

ORP Club Members on Colonel Red Racing win the Cascade Enduro 8 Hour

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In a stunning turn of events the Colonel Red Racing Subaru STI won the Cascade Festival of Endurance 8 Hour Race E0 class. The drivers, all members of the famous Oregon Raceway Park Club, were ecstatic.

ORP Club member Dave Baker stated "It was hot in that damn car, Gator couldn't figure out how to keep the Cool Shirt cold. But I was hot on the throttle too!"

ORP Club member Greg Guise was euphoric. He was especially glad after his practice session that the team was able to clean up his mess of oil all over the engine and get the car back in the race before the LeMans style start.

Owner/Driver and ORP Club member James "Gator" Hudson said "I knew all along we would win".

ORP Club member Robert Kulason was the only CRR fan to make the dangerous journey thru Delta Park and into Portland International Raceway. After watching all the fun he said "I can't wait to get my Palatov in one of these races!"



Gator was able to give further details.

We were entered in the 2 Hour, 4 Hour, and the 8 Hour. We knew the 2 Hour would be next to impossible with other top level cars in our class including a Superlite SL-C. But some of those cars would be moving up

to the EU class for the 4 & 8 hour. Our only shot would be if it rained, hard. We were doing the Subaru pray for rain dance all week but alas, it was dry and 68 degrees. Perfect for the supercars. Not so for us to be racing them.

But in endurance racing it's not who smokes the fastest laps for 4 hours, it's who does the most laps at the end of 8. Sometimes the tortoise really does beat the hare!

First to drop out was our friends at Dragonfly, their Factory Five 818R broke a CV axle. We look forward to pitting our 818R against them next year. And good luck at the Thill25, we'll be cheering for you!

For the 4 & 8 hour the superfast car was a SVT Mustang with ginormous HP. In the curves we could easily stay with him because every time he slightly touched the accelerator the back end would go all over the place. But once the track straightened out he was gone! Then shortly after the 4 hour race his engine went bye-bye.

We continued to soldier on, eventually passing their lead and going into first place. Unfortunately at 6 hours we noticed some strange vibrations. We changed the front tires out. A little better but still there. We changed the rear tires out. That didn't help. At 6.5 hours our right front CV Axle called it quits. I was able to limp around back to the pits where it took a little bit to figure out the outer CV joint had broken completely inside the CV boot. However by then we were cemented in 1st place so rather than trying to swap in a new axle we called it a race.

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And thanks to the ORP Club for being there for our constant test & tunes. Now let's get some more ORP Club teams out there racing!

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