

12th November 2009 Newsletter

What a wonderful week! The **15th Anniversary Dunlop Targa** has been an absolutely awesome event. We are still recovering slowly but now all back on board. Look at our webpage under Targa Media for the awesome and very informative daily reports.

Thank You

A MASSIVE thankyou needs to be given to ALL involved. The event ran very smoothly and that is a credit to the months of preparation.

Lets start with the Volunteers, yes all 800 of them. Without these dedicated Motorsport enthusiasts, local Community Groups, Schools and Clubs we just could not run an event of this magnitude.

The Officials, John and his team, who make sure the sporting side of the event is administered correctly and who put in the long hours and make some hard calls.

The Councils who have supported Targa over the last 15 years and this year stepped up to lead the event from district to district.

The Sponsors, both the longtime supporters and the new, who recognize the benefits of their association particularly in the current economic climate.

The loyal competitors who enjoy the roads and the course that we try so hard to keep fresh and exciting.

The residents, whose lives we disrupt along the way, around 8000 of them, of which 99% are supportive and truly enjoy the event.

The media from Alan Henderson, Philip Adamson and Paul Mullan to Shaun Summerfield. They kept us all informed and created huge public interest.

And of course, Vicki and the full time staff for putting up with me and making the office a fun place to be.

Some quick facts, did you know that this was;

The FIRST DUNLOP TARGA to complete all stages. Yes, we had a couple of stoppages, but those stages were restarted and completed.

The FIRST DUNLOP TARGA to compete in SNOW, yes we had it all rain, hail, sleet, snow and sunshine, and this was all in just one stage.

The FIRST DUNLOP TARGA that did not have anyone hospitalized, we had a few minor accidents but nothing serious.

The FIRST DUNLOP TARGA that the website has received an incredible number of hits. Yes, we received 600,000 hits in four hours, the system was not expecting this as previously the most was 45,000 in a 24 hour period. We are working on the new system now.

Well done to all of you and particularly the competitors who completed EVERY STAGE. What a truly magnificent achievement! The finisher plates will be posted out to those of you who qualified. We are proposing to host an annual Targa Awards Dinner in late-November, starting in 2010, at which the finisher plates, Seria Campione and other discretionary plates will be presented. More details will follow.

A Message from Ground-Sky Photography

[Dunlop Targa New Zealand 2009 is now On Line!](#)

Ground-Sky Photography is pleased to announce the arrival of the Dunlop Targa 2009 photo gallery. With over 12,000 photos from the week there's sure to be the action you want to see.

For Targa's 15th Anniversary run the event stretched to six days all around the North Island, and Ground-Sky had four photographers following it for the week. With plenty of the usual favorites (Cop Corner and Lincoln Rd jumps to name but two) plus a variety of new locations and happenings (who ordered snow?!), it was one big week of motorsport action. All the photos can be seen as usual at Ground-Sky's website: <http://www.groundsky.co.nz>
Just a reminder of what we can do for you:

Photographic Prints: Sizes from 6x4" up to 15x10". Order directly from our website.

Event CDs: All photos of all cars from the event sized for convenient digital use or small scale printing. The event CDs have a menu structure on them like our website, making it easy to navigate around. The Event CD for Targa 2009 is \$65, available direct from the website.

Hi-Res CDs: Custom made CDs containing the unedited digital images of your vehicle. The Hi-Res CDs are available for \$120/car/event and can be obtained by enquiring with Ground-Sky at info@groundsky.co.nz.

Posters: Need something bigger? Ground-Sky can produce custom laminated posters to your specific design requirements. Enquire with info@groundsky.co.nz for more details.

Regards
Nick, Philip, John, Cully and Caleb

Ground-Sky Photography

Targa NZ 2010 Events

Message from Mandy. Get your Early Bird entry in for Targa Bambina, this expires on the 13th December and the office will be closing on the 18th so enter NOW and while you are at it enter all three events and go on the payment plan to ease the cashflow. Follow this link http://www.targa.co.nz/Enter-an-Event_836.aspx or call Mandy at the office on 09 2988322 or email info@targa.co.nz.

New Historic Competition

With much discussion and deliberation we have decided to introduce a Historic Competition to the line up. This will be in addition to the Classic and Modern Competitions and they will run in front of the Classic Competitors at each event. **Historic Competition is for vehicles older than 40 years** and is broken into Categories by CC rating as follows.

0 to 1400cc
1401 to 2000cc
2001 to 3350cc
3351 to 5000cc
5001 up.

These vehicles will be carburetor only. The concept is to get some of the original Targa vehicles back out on show for the public so we intend to create a set of rules that allow these competitors to enjoy their cars without the level of risk or potential total loss to a rare and expensive piece of machinery.

This means that we need to re define two categories in the Classic Competition. As it currently

stands Cat 4 is Super GT, Cat 3 is 20 to 25 years, Cat 2 is 25 to 30 years, Cat 1 is 30 to 40 and Cat 0 is 40 + years. So moving forward Cat 4, 3 & 2 will remain the same **but Cat 1 will be 30 to 35 years and Cat 0 will be 35 to 40 years.**

Entry Fees

The entry fee for all categories in the Historic Competition will be set at the same price as as Category 0 in the Classic Competition, we will make the changes to the website shortly, but in the meantime if you want more details please call me at the office or email peter@targa.co.nz . So I now put a challenge to everyone we have discussed this concept with to go out and find those old cars and get them along to Targa Bambina 2010. We have listened to what you want now lets make sure it is supported and help bring Targa NZ to the people.

2009 Dunlop Targa on TV One

Speaking of taking Targa to the people, the first half hour program goes to air on Sunday 29th November followed by the second half hour program the next week on Sunday 6th December 2009. Set your recorders or book the coach, better yet get your mates together an celebrate the 15th Dunlop Targa in style. Oh and by the way check out You Tube search Targa, Shane van Gisbergen and have a look at how to do a proper burn out.

That's all for now, we're off to plot Targa Bambina.

Regards

Peter and the Targa Team.