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### Osborne Racing Newsletter #8 – April 21, 2009 – North Island Trip

#### Rotorua Easter - 11/12th April

The first race dates for the north island leg of the trip was the Easter Champs at Rotorua. This was one of my favourite tracks and we always tend to go well whenever we race there. There were a lot of top cars from around the north island so it was going to be a tough meeting to get through.

We started the first race mid pack and managed to push our way up to the top 5. With one lap to go we lost power steer and the warning lights on the dash came on. We had to pull off to save any serious damage. We had lost the dry-sump pump belt. We were gutted as we knew we had a fast car and our set-up was right on the money. We could have got back out on the track to finish the first night but decided it was too risky and we were better to park it up for the first night and do it properly in the morning.

We were hoping luck would be on our side for the second nights racing.

First race we started mid-pack again. It was a good race as the car was fast and we had a good setup. We ended up finishing 15. Second race of the night we were pretty much off the back on grid 24, we managed to pick them off lap after lap eventually finishing up in 5th. Final race we were off 8 and gained a 3rd placing.

We would like to thank the Rotorua club for putting on another awesome meeting.

#### Huntly Speedfest 16/4

This meeting was one I was really looking forward to as it is an invitation only meeting. It has been a few years since we raced at Huntly and it was good to be back after 7 years!  
It's a credit to the Huntly Speedway crew who made the whole complex look immaculate!

Our first race for the night we managed to get tangled up and had left front puncture but we managed to stay on track and finish in 16th. Our second race was a tough one; we managed to push our way forward to finish in 3rd place. The last race of the night was pretty full on, we got taken to the grass off the start and then pinned in the wall for a lap by a couple of Huntly cars. We managed to get away and finish up in 12th which was pretty good considering we got held for a lap. We also managed to peel off the 3rd fastest lap time behind of the race.

Overall it was a great week of racing. It was good fun to be able to mix it up with the all the top local cars and get some good results over the nights we raced. One of the highlights of the trip was getting on the gas with all my old mates. There were a lot of laughs and it was good to see

they were all on form although a couple didn't quite last the journey home from the V8s (Robbie and Fuzz hahahaha).

A huge thanks must go out to Colin and LaLa at TWS for Sponsoring us for the meeting and his crew for helping out with the car. Without their help it wouldn't have been possible for us to travel up. Scott, Paul and Donna Hewson for preparing and storing the car. They also were a huge help at the track and were our full time crew along with Robbie Maybe, Darrel Manson who were also a huge help to us on and off the track. Kyle and Phillipa Fraser who put up with me for a week although I think Phillipa wanted me there longer as Kyle told me its usually Jam on toast for dinner but Phillipa cooked a big meal every night...Thanks guys! Also to Dave at SADT for his continued support, we couldn't do it without his help.

Our last meeting is the last for the season, The Autumn Nationals in Napier

Stay tuned for results and news of how we go!

Thanks!

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