



MASONS GET GUEST DRIVE ON DUNLOP TARGA

Just when they thought their season was over, New Zealand's top rallying couple, Richard and Sara Mason, will be back in action one more time this year in their bright yellow *BNT* Subaru as the official Dunlop entry on the Targa Rally at the end of this month.

"We had pretty much resigned ourselves to parking the car up after our win at Nelson last month, and thought Sara taking her Dad for some skids in her Toyota at the Daybreaker last weekend was going to be it for us this year," said Richard. "But a quick comment from Alastair [Dunlop Motorsport Manager Alastair Corbett] at the Finish in Nelson has turned into a serious offer to represent Dunlop on Targa."

"We are wrapped to be given this opportunity and although it was never in our 08 Budget and, to be brutally honest, after the season we've had, we can not really afford to do it. But it is more a case that we can not really afford *not* to do it either, as we see this as a perfect chance to seriously 'Show The Flag' for two of our Key Sponsors in *BNT* and Dunlop, at one of the country's highest profile annual motorsport events."

"Our commitment to the NZRC [New Zealand Rally Championship] means we don't often get to run on tarmac, but with talk that there could be some of the 'Black Stuff' in next year's series, this is an ideal way to get a whole lot [5 days] more practice on it."

"After many years on the sidelines of this iconic event we are now really looking forward to competing with some of the tarmac experts and legends of the sport like Joe McAndrew and Steve Millen. It should be a heap of fun and a great way to wrap up our season!"

"And with no [pace] notes or target times to worry about Sara can strap herself in and just Enjoy The Ride!"

The Dunlop Targa starts on Labour Day (Monday October 27th) at the Telstra Clear Events Centre in Manukau City in Auckland with a Car Show, Prologue stage and an overnight halt before heading south to New Plymouth for two nights. Thursday's Stopover is Wanganui with Friday ending in Wellington after a day

travelling across to the Wairarapa. Saturday sees a northern loop before the Official Finish back in Wellington from 5pm.

DUNLOP TARGA - MON 27th OCT - SAT 1st NOV 2008 -
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