

TARGA BAMBINA SEEDING LIST RELEASED.

The first of the 2009 Dunlop Targa NZ tarmac rally series, the Targa Bambina is on this weekend, 7-8 March.

The seeding list (as at 02 March) of 27 Classics and 38 Moderns is now up on the website: www.targa.co.nz/ There are also 10 entries in the Narva Tour. Late entries in all classes are still being accepted.

Let's take a look at some of the **Classic** seedings.

Top seed is **Mark Parsons** and Cully Paterson in a 1970 Capri Perana V8. This fabulous car was winner of the Classic at Rotorua in 2008 in the hands of it's owner, **Neil Tolich**. As Neil has his original Fleetwood Mustang, as raced by Ivan Segedin and Red Dawson, at the Goodwood track day in the UK over the weekend, he offered the entry to Mark Parsons. Mark (aka Skidmark) ran in the Targa last year with Andrew Smith in an E30 BMW - not without mechanical problems but they did finish. Many will remember Mark in his TR7 V8- the last time he Targa'd was 2005.

Mark Parsons takes up the story. "Neil is very keen to see his cars driven and with the conflict of dates he generously offered me the drive. Neil actually arrives back on the Saturday so he will be out to watch. I have not driven the Perana since it's very first shakedown at Pukekohe. I was back out there a couple of weeks ago and there has been a few handling improvements. It now sits lower and has a rear spoiler. A bit more horsepower too. The traction is just magic so I can't wait !"



Neil Tolich and Cully Paterson in Targa Rotorua 2008. Photo: www.groundsky.co.nz

2nd seed is **Anton Tallott** in the 1979 RX7. Anton also did Rotorua last year but he too is well remembered for his superior pace in the red RX7 back in 2004. This year sees his wife Anne back in the hotseat as son Daniel has 'gone fishing' ! Anton says "we have just had the motor and gearbox out to fix an annoying oil leak so we are almost ready." Anton is sponsored by his own business Asset Managers Ltd.

Of interest at 5th seed is **Gordon Burr** in the ex **Ian Taylor** 1968 Escort Mark 1 Escort V8. Gordon actually purchased the car off the Metalman, **Clark Proctor**, who ran it in last year's 6 day Targa after he badly damaged his own Mark 1 twin turbo'd V6. Gordon said to Clark "I wanted to buy that car" - he was always an admirer of the handsome lime green Taylor car and Proctor said, "make me an offer !" A happy ending indeed. Proctor has repaired his car but still doing major suspension work on it so it's not ready for Bambina.



Clark Proctor at the wheel during his brief ownership. Photo: www.groundsky.co.nz

Also expected to be on the pace is 6th seeded **Stuart Eyre** and Stuart McFarlane in a 1973 RX7. The pair have a long rally history together and apart from National events have won the Ashley Forest sprint and Rally New Caledonia.

Documentation, scrutineering and driver's briefing will be from 5pm to 8pm at the Pukekohe Library.

On Saturday morning the route will take them up the Awhitu Peninsula via Aka Aka. Lunch and Service is at Waiuku. Papakura's Ardmore Quarry Road is the last for the day. Papakura is then the base for the evening service and overnight Parc Ferme. Sunday morning is the Ramarama hillclimb on Ararimu Road. From there the route takes them via Kaiaua for service. Then it's around Lake Waikare and into Te Kauwhata for lunch. Then it's out West to Hetherington and Glen Murray then back to Te Kaywhata's Waikare Golf Club for prizegiving.

17 special stages consisting of 232 klms of special closed stages and 408 klms of touring.

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PS - as we post this release Kim McLeod, winner of the Classic competition in Targa 2008, has just entered his 1979 RX7, so there will be change to the above seedings.

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