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WORKS Motorsports competes in the 2009 25 hours of Thunderhill.

December 4<sup>th</sup> 2009 marks the day that WORKS Motorsports debuts the 2009 Mitsubishi Rally Art to the racing community. With the help of BFGoodridge , SSP performance ,Whiteline suspension components, Racing Technologies Brembo, and Hot Bits suspensions systems. The 2009 Mitsubishi Rally Art proved yet again that the platform is a forced to be reckoned with in any type of racing.

With the addition of drivers,  
Dave Smith a driving instructor for the Russell racing school and 2008 driver of the Muscle Milk Daytona Prototype.

Tony Brakohiapa One of the top drifting champions in the exciting Motorsport of FormulaD and also an instructor at the Russell racing school.

Marten Hansen a 20year old up and coming star from Sweden, Using his experience from the Nascar series this past year

And Lars Wolfe the Motorsports Director at WORKS. With his resume in off road Rally Racing in the US rounding off the drivers Lineup.

Lars Was heard saying, "With such a diverse driving background we felt there was no condition or situation that the drivers were not going to be ready for."

The first day of testing was the cars first shake down. Dave Smith said "For the car never being on track it is very close to being ready and will require very little adjustments to make it fast" And Lars' only worry was the strength of the new Mitsubishi SST transmission "this transmission has never been run like for this or for this long." Lars said. "But with modification only available through South Side Performance from South Dakota they helped WORKS motorsport with upgrades to the transmission that should make it the least of our worries"



The second day of testing the car started to come into its own, with little worry left on the transmission, several changes were made to the Hot Bits damper systems ,rear wing and finally a rear spring change.

And as night fell on ThunderHill raceway Marten Hansen with the of the combination of Whiteline suspension components, the Hot bits Damper systems and the BFG R1's and lighting the way ANZO lighting products Marten was able to put the car on Pole in our class. With the testing ended WORKS Motorsport was eager to get on with the race.

Saturday Dec.5

During the night and early into the morning the Works Crew arrived from German Auto service in San Luis Obispo, M&R Motorsports and WORKS from Infineon Raceway in Sonoma. And went back over the car and made it race ready. Making final adjustments and refitting the car with a Brand new set of BFG R1's and filling the tank with Race Tec 101 fuel from ALL POINTS PETROLIUM. And keeping the crew fueled came from some help of Muscle Milk and Cytomax the premier in energy and nutritional food and drink products.

Tony Brakohiapa led off the team in the car with very consistent times and no mistakes.

Next in the car was Lars Wolfe then Marten Hansen. And during one of Martens pit stop the decision was made to remove the rear wing and see if there was any more in the car. With night falling we gained 3 seconds a lap with the change. But as the race went on the Brembo brake package really started to take a beating and required the drivers to take care of the brakes. With only minimal time lost a balance was found, and Dave Smith entered the car for his stint with a brand new set of BFGoodridge R1 race tires. And when the first set of tire was inspected. "These R1 tires are amazing" quoted Lars Wolfe and Dave Smith "they are completely predicable even as conditions changed. And after 5 hours of continuous punishment they still performed and did everything we asked of them, there is no better test, than what we just did to these tires." Added Tony and Marten.

And after this pit stop and tire change we found the cars momentum, at night, the superior handling and confidence that Mitsubishi's All wheel drive system gave the drivers allowed them to push harder than any other car and our times decrease only a fraction of what other teams



times were doing as we started to make up laps on the rest of the field. With the car running at its peak Dave came in and handed the car off the Tony B. and with only 5 laps into his stint he came back in to the pits. And upon further investigation we found that the cooling system had been compromised and the motor had lost all coolant. With a quick check the motor had blown the head gasket and The grueling 25 Hour race and claimed it next victim. "This is a bitter sweet way to end a race" the crew says, But when racing such a new car, things like this are going to happen. We are professionals and learn from our mistakes. We will prepare even more and will come back next year to try again. With a special thanks going to

- BFG for allowing us the opportunity to represent them in their efforts to show the world that their product can compete at any level of competition.
- South Side Performance, with out there help and knowledge of this product we would have never gotten this far
- Whiteline suspension components. Against impossible odds there teams efforts made it possible for the Rally Art's chassis to be tuned as little as it did to make it race ready.
- Anzo Lighting coming threw in a clinch with lighting that gave us the advantage to take the Pole during nighttime qualifying.
- Hot Bits Damper systems, for there continuing support and development of new products for this and future chassis'.
- All Point Petroleum and Race TEC racing fuel
- AME wheels, Royal purple, And Etnies clothing
- And for the all our sticker needs LAB 17

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