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RALLY FANS FLOCK TO CHRISTCHURCH RALLY SHOW

Motorsport fans came from all over New Zealand to join with 100's of members of the public in Christchurch's Cathedral Square to attend a special rally show and to check out the cars entered in this weeks NZ Silver Fern International Marathon Rally.

The show promoted by the Christchurch City Council's Recreation and Sports Unit and Events Team, which included classic and car club vehicles, saw the square filled to overflow with around 100 rally cars and motorsport displays.

Amongst the display highlights were the ex Ford UK team Escorts, Ari Vatanen's 1979 Rothmans Ford Escort RS1800, now owned by Christchurch's Brian Walker, and Roger Clarks Shell Ford Escort RS1800 now owned by brother Jim and Tony Hewlett also of Christchurch. The show also included the visiting Lotus Car Clubs South Island tour.

Tomorrow's (Thursday Oct 16) first day of the eight day event will see competitors travel out to the Geraldine area before travelling on to their first overnight stop in Queenstown.

After leaving Christchurch's cathedral Square at 7.30am, the days competition stages will take place near Waitohi (9.45am), Kakahu Bush (10.20am), Kakahu (10.55am) and Spur Road (11.25am) before a service / lunch break in Fairlie at around midday. In the afternoon the teams will tackle the Braemar stage neat Tekapo (1.00pm) Phillips Road near Tarras (3.10pm) before heading to a service area on Lake Rd Frankton at around 4.30pm. The cars will be parked up overnight at Whakatipu High School from 5.30pm.



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The October 16th - 23rd 2008 event, will start in Christchurch's Cathedral Square, at 7.30 am tomorrow morning, and take competitors south to Queenstown, Dunedin, and Invercargill, back to Dunedin, Timaru and Christchurch before finishing at the new Marlborough Convention Centre in Blenheim.

For event details and the latest info on the rally visit:- www.silverfernally.co.nz

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The historic Clark and Vatanen rally Escorts on display



Crowds throng to the start in Cathedral Square.

