



News Release

Targa Newfoundland...It's About the Spirit!

For Immediate Release

(Gander, NL – September 16, 2008) - The winds were high and the temperature was low but it did not cool the spirits of everyone involved in Targa Newfoundland 2008.

There were eight stages on Day 2 and veteran competitor Bill Arnold from California says, "Today separates the men from the boys and this is where your team strategy must kick in." Today's course included the longest stage of 30+ kilometres from Point Leamington to Leading Tickles and the tricky twisty stages through Gander making it a favourite among competitors. The difficulty of the course held true as only two competitors held on to the zero penalty position, one in Targa class and one in Grand Touring class.

The gruelling pace of the morning was tempered by the ladies from the various community groups in Leading Tickles as they treated competitors to a lunch of moose stew and jigs dinner and a spread of homemade desserts you'd only find in rural Newfoundland. Jim Kenzie, driving a 2004 Mini Cooper S along with navigator Brian Bourbonnier, must have been dreaming about the dessert buffet as they veered off the course on the first leg after lunch. The crew were taken to the hospital in Grand Falls – Windsor to be checked out and we'll likely see them on the road in the morning.

Targa recognizes spirit and there are awards given out to both competition teams and service crews. The 'Spirit of Targa' plate is presented by Newfoundland International Motorsports to the entry that, in the opinion of the rest of the competitors, best represents the spirit of Targa Newfoundland. The "Spirit of Targa" is defined as the entry that has undergone the most trials and tribulations to get to or remain in the competition.

Also, the Rick Stryjski Outstanding Service Crew Award is presented by Newfoundland International Motorsports to the service crew that, in the opinion of the competitors, has done the most to assist competitors (theirs or others) to remain in the competition. This plate is in memory of Richard Stryjski, a service crewman who participated in and loved Targa Newfoundland.

Day 1 update: Dyrk Bolger and Terry Milnes from Manitoba, who went off the course yesterday in their 1963 Austin Mini Cooper S, heard that another Mini team comprising of Dave Pledger and Chris Willett from Las Vegas and driving a 1963 Austin Mini, were having major mechanical troubles. Dyrk and Terry have taken the engine from their car and are now in a local Gander garage busily trying to install it into the other Austin Mini so Dave and Chris can continue tomorrow.

Also, Mark Kile and Kevin Paradise of Connecticut, who were driving a 1989 Honda CRX SI, returned to compete today in the touring class to enjoy the camaraderie of the event.

That's the Spirit of Targa!

Targa Newfoundland is 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 images found on our site, please contact Ian Chaytor.

Please see below for Tuesday's results.

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Targa Rally Results

Team/Car	Position	Total	Driver	Co-Driver	Car	Class
411	1	0:01	Roy Hopkins	Adrienne Hughes	BMW 2002 69	4 Mod Lg
504	2	0:04	Bill Arnold	Alan Ryall	BMW Bavaria 72	5 Mod Lg
401	3	0:05	Jud Buchanan	Jim Adams	Acadian Canso Sport Coupe 67	4 Mod Lg
904	4	0:09	Andrew Comrie Picard	Jen Horsey	Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution GSR 08	9 Std Lg
906	5	0:19	John Paynter	Clarke Paynter	Subaru WRX Sti = 08	9 Mod Lg
105	6	0:30	Frank Sprongl	Rod Hendricksen	Audi Quattro = Coupe AWD 83	1 Unlimit.
912	7	0:37	Rob Pacione	Brian Maxwell	Lotus . = 09	9 Std Sm
718	8	0:43	Hugo Vadeboncoeur	Maxime Vadeboncoeur	Honda Civic 97	7 Mod Sm
804	9	0:44	Tom Collingwood Jr.	Chris Collingwood	Pontiac Ram Air Firebird 96	8 Mod Lg
307	10	0:45	Richard Paterson	Tony Mattson	Austin Mini = 59	3 Mod Sm
901	11	0:59	Roger Tillotson	Steve Robertson	Subaru = Impreza WRX STI 00	9 Std Lg
952	12	1:00	Marc Lachapelle	Alan Ockwell	Lexus GS = 450-Hybrid 07	9 Std Lg
508	13	1:06	Brian Jarvis	Ken Jarvis	BMW 2002 Tii = 74	5 Mod Sm
706	=	1:06	Lance Webb	Giulio Baldassarra	Toyota = Celica All Trac 90	7 Mod Lg
821	15	1:09	Steven Friebel	Paul Pinchbeck	Ford Mustang = GT 94	8 Mod Lg
120	16	1:11	Demetri Andreou	Stephen Rodger	Mitsubishi = EVO 8 03	1 Unlimit.
803	=	1:11	Ross Karlin	David McIntyre	BMW M3 = 95	8 Mod Lg
837	18	1:12	Keith Tanner	Janel Tanner	Mazda Miata = 94	8 Mod Sm

705	19	1:33	Will Atkinson	Nick Papayianis	BMW M3 = 88	7 Mod Lg
811	20	1:41	Afshin Montazeri	Paul Brown	Nissan Pulsar = 91	8 Std Lg
116	21	1:58	Richard Burton	Dean Hopkins	Subaru WRX STI = 05	1 Unlimit.
115	22	2:03	Matthew Oldford	Brian Oldford	Acura = Integra 95	1 Unlimit.
915	=	2:03	Ralph Gilles	Karen Wagner	Dodge Challenger = 08	1 Unlimit.
715	24	2:33	Brad Melendy	Graham Tweedie	Chevrolet = Monte Carlo SS 88	7 Mod Lg
808	25	2:38	Stan Hartling	Pierre Beswick	Honda Civic = 96	8 Mod Sm
809	26	2:44	Michael Paul Horton	Carmela Horton	Honda = Civic 92	8 Std Sm
201	27	2:56	Michael Salter	Michael Oritt	Austin Healey = 100 53	2 Std Sm
720	28	3:17	Jim Turner	Darryl Deagle	Ford Mustang = 90	7 Std Lg
907	29	3:27	Rick MacLeod	Steve McKelvie	Ford Mustang = 00	9 Mod Lg
403	30	3:53	Kees Van Winden	Kurtis McPhee	NSU TT = 66	4 Mod Sm
602	31	5:25	Edison Wiltshire	Marg-O Wiltshire	Porsche = 911 Targa 79	6 Std Lg
324	32	5:49	Chip (Karl) Brunner	Will Pearson	Ford = Shelby Mustang 65	3 Std Lg
607	33	8:17	J. Harold Seagle	Stan Pendergraft	Porsche = 911 SC 80	6 Std Lg
402	34	11:03	William Shanahan	Murray Smith	Chevrolet = Corvette 66	4 Mod Lg
903	35	17:58	Doug Mephram	John Selecki	Mini Cooper S JCW = 06	9 Mod Lg
807	36	19:48	Steve Quigley	Dana Nauss	Subaru WRX STI = 96	8 Mod Lg
905	37	22:06	Mark Hacking	John Leblanc	Mitsubishi = Lancer Ralliart 09	9 Std Lg
801	38	39:14	Glen Clarke	Andrew Proudfoot	Subaru Legacy 91	8 Mod Lg
908			Bob Yuille	Troy Webb	Chevrolet Cobalt 05	9 = Std Lg
806			Mike Davenport	Shawn Monette	Subaru SVX 97	8 = Std Lg
606			Scott Giannou	Ray Felice	Porsche 911 SC 81	6 = Mod Lg
415			Mike Mackenzie	Kirk Alexander	Chevrolet Camaro = 69	4 Mod Lg
555			Tom Hayes	Kieron Hayes	Chevrolet Camaro 73	5 = Mod Lg
117			Ian Glyn-Jones	Mike McCreight	Mercur XR4Ti 85	1 Unlimit.
107			Jim Kenzie	Brian Bourbonniere	Mini Cooper S = 04	1 Unlimit.
909			Peter Guagenti	Scott Smith	Mitsubishi Lancer = Evolution 1X RS 06	9 Mod Lg
302			Dave Pledger	Chris Willett	Morris Mini 59	3 = Mod Sm
704			Mark Kile	Kevin Paradise	Honda CRX SI 89	7 = Mod Sm
301			Dyrk Bolger	Terry Milnes	Austin Mini Cooper S = 63	3 Mod Sm
405			Robert Gritten	Jeff Hagan	Opel GT 71	4 Mod = Sm

Grand Touring Results

Team/Car	Position	Total	Driver	Co-Driver	Car	Class
1019	1		Jim Hauser	Ted Vanwyk	Porsche 944 = 86	Equip.
1005	2	0:04	John Vandemierden	Stu Lehmann	Lotus . = 08	Equip.
1025	3	0:08	Alan Kearley	Greg Martin	Mazda 3 Sport GT = 04	Not Equip.
1001	4	0:13	George Hollema	Jack Vant Spyker	Ford Focus = 05	Not Equip.
1028	=	0:13	Pete Lazier	Sharon Middler	BMW 318 = 91	Not Equip.
1030	6	0:15	Paul Abbott	Monique Parrott	Subaru WRX = 06	Equip.
1003	7	0:16	Laurence Jitts	Stephen Jitts	Porsche 911 = 70	Not Equip.
1004	8	0:25	Nigel Morgan	Rick Kojfmann	Mustang GT = Roush 08	Equip.

1008	=	0:25	Anthony Strelzow	Lee-Ann Strelzow	Jaguar = XKE 64	Not Equip.
1022	10	0:29	Joe Riche	Keith Newhook	Pontiac Trans Am = 95	Not Equip.
1006	11	1:04	Mike Gallagher	Kathy Gallagher	Porsche = Boxter 04	Not Equip.
1031	12	1:20	Eppie Wietzes	Barb Wietzes	Porsche Carrera = 04	Not Equip.
1002	13	36:39	Desmond Sie	Herb Wong	BMW = M5 91	Equip.
1032	14	4:13	Kelly Silverthorn	Michelle McLeod	Porsche 944 87	Equip.
1023		0/ 0	Adam DiCarlo	Jeff Hanning	Alfa Romeo GTU 70	Equip.