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New Zealand’s fastest couple just got faster.

Los Angeles based Doug and Miriam Macmillan again made their mark at the 63rd annual SpeedWeek, as the pair drove their Acura RSX and Honda CRX to three new records and new personal bests at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. Doug is the co-founder of the successful Los Angeles based Hondata Inc.

Competing for her 4th year Miriam Macmillan drove her 1990 Honda CRX, with a turbocharged 1.5 litre engine to a new record of 220.258 mph averaged over two runs on successive days. Miriam’s exit speed at the end of the 4th mile of 234.6 mph (377 kph) is a personal best up from her peak speed of 207mph in 2010 when she earned her crown as New Zealand’s Queen of Speed.

“My CRX has a lot more in it” said Miriam. “Had the driver’s window not been sucked out of the car and smashed I would have run again and continued to the 5th mile.”

Doug’s co-driver Daniel Butler was first up in the 700 hp twin supercharged 2.0 litre Acura RSX (DC5 Integra) putting an impressive 12mph on the previous record to achieve 230.761mph. Doug’s runs were not quite as smooth however. Switching to the fuel class by adding a 100 shot of nitrous required taller gearing with a larger pair of front tyres. Unfortunately the tyres shredded at 225 mph requiring a change back to the smaller tyres. The next run however a rod cap let go, punched a hole in the block and set fire to the car just a few seconds before the finish. Despite all this Doug’s RSX broke the previous record with a 232.546 mph run, the team’s fastest timed mile for the week. Unfortunately with a blown engine the record could not be backed up.

“The RSX with its 100 shot of nitrous was pulling very very strongly. With better tyres and taller gearing we’ll be shooting for more than 240 mph in the RSX next year.” said Doug. “I think the CRX has the most untapped potential though. Our goal for the CRX is to hit 250mph.” (400 kph)

Records are an average of two runs

CLASS	Old Record	New Record	Driver
Honda CRX			
G/BFCC	200.152	222.129 mph	Craig Corbin
G/BGCC	196.831	220.258 mph	Miriam Macmillan
Acura RSX			
G/BGALT	219.049	230.761 mph	Daniel Butler

A guide to classes:

- G = 1.5 to 2 liters
- H = 1.0 to 1.5 litres
- /BG = **B**lown **G**as (spec gasoline),
- /BF = **B**lown **F**uel (Any fuel can be used)
- ALT = altered coupe (minor nose alterations)
- CC = competition coupe (smoother nose and bellypan)

On-line photos

<http://gallery.me.com/miriammacmillan#100075>

On-line videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xD98bHhqLMw>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ADzWcJLkx4

On-Line references

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