



Class Win for Starlight Supporter Mazda RX-7 at Lake Mountain Sprint

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Ahead of its 2010 Targa Tasmania campaign the Starlight Supporter Mazda RX-7 made its competition debut at last month's Lake Mountain Sprint (March 20-21), with driver Adam Spence and co-driver Jarrod Miller securing a class win despite unpredictable road conditions and an unfamiliar car.

It was always going to be an interesting event for the 1994 Mazda RX-7 entered under the banner of Team Redback Racing, with the car never before raced in anger.

Day one of the Lake Mountain hillclimb and everything was going well. Then road conditions started to deteriorate and many cars started to fall off the course. Rubber from tyres started to melt onto the road and so did the tarmac itself. But the RX-7 progressed and eventually the day ended with Team Redback Racing still in one piece after its first five 10km sprints up the mountain.

Day two saw competitors complete another five runs up the mountain. Making the day all the more challenging, the conditions at the top eventually changed to dense fog with low visibility and a chilling wind.

But after two days of racing Spence and Miller moved to the top of the ladder in the Modern 3501cc to 4500cc class after the challenging conditions got the better of their main rival. The RX-7's best run up the mountain was 5:10.19.

For the Starlight Supporter Mazda RX-7 and team at Redback Racing, the Lake Mountain Sprint was great preparation for what is considered the main event, Targa Tasmania 2010.

The Redback team aims to raise \$30,000 to help sick and seriously ill children and have been joined by companies Dimension Data, Nuance, GeneSYS, Openwave, Vodafone, World Manuals, Rightnow, Mazda Australia, Bowden's Own, Callcentres.net and the Vodafone Foundation to achieve their goal.

"Starlight Day is held just after Targa Tasmania on May 7 and we hope to ensure that there are some new volunteers recruited to help Starlight in Tasmania," said Spence.

"I am personally looking forward to taking one of the Starlight children, Francesco, around Launceston's Symmons Plains raceway in the RX-7. I know he is looking forward to the ride and we hope we can make the experience as exciting as possible for him."

The Starlight Children's Foundation has a Tasmanian presence but it is the aim of Redback Racing to increase their reach. There are 23 families in Tasmania that currently use the Starlight Escapes program with two Starlight Wishes granted last year. The Starlight Express Van visited Tasmania five times in 2009 and there are currently nine bedside Fun Centres in hospitals around Tasmania. If you can help by becoming a volunteer visit www.starlight.org.au

For information about Redback Racing at Targa visit www.redbackracing.com.au



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