



15TH ANNIVERSARY TARGA – DAY FOUR (THU)

TARGA TALES

- The 'hits' on the website has vastly exceeded capability and TVD switched www.targa.co.nz to a new server overnight.
- Targa spent the day touring and racing the 83 klms from Wanganui down to Waiouru, then back down to Marton, turn left across to Feilding and finishing in The Square at Palmerston North. 8 Special Stages totalling 167 klms of Special Stages and 305 klms of Touring.
- They departed Wanganui from 0735 in rain and at the end of SS23 experienced more rain, heavy snow at Waiouru then sleet and hail.
- They then had three Special Stages as they headed south for the lunch service. Two more stages east of Taihape where they returned to for another service and lunch.
- When I started writing this I could not give you the stage times due to the above problems however this morning the results are up and I have reproduced the Top 10 for each class so you can work out the individual stage winners.
- I mentioned the other day about engineering under the bonnet of Clark Procter's Escort.



Engineered by Kelvin Gray

- At the start of SS29, west of Marton, it was -4 celcius and a strong southerly. There was no sign of Classic leader, Barry Kirk-Burnnand and son Carl. Mike Sexton was in the starting line-up for SS29 and he brought me up to date. After a T-intersection the rally route went left and Barry had gone off and the Japanese pairing went off in the same place but took the front corner off Barry's BMW M3 before clipping the bank and rolling onto it's roof. There was varying version of the same accident including both cars being upside down. They were all okay.
- There was only 79 starters for SS29. I stayed and watched the entire start proceedings for which I deserve a medal - 4° with a howling wind. The start was were under the control of the ACoC (Asst Clerk of the Course) It ran clockwork and from the Targa Tour cars, the Police car, the three special

cars. 003 Peter Johnston / Russell Burling in the awesome Lexus ISF, 002 Event Director Peter Martin in the Turnkey BMW Coupe and 001 Shane van Gisbergen and father Robert. The Lexus has computers for computers and launched off the line like a WRC Rally car – stunning. Shane was not backwards in launching the Ford off the line either.



Peter Johnston / Russell Burling in the awesome Lexus ISF



Shane van Gisbergen and father Robert (aka Cheese)



Did Cheese flicked the anti skid on ?



Paul Manuell and Richard Scoular



Brent Emmerson - cool frames !



Nick and Ingrid Wevers in the Mustang - it was straight in the morning !

- On arrival in Palmerston North Chris K-B (the brother of Barry) was ordering parts for Barry and said they hoped to be running by the morning. Chris owns Auto-Stop so has the contacts.
- Chris, whilst pleased they were okay, was disappointed their family challenge was all over. He said that whilst Barry had the overnight advantage they had spent the day catching him. Last year it was the other way around when Mark and Chris had mechanical problems and fell behind Barry and Carl.
- Leigh Hopper and Michelle Bain had the answer. The hail storm had frozen on the road right at the time the K-Bs were on the road and slipped off the road. It was unfortunate timing because the Japanese pair of Masao Take and Takako Akaba were next on the road. That proved to be the right theory but I am looking forward to catching up with Barry.

- Leigh Hopper: "I'm pleased to get to Palmerston North without a ding. Stace (his son in a very potent WRX) had a bad start doing only three laps of Pukekohe. He's also had a few minor niggles and was off the road yesterday."
- Rex Alder (and Ron Bartels) in the smaller engined M3 said "what a day, rain, snow and sleet!". Ron said "last year we were able to keep up with the Kirk-Burnnands but this year they have upped the anti and definitely have the advantage. The Butler's in the Cheeta were also going quicker. We are working as hard as we can but it's all about finishing."



Tony Quinn and Naomi Tillet into the Palmerston North Finish - extending their lead further.

- Tony Quinn: "Interesting day (strong Scottish accent)- had to be careful in the snow – not nice to see two cars on their rooves (that proved to be one car only) I enjoyed the laps at Manfeild dicing with Clark (Procter) – he would pass me and I would pass him back – hope he's still talking to me !! (laughing)"
- I said to him that the car was deceiving – four large exhausts out the back and little noise. Whilst there is no doubt about his driving skills the Nissan has incredible acceleration from point to point is very quick. I asked "how do you keep to the 200klm limit?" The answer was simple "204 kph is flat out in 4th."
- Reg Cook was not happy. "I have had food poisoning and got little sleep last night. Add to that my oil pressure is only showing 30lbs so whether it's correct I don't know so not pushing too hard."
- I also caught up with Victor Yuen who had yesterday gone over one of the biggest drops - off the top of the Whangamamona Saddle. "We were on full boost coming up the hill and Ron (Scanlon) simply locked up and over we went. I took the crash position and waited for the roll that never happened. It was a wild ride I tell you !! We were lucky that the soil was soft and the car ploughed it's way down. If it had dug in we would have been in trouble. Once we were cleared by the Medics the crew pushed the car off the dirt mound we were stuck on and just drove down to the rally line then out." I said "I was told you were towed back up." "No" he said laughing "we just drove out. "That will stay in your memory for a long time" I said. "Probably why I was a little nervous today" he said.
- I was told that the Glaister VW Golf was circulating Manfeild slowly with the hazard lights on. I caught up with them. The computer had gone into safe mode and they could not go any faster. The VW has been a 'work in progress'. It's a 2006 GTI 3rd Edition. When new ,it caught fire at Continentals and John bought the wreck.



Look at the fit of the blower on top of Paul Manuell's V8

- Paul Manuell: "Had a slow start to the day because of the conditions but been right on the pace especially over the last two stages. It's a pity I 'parked it' yesterday due to cold tyres."
- I caught up with PJ (Peter Johnston) and Russell Burling in special car 003 - the awesome Lexus ISF. They were having a ball and had had Leslie Leary, Mayoress of Rangitikei and Jono Naylor, Mayor of Palmerston North over differing stages. "We were not mucking around" he said with a grin. PJ's ISF has all the extras on it and is sensational off the line.
- "What about the RS200 ?" I asked. "Sold it two weeks ago to a collector in Tasmania" was the response. The two 'f's' spring to min - fabulous and fragile.



Peter Johnstone and Bob Saunders in the Ford RS200. Photo courtesy of www.groundsky.co.nz

- I had a call from a bloke who receives these emails. He had been in SS29 and gave me the mobile number of a "young lady who is in NZ as an Exchange Student from Switzerland. Targa was her first motorsport event and she caught the the Abarth rolling !!" Now this was news to me so I will catch up with Mike Lowe today. I rang the Exchange Student, Nina Caveng, and she kindly sent me these two pics.



- Here are the latest results for Thursday **but I do not believe 2nd and 3rd's times in the Modern Class.** I also 'hear' that Paddon has purchased new tyres and that penalty will affect Friday's results.

2009 Dunlop Targa - Modern Results for Day : Day Four

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Car No.	Driver/Co Driver	Vehicle	Class	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Total Time	Penalty	Total Event Time
997	Tony Quinn/Naomi Tillet	Nissan R35 GT-R	9	00:15:35	00:06:08	00:08:29	00:08:29	00:06:44	00:18:27	00:12:31	00:08:20	01:24:43		05:30:24
875	Barry Hare/John McCabe	BMW Mini Cooper	8	00:17:16	00:06:43	00:09:09	00:09:28	00:07:12	00:21:13	00:14:24	00:08:53	01:34:18		05:33:14
788	Graeme Wong/George Paterson	Subaru WRX STI Spec C	7	00:16:19	00:06:24	00:08:59	00:09:20	00:07:24	00:20:12	00:14:39	00:09:16	01:32:33		05:34:33
957	Clark Procter/Tony Callaghan	Ford Escort/Nissan	9	00:17:10	00:05:54	00:08:25	00:08:35	00:06:53	00:18:49	00:13:43	00:08:25	01:27:54		05:35:48
833	Hayden Paddon/greg Paul	Mitsubishi Evo9	8	00:15:43	00:06:11	00:08:30	00:08:37	00:06:53	00:18:40	00:13:39	00:08:59	01:27:12		05:37:31
926	Jason Gill/Jody Somervell	Mitsubishi Evo9 GT	9	00:16:13	00:06:27	00:08:50	00:08:46	00:06:53	00:19:01	00:13:59	00:08:30	01:28:39		05:38:22
784	Bob Boniface/Simon Butler	Subaru STI Spec C	7	00:17:02	00:06:40	00:08:59	00:09:39	00:07:26	00:22:05	00:14:46	00:09:35	01:36:12		05:39:11
589	Richard Skilton/Nigel Edger	Subaru Legacy	5	00:17:21	00:06:47	00:09:08	00:09:12	00:07:01	00:19:34	00:14:41	00:09:05	01:32:49		05:39:30
967	Simon Turner/Chris Alexander	Mitsubishi Evo	9	00:16:52	00:06:41	00:09:03	00:09:09	00:07:13	00:20:57	00:15:05	00:08:59	01:33:59		05:41:07
553	Adrian Dobbe/David Dobbe	Holden Commodore VN GTS	5	00:17:16	00:06:34	00:09:04	00:09:27	00:07:26	00:20:36	00:14:44	00:09:20	01:34:27		05:41:32

CLASSIC CLASS

393	Mark Kirk-Burnnand/Chris Kirk-Burnnand	BMW M3	3	00:17:29	00:06:42	00:09:05	00:09:01	00:07:05	00:18:42	00:14:16	00:09:02	01:31:22		05:52:25
463	Anthony Butler/Joanne Butler	Holden Cheetah	4	00:16:59	00:06:26	00:08:58	00:10:01	00:07:10	00:19:14	00:14:29	00:08:55	01:32:14		05:54:27
367	Barry Kirk-Burnnand/Carl Kirk-Burnnand	BMW M3	3	00:16:36	00:06:36	00:09:11	00:09:11	00:07:19	00:24:55	00:18:51	00:30:00	02:02:39		06:01:40
307	Nigel Patterson/Andrew Patterson	BMW e30 320i	3	00:18:43	00:06:55	00:09:16	00:09:27	00:07:19	00:19:34	00:14:13	00:08:56	01:34:23		06:02:25
323	Rex Alder/Ron Bartels	BMW M3	3	00:16:58	00:06:43	00:09:25	00:09:27	00:07:20	00:19:36	00:14:45	00:09:01	01:33:15		06:08:06
433	Brent Emerson/Sheryl Hanright	Holden Commodore	4	00:17:44	00:06:36	00:09:04	00:09:10	00:07:12	00:20:35	00:14:30	00:08:52	01:33:46		06:08:50
152	Nicholas Cooper/Murray Brown	Chrysler Valiant Charger	1	00:17:43	00:06:52	00:09:22	00:09:25	00:07:22	00:19:58	00:15:14	00:09:27	01:35:23		06:09:57
310	Don Guthrie/Iain Atkinson	Porsche 944	3	00:17:49	00:07:17	00:09:54	00:09:48	00:07:41	00:20:24	00:15:44	00:09:30	01:36:07		06:15:27
230	Greg Crene/Craig Connell	Toyota Corolla FXGT	2	00:17:59	00:07:15	00:09:40	00:09:40	00:07:37	00:20:22	00:14:49	00:09:20	01:36:42		06:16:04
380	Bernie Hiestand/Jilly Hutson	Capri 2.8i	3	00:17:55	00:07:19	00:09:59	00:09:51	00:07:43	00:19:46	00:15:05	00:09:38	01:37:16		06:19:13

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