

RICHARD MASON WINS 2010 TARGA ROTORUA.

Richard Mason limped through the final stages with the late Stace Hopper's WRX running on three cylinders since Special Stage (SS) 13. Provisionally he has won the **Modern Class** by 1 minute 44 seconds. It was a celebration for the Hopper family at the Finish Line with Mason 'doing it for Stace' but dad Leigh was still out on the rally route and was to finish 6th. Tony Quinn was 2nd and Neil Marshall 3rd.



In the **Classic Class** it was a close fought battle between last night's leader Mark Kirk-Burnnand and Mark Parsons. Kirk-Burnnand led last night by 53 seconds but the loss of power steering hampered his pace today. For SS9 to SS14 this afternoon Parsons was quicker and cut the deficit to win by 38 seconds. K-B had further problems and lost 31 seconds in SS13 and 29 seconds in SS14 but won the last stage by 5 seconds. Rex McDonald was 3rd. As said earlier these results are still provisional as the Steward's meeting is on now.

When they crossed the Finish they did not know who had won as there had been a comms problem at SS13. Low dense cloud was affecting all the comms and mobile phones.

Highlights/Lowlights:

A miserable day for the drivers but big 'ups' for the service crews and Targa Timing Crews who were out in the conditions.

What we did not say at lunch today was it actually stopped raining for the lunch-break and was about 15 degrees so quite pleasant after a horrid morning. The rain was soon back and it's still raining now.

Last night I said that Allan Lewis in the 240Z Supercharged V8 never returned to Parc Ferme. He had broken a left front tie rod end and the wheel took half the wheel arch with it.

Richard Pearce in the 1989 EB Falcon was towed back to Rotorua at lunch-time today

Garth McGregor in the Torana XU1 was too.

Bevin Claridge in the Commodore had an 'off' before lunch and received frontal damage.

Jason Gill backed off in the wet but still brought it home 4th.

Rick Giddy was behind Gill but could not make up the margin due to a waste gate problem

Leigh Hopper had taken maximum time on SS13 with fuel pump problems.

Brent Early was up the sharp end but ran out of petrol in SS11 and had a suspension failure in SS14.

Mike Lowe in the Fiat Abarth had a spin in SS13 and could not turn around so backed down the road (the right way) to a point where he could turn.

Brent Emerson ran a bearing in the Commodore but still drove the sick sounding Commodore across the Finish.

Rob Bray rolled the Suzuki Swift in the very last stage.

2010 Targa Rotorua - Modern Results

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| Pos. | Car No. | Driver/Co Driver | Vehicle | Class | Stage Times |
|------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1 | 969 | Richard Mason/Simon Kirkpatrick | Subaru Impreza | 9 | 02:29:21.0 |
| 2 | 997 | Tony Quinn/Sue O'Neil | Nissan R35 GT-R | 9 | 02:31:05.0 |
| 3 | 971 | Neil Marshall/Richard Carr | Mitsubishi Evo6.5 | 9 | 02:31:58.0 |
| 4 | 926 | Jason Gill/Jody Somervell | Mitsubishi EVO9 GT | 9 | 02:37:20.0 |
| 5 | 944 | Rick Giddy/Joel Giddy | Subaru WRX STI | 9 | 02:39:03.0 |
| 6 | 940 | Leigh Hopper/Gray Hopper | Subaru Impreza WRX Sti Spec c | 9 | 02:42:54.0 |
| 7 | 788 | Graeme Wong/Cy Guest | Subaru WRX Sti Spec C | 7 | 02:43:03.0 |
| 8 | 670 | Gary Murphy/Terry Rouse | BMW M3 | 6 | 02:43:41.0 |
| 9 | 589 | Richard Skilton/Nigel Edger | Subaru Legacy RS | 5 | 02:44:27.0 |
| 9 | 984 | Bob Boniface/Simon Butler | Subaru STI Spec C | 9 | 02:44:27.0 |
| 11 | 981 | Brent Early/Andy Oakley | Nissan Skyline | 9 | 02:44:42.0 |
| 12 | 601 | Simon Clark/Donald Howard | BMW 325 e36 | 6 | 02:46:42.0 |
| 13 | 709 | Tim James/George Randall | Porsche Boxter S | 7 | 02:47:24.0 |
| 14 | 970 | Stuart Scoular/Bret Scoular | Impreza WRX STI | 9 | 02:47:57.0 |
| 15 | 905 | John Ludlow/Shane Kerrisk | Subaru Impreza | 9 | 02:49:59.0 |
| 16 | 512 | Bevan Claridge/Paul Claridge | Holden Commodore | 5 | 02:50:56.0 |
| 17 | 985 | Colin Robins/Mathew Sellers | Nissan Skyline | 9 | 02:50:58.0 |
| 18 | 861 | David Rogers/Adian Kelly | Mitsubishi EVO XRS | 8 | 02:51:17.0 |
| 19 | 859 | Rick Martin/Elle Martin | BMW 130i | 8 | 02:53:34.0 |
| 20 | 732 | Alan Raynor/Tanja Lucklow | Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6 RS | 7 | 02:56:45.0 |

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| Pos. | Car No. | Driver/Co Driver | Vehicle | Class | Stage Times |
|------|---------|--|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1 | 454 | Mark Parsons/Mal Clark | Triumph TR7 V8 | 4 | 02:38:49.0 |
| 2 | 393 | Mark Kirk-Burnnand/Steve Kirk-Burnnand | BMW M3 | 3 | 02:39:27.0 |
| 3 | 347 | Rex McDonald/Daniel Prince | BMW E30 325 | 3 | 02:41:18.0 |
| 4 | 473 | Stuart Rose/Gary Renall | Toyota Hilux | 4 | 02:49:56.0 |
| 5 | 455 | Paul Tanner/Helen Tanner | Toyota Sprinter | 4 | 02:50:26.0 |
| 6 | 235 | Keith Yeats/Shirley Faulk | BMW E12 535 | 2 | 02:52:19.0 |
| 7 | 380 | Bernie Hiestand/Jilly Huston | Ford Capri 2.8i | 3 | 02:53:13.0 |
| 8 | 452 | Dale Buckley/Christo Styrdom | Toyota Corona | 4 | 02:55:41.0 |
| 9 | 176 | Brent Hills/Joanne Kapua | Ford Escort | 1 | 02:56:22.0 |
| 10 | 130 | Mark McCaughan/Lindsay Lyons | Fiat 124 | 1 | 02:57:03.0 |
| 11 | 089 | Grant Rivers/Adrian Rivers | Ford Mustang | 0 | 02:59:06.0 |
| 12 | 253 | Gerry Hodges/Martin Day | BMW 633 Csi | 2 | 03:00:25.0 |
| 13 | 449 | Linden Bawden/Julie Bawden | Ford Escort | 4 | 03:00:28.0 |
| 14 | 064 | Mike Lowe/Phillip Sutton | Fiat Abarth Berlina corsa 1000 | 0 | 03:01:59.0 |
| 15 | 243 | John Dolphon/Craig Davies | Porsche 928 | 2 | 03:02:28.0 |
| 16 | 318 | Gordon Legge/Jef Storey | BMW E30 318 | 3 | 03:03:18.0 |
| 17 | 053 | Wayne Cochrane/Wayne Warrender | Volkswagon Beetle | 0 | 03:00:51.0 |
| 18 | 344 | Dave Mcrae/Ashley Vazey | Porsche 944 | 3 | 03:07:32.0 |
| 19 | 486 | Brian Tanner/Melissa Stewart | Toyota Levin | 4 | 03:08:44.0 |
| 20 | 158 | Graeme Collett/David Metford | MG BGT V8 | 1 | 03:10:40.0 |

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