finals on simulators. The five semi-final winners will take part in the final at Monza, competing to win a Chevrolet road car.

LIVE TV COVERAGE FROM MEXICO

Eurosport will continue to give extensive live TV coverage to the FIA World Touring Car Championship at the second event of the season in Puebla, Mexico, on April 6th. A total of 195 minutes of live broadcasting will be dedicated to the FIA WTCC during the first weekend in April.

Coverage will start on Saturday 5th, with the qualifying session aired live on Eurosport 2 from 11.00 to 11.45 pm Central European Time.

Live coverage will continue on Eurosport 2 on Sunday – from 4.00 to 4.30 pm CET – for the 15-minute warm-up session.

Later on Sunday, Eurosport International will broadcast both of the Mexican races live: Race 1 from 7.00 to 8.00 pm CET and Race 2 from 10.00 to 11.00 pm CET. Highlights of the races will be repeated on Monday morning, from 9.00 to 10.00 am.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR PUEBLA

LAST DAYS

Rounds 3 and 4 of the 2008 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Puebla, Mexico, 5th and 6th April.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 25th March.

The Accreditation form may be downloaded at the websites www.fia.com and www.fiawtcc.com.

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COUNTDOWN: - 16 DAYS



to the 2008 FIA WTCC Race of Mexico – 5th / 6th April, in Puebla Amozoc