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## Early Testing proves positive for ex Millen Mazda RX7

Rotorua based rally team of Eddie Pinkham and Bill Hunter tested the potent Group B Mazda Rx7 during a local rally sprint last weekend.

The ex Rod Millen Rx7 has undergone a long restoration program at Bill Hunter Motorsport in preparation for the forthcoming Silver Fern Marathon rally being held in the South Island in early October.

The car owned by Bill Hunter has been restored and redeveloped to conform to current Classic rally car regulations. "Considering the car has undertaken such a massive rebuild and redevelopment, we had no real issues during initial testing" Pinkham said. "The car as a whole works awesome, there are a few jobs to do, but nothing we didn't know about prior to the test" he added.

Eddie has never driven a rotary powered car on gravel before, let alone left hand drive! After the first run and also being first car over the heavily gravelled road he was quicker than some fellow competitors that have been familiar with their own cars for many years. As the day went on the times improved and confidence was high at the conclusion of the event.

"This car has loads of potential, and it also earns a lot of respect. It is producing amazing power for a small engined car," said Pinkham.

They plan on one more test prior to the main event, just to fine tune and also give Eddie another shakedown in preparation for the event.

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