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Safety Rules at Targa Newfoundland

(Gander, NL – September 15, 2008) - Competition was at its best during day 1 of Targa Newfoundland with 16 crews tied for first having accumulated zero penalty points.

All but two of the competition teams in Targa Newfoundland arrived at the Gander Community Centre late this afternoon. As per Targa policy, the crews involved in the two separate incidents have been medically cleared and at least one team hopes to return to the competition in the morning. Third place overall winner from Targa 2007, Dyrk Bolger and Terry Milnes from Manitoba, driving their 1963 Austin Mini Cooper S, went off the course during the first stage this morning in Placentia. The other mishap involved first time competitors Mark Kile and Kevin Paradise of Connecticut driving a 1989 Honda CRX SI.

Ross Wood, Clerk of the course, said, "Road conditions couldn't have been better. These cars are extremely well prepared and safe. Both the competition crews and volunteers executed safety procedures to perfection. Over the last six years, Targa Newfoundland has an impeccable safety record and safety is of utmost importance."

In accordance with the regulations of the event, the three course stewards will conduct a full de-briefing of both incidents.

In addition, there were the normal daily mechanical troubles that see teams tightening lug nuts and replacing alternator belts to allow them to continue on in the competition. The vast majority competing in the Targa class travel with large teams of technical personnel who often work through the night to make sure their team is at the starting line the next day.

Owned and operated by Newfoundland International Motorsports Limited, Targa Newfoundland is one of three internationally recognized Targa motorsports events in the world. The 7th annual Targa Newfoundland will start and end in St. John's and will cover more than 2,000 kilometres of the challenging, twisty roads of the central and eastern portion of the island of Newfoundland over six days, including up to 400 kilometres of closed-road, flat-out Targa stages. Competitors have come from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Holland, the Bahamas and the U.K. for the first six editions of Targa Newfoundland and international interest continues to build with competitors registering daily from places such as Germany and the Turks & Caicos.

Check out this link for daily photos:

<http://www.targanewfoundland.com/multimedia/photos/>

For high resolution versions of the images found on our site, please contact Ian Chaytor.

Please note that daily results are copied below.

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Monday, September 15th, 2008 Targa Newfoundland Results

Team/Car	Position	Penalty	Driver	Co-Driver	Car	Class
105	1		Frank Sprongl	Rod Hendricksen	Audi Quatro Coupe AWD 83	1 Unlimit.
201	=		Michael Salter	Michael Oritt	Austin Healey 100 53	2 Std Sm
307	=		Richard Paterson	Tony Mattson	Austin Mini 59	3 Mod Sm
401	=		Jud Buchanan	Jim Adams	Acadian Canso Sport Coupe 67	4 Mod Lg
411	=		Roy Hopkins	Adrienne Hughes	BMW 2002 69	4 Mod Lg
415	=		Mike Mackenzie	Kirk Alexander	Chevrolet Camaro 69	4 Mod Lg
504	=		Bill Arnold	Alan Ryall	BMW Bavaria 72	5 Mod Lg
606	=		Scott Giannou	Ray Felice	Porsche 911 SC 81	6 Std Lg
801	=		Glen Clarke	Andrew Proudfoot	Subaru Legacy 91	8 Mod Lg
803	=		Ross Karlin	David McIntyre	BMW M3 95	8 Mod Lg
804	=		Tom Collingwood Jr.	Chris Collingwood	Pontiac Ram Air Firebird 96	8 Mod Lg
904	=		Andrew Comrie Picard	Jen Horsey	Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution GSR 08	9 Std Lg
906	=		John Paynter	Clarke Paynter	Subaru WRX Sti 08	9 Mod Lg
952	=		Marc Lachapelle	Alan Ockwell	Lexus GS 450-Hybrid 07	9 Std Lg
705	15	0:01	Will Atkinson	Nick Papayianis	BMW M3 88	7 Mod Lg
905	=	0:01	Mark Hacking	John Leblanc	Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart 09	9 Std Lg
912	=	0:01	Rob Pacione	Brian Maxwell	Lotus . 09	9 Std Sm
115	18	0:03	Matthew Oldford	Brian Oldford	Acura Integra 95	1 Unlimit.
718	=	0:03	Hugo Vadeboncoeur	Maxime Vadeboncoeur	Honda Civic 97	7 Mod Sm
901	=	0:03	Roger Tillotson	Steve Robertson	Subaru Impreza WRX STI 00	9 Std Lg
508	21	0:04	Brian Jarvis	Ken Jarvis	BMW 2002 Tii 74	5 Mod Sm
908	=	0:04	Bob Yuille	Troy Webb	Chevrolet Cobalt 05	9 Std Lg
120	23	0:05	Demetri Andreou	Stephen Rodger	Mitsubishi EVO 8 03	1 Unlimit.
706	=	0:05	Lance Webb	Giulio Baldassarra	Toyota Celica All Trac 90	7 Mod Lg

837	=	0:05	Keith Tanner	Janel Tanner	Mazda Miata 94	8 Mod Lg
915	26	0:06	Ralph Gilles	Karen Wagner	Dodge Challenger 08	1 Unlimit.
107	27	0:07	Jim Kenzie	Brian Bourbonniere	Mini Cooper S 04	1 Unlimit.
607	=	0:07	J. Harold Seagle	Stan Pendergraft	Porsche 911 SC 80	6 Std Lg
807	29	0:08	Steve Quigley	Dana Nauss	Subaru WRX STI 96	8 Mod Lg
909	30	0:09	Peter Guagenti	Scott Smith	Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution 1X RS 06	9 Mod Lg
715	31	0:16	Brad Melendy	Graham Tweedie	Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS 88	7 Mod Lg
720	32	0:21	Jim Turner	Darryl Deagle	Ford Mustang 90	7 Std Lg
806	33	0:22	Mike Davenport	Shawn Monette	Subaru SVX 97	8 Std Lg
809	34	0:23	Michael Paul Horton	Carmela Horton	Honda Civic 92	8 Std Sm
903	35	0:32	Doug Mephram	John Selecki	Mini Cooper S JCW 06	9 Mod Lg
402	36	0:33	William Shanahan	Murray Smith	Chevrolet Corvette 66	4 Mod Lg
907	37	0:35	Rick MacLeod	Steve McKelvie	Ford Mustang 00	9 Mod Lg
811	38	0:36	Afshin Montazeri	Paul Brown	Nissan Pulsar 91	8 Std Lg
116	39	0:51	Richard Burton	Dean Hopkins	Subaru WRX STI 05	1 Unlimit.
602	40	1:04	Edison Wiltshire	Marg-O Wiltshire	Porsche 911 Targa 79	6 Std Lg
808	=	1:04	Stan Hartling	Pierre Beswick	Honda Civic 96	8 Mod Sm
117	42	1:12	Ian Glyn-Jones	Mike McCreight	Merkur XR4Ti 85	1 Unlimit.
555	43	1:28	Tom Hayes	Kieron Hayes	Chevrolet Camaro 73	5 Mod Lg
403	44	1:52	Kees Van Winden	Kurtis McPhee	NSU TT 66	4 Mod Sm
821	45	9:33	Steven Friebe	Paul Pinchbeck	Ford Mustang GT 94	8 Mod Lg