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Autumn Nationals – Meeanee, April 25, 2009.

The Autumn Nationals in Hawkes Bay was going to bring us to the end of a very long season and with the way the car had been performing we were hoping for a good finish to what has been at times a frustrating season with mixed results!

We managed to make it through the first heat with no damage and a top 10 placing which is what we wanted.

Heat 2 was another fast race and after some good battling we managed to come home in 5th place which we were happy with considering the engine was running off-note in the turns. We still hadn't managed to solve the issue so we had to head out into the Top 10 shootout anyway in which we could only manage a 9th placing.

With the car still not 100%, were still in with a chance going into the last heat and a solid finish would mean we would place in the top 5. We started off grid 9 and managed to push our way through off the start. We were having a good battle for 2nd and 3rd with Kyle Fraser until we tangled which let Shane Penn through to 2nd with only a few laps left, we came away with a 3rd placing and a 3rd overall for the meeting. Congratulations to Pat Westbury and Shane Penn on their 1st and 2nd placings. A big thanks must go out to Bruce and Robbie for their help at the track. It was a very satisfying way to finish the season off and it gave back a lot to our sponsors and supporters who have continued to stay with us and support the team. A big thank you also to my Mum who made the trip up to Napier with me and watched me race. Thanks Mum, it was great to have you there!

May 2nd - We took the car to Ashburton so we could give Wade a skid in the car as it was the least we could do for him - he has supplied us with a fast and reliable motor and we are very grateful for all he has done. He definitely showed us he can jump in anything and make it haul!! There was also a ladies race at the end of the day and after a bit of arm twisting I managed to get Casey in the hot seat for a few laps...after all, she does own half of it!! We initially weren't going to be allowed to run the Superstock in the ladies race as it was a "stockcar" event but after talking to the friendly staff at Ashburton they were more than happy to allow us to run, (rumor has it one of the stockcar boys didn't want a Superstock running in the ladies race which really pissed me off and it should never have been an issue at all) but at the end of the day it was just about ladies having some fun, they weren't out to set lap records. We would like to thank the Ashburton Speedway Club for letting us run the car in the ladies race. We hope this event continues and more guys let the "Mrs" have a skid every now and then.

So for now we will park the car in the shed and start preparing it for the new season ahead.

The 2008/09 season has been one of mixed results. We knew it would be a struggle coming into the season with a brand new car and engine package and at times it was frustrating trying to sort out all the little problems that we came across. The latter part of the season definitely showed the capability of the Top-Gear Chassis/Henshaw Race Engines combination with speed and strength.

A lot of time and effort has gone into building a new car and as we all know it takes a lot of time and help from friends, family, sponsors and supporters to make it all happen. Without the help of these people there is no way that anybody could do what we love to do each weekend. They give up their time and money to help us get to the track and try to win! It makes us proud to display their names and businesses on the side of our car and we only hope that you support these people as much as they have supported us and the sport that we love.

First off we have to thank Dave and the team at SADT for their continued support, Mike and Bonnie from METALMAN South Island, Baldrick at TOP END MOTORS for what he has put into the team throughout the season and his continued help at the track, Wade Henshaw for building an awesome motor - if anyone is interested in looking into running a Henshaw Race Engine, feel free to give me or Wade an email and we will be more than happy to answer any questions. Stu from THE CROSSING BAR AND CAFE for his continued support, Scott Hewson and the TOP GEAR ROTORUA crew for building an awesome car and for their help at the track this season, Andrew at ASD custom graphics, ELF OILS, Matt Parkin from FreshAir Grafix in Christchurch for another amazing paint job that definitely turned a few heads this season!!, The Team 16c crew: Tiny, Darren, Gavo, Ryan, Casey, Ashton, Bradley, Baldrick and Simon for their help at the track and in the shed! Yaz at NZ Stockcar Crazy for her willingness to keep the website up to date and to Kyle and Philippa for their hospitality.

Thank you all again for your support this season and we hope to see you all again 2009/10!!!

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16C Superstock***

Webmaster note: Check back in upcoming weeks, more photos of the car to be added, more photos of the present car + also photos of previous cars!

BUS FOR SALE

1985 Ford with a mid mounted Cat V8 Engine rebuilt last season, with Alison transmission. Back converted for race car. New COF New REGO this bus goes extremely well any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mark on 021-2RACING.

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