



To all sponsors, fellow competitors and friends, here is a brief account of our final Hill Climb for the 2010 season, the much anticipated Mount Gambier "Legend of the Lakes".

An early rear hub failure on Saturday morning cost Dad and I two runs each, and one slick. We were forced to change from brand new slicks, which the car was set up for, to second hand R-spec's, after the tow truck dragged Dads car off the track wearing down the R/H rear slick to canvas. Fortunately Mark Povey had time to change the tyres on the rims for us to the trusty Hankooks. Luckily Damien Brand had a spare hub bearing at his house about 55 km out of Mount Gambier. Whilst Dad, Mum and Simo pressed in the bearing at Damien's house, Brad, Simon, Reece and I changed the tyres and managed to fit in some spectating. Dad and Simo caught the shuttle bus down to the pits with the newly pressed hub. The reliable S&J team put the car back together in time for Dad's second to last run for the Day. My next and last run for the day felt really good, I immediately felt comfortable with the Hankooks and managed the beat my best time from last year with a 57.99, and still only my second run of the weekend.

Day two came in wet for the first run, but Dad and I managed to be the two fastest AWD's for that run. Each of my runs on the second day improved by at least half a second. My final and best run gave me a 56.28, placing me 17th out of 133 entrants. With the power that Dad's STI has now (300kw on low boost) it certainly is a handful to drive, Dad admits that he struggles a little with it and says that this type of experience is invaluable at my age. S&J Motorsport clients and friends Michael Willis (EVO 9), Mark Povey (STI TypeR), Simon Orme (STI R/A) finished 4th, 5th, 6th respectively with Dad 7th, all 4 of which were within .08 of a second and flying the S&J Flag proudly. Due to the loss of the Slicks the car was just over a second slower than last year, so I am very happy with my 2.2 second improvement. Damien, Trent and BJ in their STI's and my Pop in his Mustang all also did extremely well to improve their times this year. Big Congratulations to Tristan Catford on a Fantastic 3rd place with some awesome times throughout the weekend.

It was also good to have yet another break from school and work on the 28th November Thursday. Dad and I towed the STI out to Mallala for the Track day organised by Phil McLeay. We decided to do this track day mainly for time in the car before Mt Gambier Hill Climb, but fortunately Steve Glenney was out helping and instructing several drivers, so Dad and I were able to have a couple sessions with him. I managed to fit in 60+ laps for the day and Dad left with about 10 laps. If time permits next season, we will try to fit in a couple of the Phillcom Rally Time Attack rounds that the Mitsubishi GSR/EVO Club is involved with. I really look forward to this!



Daniel Day 6th & 7th November 2010