

SPECTATOR GUIDE

SALEM, VIBURNUM, STEELVILLE,  
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February 22, 2008

Welcome to the 2008 Rally in the 100 Acre Wood!

This year marks the seventh consecutive year for performance rally's return to the most challenging roads in North America. It is the continuation of the Ozark Foothills' hosting of the championship event for America's regional-level rally teams. Most important, this event is also in its third year as an integral part of American rally's premier series: the Rally America National Championship.

As the second event in the 2008 National Championship, competitors from across the continent have again come to south central Missouri for another round of a year-long fight to be crowned as this year's champion among the best rallyists in America. It will be two days of intense action on the best rally roads there are, coupled with incomparable Missouri hospitality. There's also an additional bonus at stake for the national-level teams: a chance to show their talents this summer at the X Games for the third year in a row. That means that the competition will be at its fiercest this weekend.

We hope you'll have a great time, and will come back to enjoy the beautiful countryside of the "Gateway to the Ozarks" again and again, both for next year's rally, and at many other times of the year.

Thanks for coming!

*Tom vonHatten*

Tom vonHatten  
Chairman

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### Thursday, February 21, 2008

12:30 PM – 9:00 PM Registration & Tech Inspection at the Salem Fire House, 2 South Main, Salem

### Friday, February 22, 2008

9:00 AM – Noon Registration at the Holiday Inn-Express  
 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM Tech Inspection at Salem Fire House  
 1:00 PM Parc Expose' at Steelville City Park,  
 2:00 PM Driver's Meeting at Start Gate  
 2:15 PM Welcome Ceremony  
 2:30 PM First car starts Day 1  
 4:30 PM First car arrives for Main Service at Steelville City Park  
 7:15 PM First car finishes Day 1 at Holiday Inn-Express


### Saturday, February 23, 2008

9:00 AM Parc Exposé in Salem (4th Street)  
 10:00 AM Drivers Meeting at Start Gate  
 10:10 AM Welcome Ceremony  
 10:30 AM First Car starts Day 2  
 1:30 PM First Car arrives at 1<sup>st</sup> Service, Viburnum  
 5:15 PM First Car arrives at 2<sup>nd</sup> Service, Viburnum  
 8:00 PM First Car finishes, Dent County Court House  
 9:00 PM Awards Banquet, Eagles' Lodge

## RALLY STAFF

### Rally in the 100 Acre Wood Officials

Chairman	Tom vonHatten
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Rally America National Championship Series  
 Rally in the 100 Acre Wood  
 February 22-23  
 Salem, Missouri


Dear Road Rally Participants:

Welcome to the state of Missouri and the City of Salem for the 2008 Road Rally of the Rally America National Championship Series.

Many of you are returning for another year of competition and excitement. This year's rally should provide an enjoyable challenge to the driving skills of the contestants as they compete in the second segment of the Rally America National Championship calendar.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful event for the participants, spectators and fans of the Rally in the 100 Acre Wood.

Sincerely,



Matt Blunt

## CLASS EXPLANATION

In Rally America's Regional and National rally series, teams can compete in one of five different classes based on the modification level of the car and whether it is two or four wheel drive.

So what does all that mean to rally fans?

The Drivers and Co-Drivers (navigators) come from all across the U.S. The car numbers are assigned for the whole year, and really have very little significance as to what performance to expect.



Credit: Lars Ganke

The type of vehicles participating in the Trespassers Wil and 100 Acre Wood performance rallies vary all over the map. You might see a fire-breathing Mitsubishi EVO or brand-spanking new Subaru WRX, down to an

almost bone-stock Dodge Neon, Honda Civic, or even an E85 Ford Focus. Literally any car, if properly prepared, can be rallied!

All rally cars and their drivers also adhere to a strict set of safety rules. In addition, cars entered are required to be street licensed and pass all state and federal laws.

The five classes for rally cars are as follows:



The Open Class allows significant modifications for performance and reliability. Innovation and modification within the rules is encouraged.



The Group 5 Class is for two-wheeled drive cars, normally aspirated, turbocharged, or supercharged with Open Class-style modifications allowed. Engine displacement is limited to 5100cc, and is adjusted to equalize performance among cars in the class.



The Group 2 Class is two-wheel drive cars, normally-aspirated (meaning no superchargers or turbochargers are allowed) with Open Class-style modifications allowed. Engine displacement is limited to 3080cc, and is also adjusted to equalize performance between cars in the class.



The Production GT Class is for vehicles offered for sale in the U.S. with engine displacement over 2650cc. The only modifications allowed are for safety and reliability of the car and its suspension.



The Production Class is for vehicles offered for sale in the U.S. with engine displacement under 2650cc. The only modifications allowed are for safety and reliability of the car and its suspension.

The year that the vehicle was built carries some weight. We have cars running that qualify for an "H" (or Historic) designation that were built 25 or more years ago and are still rallying!

## RALLY AMERICA REGIONAL CUP CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

The RRC is why most of the regional competitors have come to the Ozark Foothills and the "best rally roads in North America". These teams have competed in their own Regional Rally series from last year (2007) in each of four divisions across the U.S. They are either class divisional champions or runners-up. They are here to see who is really the best at the "regional" level of performance rallying.

The teams from New York almost never compete against teams from California or Washington, and it is unlikely an entry from Florida would ever see fellow rallyists from Michigan or Minnesota. This is the Championship Runoff for regional rallying. Saturday evening we will crown the 2007 Champions in all five classes.....the "best of the best" in Regional Rally.

## LEAVE NO TRACE

We appreciate your support and interest in the Rally America Performance Rally events that will take place in the beautiful Ozark Foothills this weekend. City, county and state governments have allowed the "Trespassers Wil" and "100 Acre Wood" rallies to occur throughout their jurisdiction. We want to be good neighbors and look forward to being welcomed back in the future.

To that end, your help would be greatly appreciated. There will be trash receptacles with recycling available at the Official Spectator Areas (see maps). Please use them and encourage others to do the same. Sanitary facilities (port-a-potties) will also be available for your convenience. We would like to leave the forest cleaner than we found it before the rallies, and we encourage you to help us "Leave No Trace". Thanks for your help and enjoy the 2008 Rally in the 100 Acre wood!



## SPECTATOR SAFETY

DESPITE THE ORGANIZERS TAKING ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS UNAVOIDABLE ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN. IN RESPECT OF THESE YOU ARE PRESENT AT YOUR OWN RISK.

### PLEASE PROTECT

- Yourself
- Others around you
- This stage
- Rallying
- Motor sport
- The environment

### KNOW THAT

- The unexpected can happen
- If you ignore Marshal instructions the stage will be stopped

### DON'T

- Stand on the stage
- Stand on the outside of a turn
- Venture off on your own to an unofficial location
- Stand in front of arrows or signs
- Stand in prohibited areas
- Cross a stage road during competition
- Stand or sit on or near log piles, walls or fences
- Sit close to the edge of the stage
- Block escape routes
- Be distracted
- Play games with your safety
- Start a bonfire
- Remove stage signs, arrows, or banner tape
- Be the one to stop the stage

### ALWAYS

- Expect the unexpected
- Listen for approaching cars
- Remain alert
- Leave yourself room to move quickly
- Try to keep behind something solid
- Keep children under supervision
- Keep dogs on a leash
- Do as the Marshals ask
- Leave areas clean
- Respect the public and private property that occupies and adjoins the spectator locations

## SPECTATOR REGULATIONS

Welcome to the 2008 Rally in the 100 Acre wood, sanctioned by Rally-America! Regulations permit spectators only in authorized spectator points. These safety standards are in place for the benefit of the spectators, volunteers, and competitors.

Please note any spectator found to be in an unsafe location will be asked to move by a rally official. Anyone that does not follow the instructions of a rally official will cause the event to be halted. We appreciate your cooperation as we implement these safety standards to ensure everyone enjoys the ground-pounding, sideways-through-the-corners action this year and in the years to come.

## CHECK LIST

Be prepared for all types of weather and conditions. The rally will be run if there are sub zero temperatures, rain, sleet, and snow. Bringing these simple items will help increase your rally experience.

- Comfortable hiking boots or tennis shoes
- Extra warm clothing
- An umbrella or weatherproof jacket
- Something to drink and eat
- Bug spray, sunglasses, and a hat
- Flashlight (if the rally runs late in the day)
- Folding chair for the waiting time

## WHAT ARE THE COURSE VEHICLES?

### Car 000

Triple zero is responsible for setting up the course by placing control crews at the start and finish of each stage and placing course marshals at road intersections and important areas. Expect to see car triple zero 60 to 75 minutes before the stage is hot.

### Car 00

Double zero will travel faster than triple zero and double checks what the previous car has done. They also check to make sure signs are up and in place, spectator locations are staffed, and all "non-rally" vehicles are off of the stage. Expect to see car double zero 30 to 45 minutes before the stage is hot.

### Car 0

Zero is the last official course vehicle that drives on the stage before the stage is set to go. Car zero travels almost as fast as the competition vehicles. This car makes sure the stage is ready for competition and there are no safety concerns. Expect to see car zero 5 to 10 minutes before the stage is hot. After you see this car go by, prepare for some sideways rally action!

## PLAN YOUR TRAVEL TIME

Many of the spectator locations are spread out over large distances. Make sure to review the schedule and account for travel time from one location to the next. Remember, law enforcement will be out in the area. If you do not want to travel around, just stay in one spot. Many of the spectator locations are used twice.

## PERFORMANCE RALLYING

BY EILEEN WATERS AND TOM VONHATTEN

Cars used in performance rallies are not like cars used in other forms of motorsport. While rally cars have almost all of the safety equipment found in cars built for racing (roll cages, safety harnesses, and fire extinguishers), they must also be licensed for use on the street, and must have working headlights, tail lights, brake lights, turn signals, windshield wipers, and a working horn. They must also carry an environmental spill kit and first aid kit, both of which are specified in the rules used to run the rally. The driver and co-driver are also well protected, and must wear suitable helmets and fire-retardant suits while taking part in the rally.

Unlike almost all motor racing events, rally cars must have two occupants: a driver, who controls the car, and a



Credit: Lars Ganqe

navigator (also called a co-driver), who directs the driver, telling him where to turn and what the course ahead of him is like, based on a set of instructions provided to him by the rally officials.

While speed is involved in a performance rally, it is not the only aspect. Cars do not travel as fast as possible all of the time. Drivers pay special attention to road conditions, like pot holes and large rocks, along with unique road characters, like jumps, low water bridges, and cattle guards.

In a rally, teams enter all competitive sections of the course staggered in one-minute intervals to minimize the



Credit: Lars Ganqe

chances of wheel to wheel racing between cars, which is standard for almost any other form of motorsport. The route used for a performance rally is made up of roads that can be traveled by the general public on a daily basis and

consists of two basic parts: a "transit zone" and a "special stage".

While on a transit zone teams travel on roads along with the general public and must observe the same traffic laws and regulations as all other motorists. If they are observed (by either rally officials or law-enforcement officers) disobeying the rules of the road, they are penalized, up to and including exclusion from the rally. These transit zones often include specific stopping points called "service zones" where mobile crews of mechanics can service the cars, change tires, refuel them, and repair minor damage should there be any. These service zones are usually open to the public to allow them a close-up look at cars during the competition.

A "special stage" is a section of public road temporarily closed to all forms of non-rally traffic (motorized, pedestrian and equestrian) at specific times to



Credit: Lars Ganqe

form the competitive sections of the rally route. Rally cars competing on a special stage road travel from a specific starting point to a specific finishing point as fast as possible. These roads are selected in coordination with the commissioners of the various counties through which the rally route passes. In order to give the general public a chance to view the cars in competition, specific points are determined along selected special stages for spectator viewing under safe conditions.

During the operation of a special stage, crews at the start and finish locations for the stage are in constant HAM radio communication, both with each other and with a general rally-related radio network that coordinates overall rally activities during the event. Each stage will also have other HAM radio operators and FRS radio users along a stage road to report on the status of the stage during its operation. Should any emergency arise, from competitor, worker, or spectator injury on a stage to the very rare occurrence of a breaching of the stage by a non-competitor, stage operations are immediately stopped and emergency response teams assigned to each stage are dispatched to handle the situation.

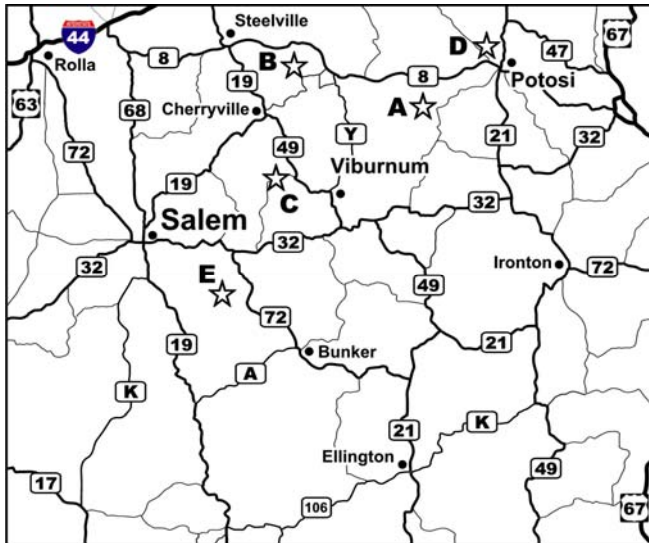
Once all rally cars have completed a specific special stage road, other course vehicles will travel the stage road to indicate that the road is once again open to general traffic, as well as assist any teams that may have broken down or crashed along the stage. The actual time period during which a road used for a special stage is closed to general traffic is usually from two to four hours in length.

The rally organizers work months before a rally to contact and obtain permission from those who might live on roads selected for potential use as a special stage. This several-month period before the rally also finds the committee positioning the start and finish for each special stage, measuring the sections of the course, and creating an instruction book that will describe the entire course to rally competitors, determining routes that can be used by service crews and spectators to get to their specific locations, as well as hundreds of other details related to the running of the rally.

### OVERVIEW MAP

**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Parc Expose: Steelville
- Spectator Areas A, B & C
- Service: Steelville
- Parc Expose: Salem
- Spectator Areas A, B, C, D & E
- Service: Viburnum
- Finish Line: Salem



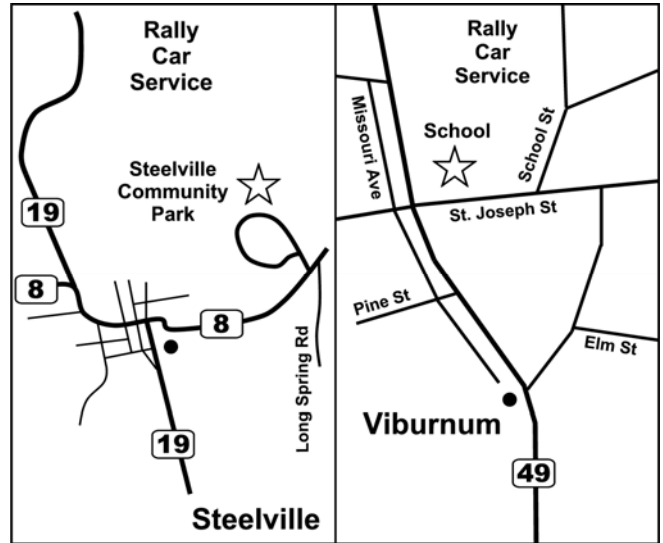
### RALLY CAR SERVICE

**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Location: Steelville Community Park  
Time: Rally cars will service from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M.

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Location: Viburnum School - Saint Joseph St.  
Time: Rally Cars will service from:  
11:45 A.M. to 1:45 P.M.  
3:35 P.M. to 5:45 P.M.



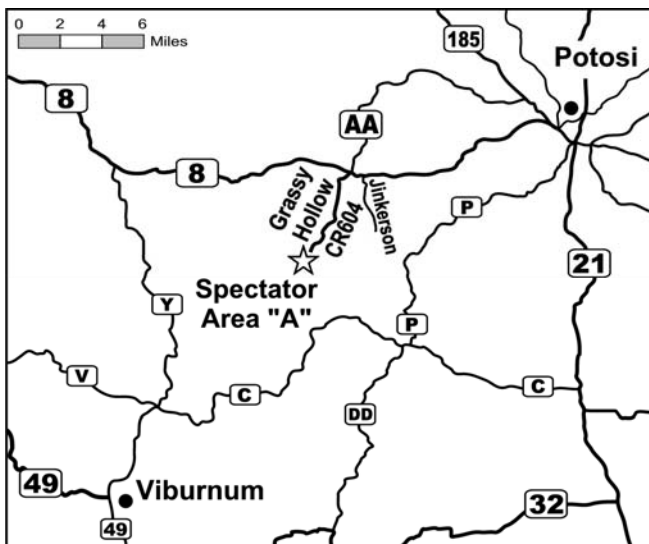
### SPECTATOR AREA "A"

**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Stage 2 - First car due: 3:40 P.M.

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Stage 11 - First Car Due: 4:30 P.M.

From Potosi:

- From the intersection of Hwy 8 and Hwy 185 in Potosi
- West on Hwy 8 (9.4 miles) to the intersection of Hwy AA and Grassy Hollow Road.
- Left on Grassy Hollow Road (4.1 miles) to Spectator Area



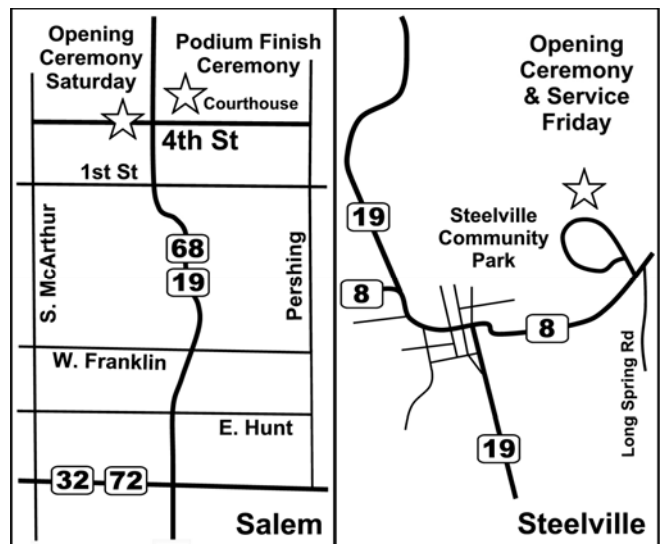
### OPENING CEREMONIES & FINISH

**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Location: Steelville Community Park  
See the rally cars & meet the teams.  
Time: Opening Ceremony: 1:00 to 2:30 P.M.

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Location: Downtown Salem - 4<sup>th</sup> St. & Hwy 68/19  
See the rally cars & meet the teams.  
Times: Opening Ceremony: 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.  
Podium Finish: 7:45 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.



### SPECTATOR AREA "B"

Friday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

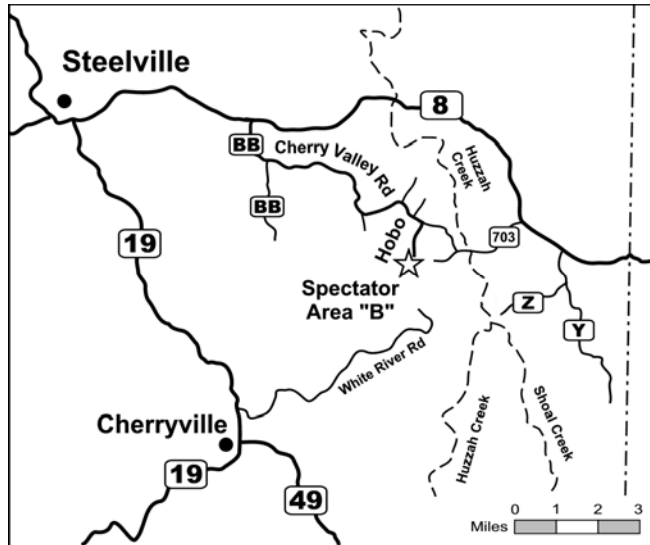
Stage 3 - First car due: 5:45 P.M.

Saturday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Stage 6 - First car due: 12:00 P.M. Noon

From Steelville:

- From the intersection of Hwy 8 and Hwy 19 in Steelville.
- East on Hwy 8 (4.5 miles) to Hwy BB
- Right on Hwy BB (1.0 mile) to Cherry Valley Rd
- Left on Cherry Valley Rd (5.5 miles) to Hobo Rd
- Right on Hobo Rd (0.9 miles) to Spectator Area



### SPECTATOR AREA "C"

Friday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

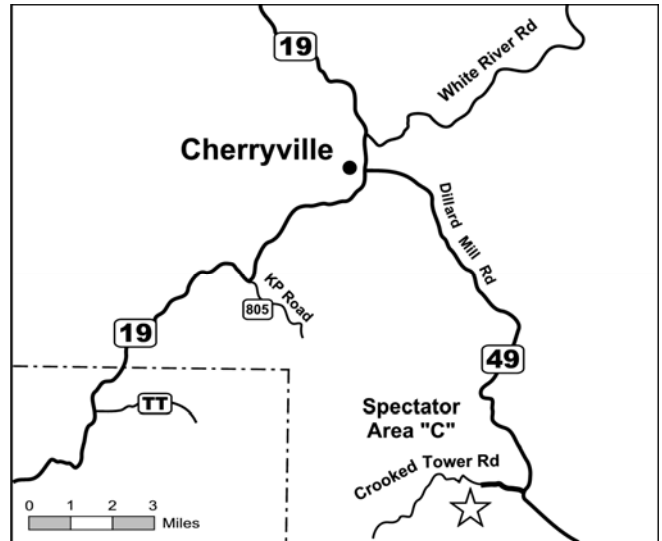
Stage 4 - First car due: 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Stage 5 - First car due: 11:15 A.M.

From Cherryville:

- From the intersection of Hwy 19 and Hwy 49 in Cherryville
- South on Hwy 49 (10.1 miles) to Crooked Tower Rd.
- Right on Crooked Tower Rd. (1.1 miles) to Spectator Area.



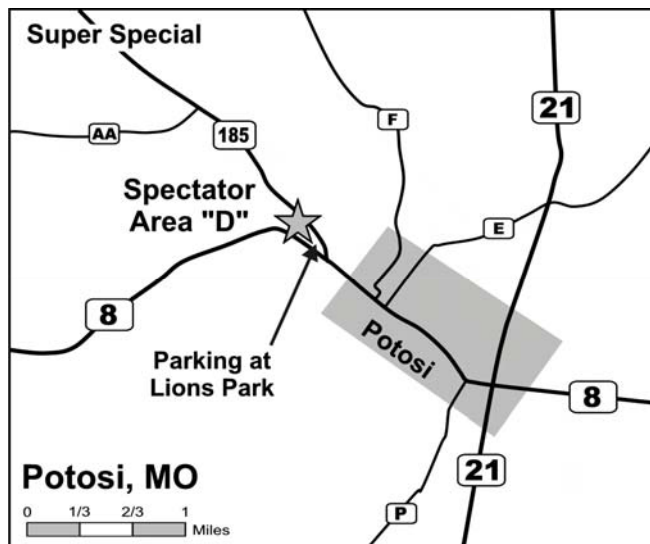
### SPECTATOR AREA "D"

Saturday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Stage 11 - First car due: 3:45 P.M.

From Potosi:

- From the intersection of Hwy 21 and Hwy 8 in Potosi
- West on Hwy 8 (1.5 miles) to Hwy 185
- Right on Hwy 185 (0.3 miles) to Spectator Area



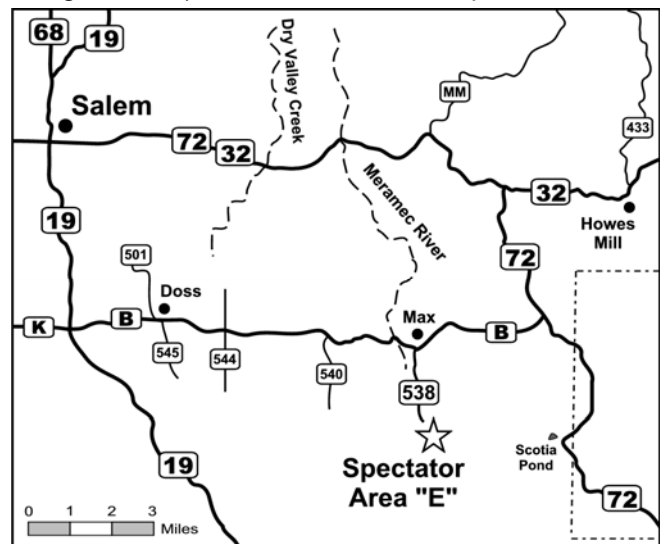
### SPECTATOR AREA "E"

Saturday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Stage 13 - First car due: 7:00 P.M.

From Salem:

- From intersection of Hwys 19, 32 & 72 in Salem
- South on Hwy 19 (4.5 miles) to Hwy B
- Left on Hwy B (8.4 miles) to County Road 538
- Right on Cnty. Rd. 538 (1.7 miles) to Spectator Area



**Driver: #2 - Andrew Pinker**  
Rockstar Energy Drink Rally Team  
Hometown: Perth, Australia  
Age: 33



Credit: Rockstar Rally Team

Australian Andrew Pinker's rally career began in 1992, when his natural prowess in a rally-school competition earned him a ride in the Australian round of the World Rally Championship. After winning championships in his native Australia, Pinker moved thousands of miles from his hometown to Denbigh, Wales. In 1996, he was instrumental in claiming the World 2-Liter Championship for Spanish auto manufacturer SEAT.



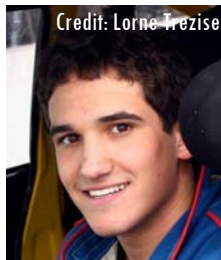
Credit: Lorne Trezise

Pinker went on to compete in Australian, British and Finnish rounds of the World Rally Championship, finishing first in class on three occasions. He contested two successful seasons in the Spanish Rally

Championship before making his American racing debut at the Sno\*Drift rally in 2006.

Pinker earned class wins in three of the four rallies he contested, and claimed overall victory in just his third Rally America event. With two wins and six podium finishes in his first full season of Rally America competition in 2007, Pinker remained a strong contender for the series title until the season finale in October. With talented Co-Driver Robbie Durant alongside in their Open Class Subaru they sure will be 'One to Watch'.

**Driver: #55 - Kyle Sarasin**  
CPD Racing Team  
Hometown: Marquette, MI  
Age: 18



Credit: Lorne Trezise

Kyle Sarasin will advance to Rally America's elite Open class in 2008, trading his Group 5 Ford Focus for a more powerful Subaru Impreza.

Sarasin, 18, competed in his first performance rally at the age of 16 when he drove in the 2005 Lake Superior Pro Rally.



Credit: Marcin Czaicki

In 2007, with the guidance of co-driver Mikael Johansson, the talented teenager finished ninth overall in the Rally America championship and was named the series' Rookie of the Year.

Sarasin has a diverse sports background, becoming the youngest American Bicycle Association BMX expert racer in the state of Michigan, as well as holding the state championship for six consecutive years. He was also an accomplished downhill mountain bike racer as well as participating at competitive levels in hockey and baseball.

**Driver: #4 - Tanner Foust**  
Rockstar Energy Drink Rally Team  
Hometown: Capistrano Beach, CA  
Age: 34



Credit: Lorne Trezise

Rallying started for Tanner Foust in 2003 driving a PGT class Subaru WRX. Tanner was a natural and success quickly followed, winning the 2005 Rally America PGT title and finishing second in 2006. A year later Foust advanced to the elite Open class of Rally America competition and for 2008 will continue to challenge for the championship title along with co-driver Chrissie Beavis.



Credit: Lars Ganæ

Foust took home the Rally Car Racing gold medal at X Games 13 last August, defeating Ken Block to earn top honors at the popular extreme-sports competition. He finished fourth overall in the 2007 Rally America point standings.

Besides rally Tanner keeps a busy schedule competing in the Formula Drift series where he won the 2007 Formula Drift Championship. Between races, Foust also works as a stunt driver, with his car-control skills featured on such films as "The Dukes of Hazzard," "Fast and Furious 2: Tokyo Drift," and "The Bourne Ultimatum."

**Driver: #17 - Antoine L'Estage**  
Coyote Rallye Team  
Hometown: St-Jean-Sur-Le-Richelieu, Quebec  
Age: 34



Credit: Lorne Trezise

Antoine L'Estage was born into the world of rally. As a young boy, he and his siblings Mathieu and Laurence-Fanny would watch their father compete as a driver. Now, many years later, L'Estage has over a decade of rally experience and is the leader of the L'Estage rally family.



Credit: Lorne Trezise

The Canadian driver began his rally career in a 2-wheel-drive car and quickly developed a reputation as one of the fastest drivers in North America. He is now among a short list of drivers who can say

they've won every event in the Canadian championship.

The 2006 and 2007 Canadian rally champion, L'Estage lives with his co-driver/girlfriend, Nathalie, in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec. He hopes to one day continue this family dynasty by passing his passion on to his two children.

**Driver: #199 – Travis Pastrana**  
Subaru Rally Team USA  
Hometown: Annapolis, MD  
Age: 23



Subaru Rally Team USA driver Travis Pastrana has dominated rallying in the USA since switching his focus away from Freestyle Motocross. He has been on the podium in 17 of his last 22 rallies, with 8 wins, including a Gold and a Bronze Medal at the last two X Games Rally events. Pastrana is the 2006 and 2007 Rally America National Champion. In 2006, at only 23 years-old, he became the youngest ever American Rally Champion, then defended his crown in 2007.

Pastrana has made the switch to rallying after becoming a legend on two wheels. He is Freestyle Motocross' brightest star and is world famous for his death defying stunts on his motorcycle. He has achieved more in his 23 years than most racers have done in their entire careers, including winning a string of National Amateur Motocross titles, becoming World Freestyle Champion at age 14 and 125cc National and Supercross champion. He has won the gold in Freestyle MotoX a record six times at the X Games, and landed the first ever double backflip in competition.



Now Pastrana has made the switch to rallying, which he refers to as "motocross with a rollcage". In 2004 he finished 4th overall in only his first gravel rally. In 2005, his first full season of rallying, he

showed incredible speed and earned multiple podium finishes, establishing himself as one of the fastest American drivers. Then in 2006 Pastrana was signed to lead Subaru Rally Team USA in the Rally America National Championship.

Pastrana is only the 2nd American to compete at rallying's top level. The only other American to reach the World Rally Championship (WRC) is US rally legend John Buffum, who now mentors Pastrana as a member of Subaru Rally Team USA.

**Driver: #43 – Ken Block**  
Subaru Rally Team USA  
Hometown: Encinitas, CA  
Age: 43

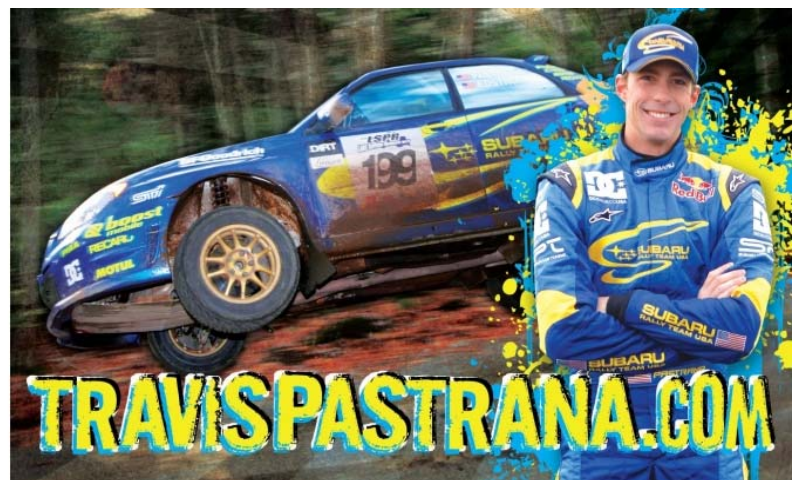
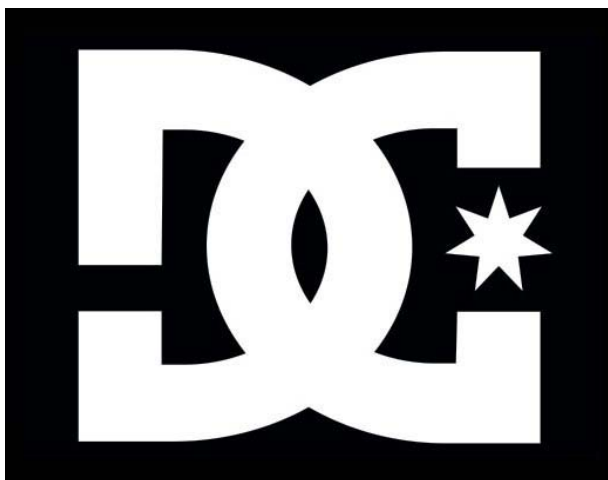


Ken Block has only been driving rally cars for a short amount of time, but his list of accomplishments read like that of a seasoned pro. A long-standing passion for rally driving first led Block to link up with Vermont SportsCar late in 2004 where he began an intensive rally training program that included multiple test and schooling sessions. In 2005, Block's first year of rallying, he was aptly named Rally America's Rookie of the Year. As his career continued, Block's speed and skill behind the wheel became apparent and he signed on with Subaru Rally Team USA in 2006. From there he went on to take Bronze at X Games 12 in Los Angeles, and 2nd overall in the Rally America National Championship in 2006. In 2007 he had another strong year, winning the Silver Medal at the X Games 13 Rally and finishing 3rd Overall in the Rally America National Championship.

Although Ken did not grow up racing, his success on the rally circuit is not a surprise for those who know this



Southern California native. Growing up in the emerging action sports Mecca of Southern California, Ken became deeply involved in the sports that would later define his career, taking to skateboarding,



snowboarding and motocross as most kids took to baseball and basketball.

Over the years Ken has developed a long and reputable history in the world of action sports, not only as a passionate and accomplished skateboarder, snowboarder and motocross rider, but also as the co-founder of one of action sports' most successful companies, DC Shoes.

Ken has been an integral part of DC since co-founding the company in 1993. With partner Damon Way, Ken began DC Shoes with a revolutionary philosophy for the skateboarding shoe market: skateboarders were athletes and needed shoes with athletic performance features. Ken and Damon grew the business from a small operation, making and marketing performance skateboarding footwear, to one of the leading companies in the industry that is distributed throughout the world. Ken now serves as Chief Brand Officer where he oversees the DC brand, look and feel in all its efforts.

**Driver:** #20 – Andrew Comrie Picard  
Slowboy Racing  
Hometown: Toronto, Ontario  
Age: 36



Andrew "ACP" Comrie-Picard started racing BMX bikes at age 8. By age 10, he was experimenting with the family's farm trucks, and snowmobiles followed next. In his teens, Comrie-Picard went on to fulfill his need for speed by becoming a nationally renowned remote-control car racer.



Credit: Flatovercrest.com

When ACP encountered rally racing for the first time in 1998, he was a natural. At the time, Comrie-Picard was a degree candidate at Oxford University. Joined by two friends, the trio began racing vintage

European automobiles in rallies around the continent. After contesting just a select season of events in 2007, ACP and co-driver Marc Goldfarb look to be top contenders for the 2008 Championship.

Although Comrie-Picard began his professional career as a New York City entertainment lawyer, he now pursues his passion for cars fulltime as a television host, auto journalist, and rally car driver.

**Driver:** #46 – Matthew Johnson  
Hankook RalliSpec Rally Team  
Hometown: Apex, NC  
Age: 31



At the age of 18, driver Matthew Johnson fell in love with performance rallying after watching his first rally-racing video. In 1996, at the age of 20, Johnson moved to England to study international business. While there, he also honed his

driving skills at the Rally Drive school in England and the Forest Experience Rally School in Wales.



Credit: Lars Gange

When Johnson returned to the States in 1997, his VW GTI morphed into a rally machine. In 2000, he competed in his first rally, where he made a name for himself by beating the veteran drivers in a car with much less

horsepower and front-wheel drive.

In 2005, Johnson switched to a more powerful Subaru WRX, running in the PGT class. In 2006, he enjoyed consistent success, finishing in the top five overall in almost every race --including five wins in the PGT class -- en route to the 2006 PGT championship. Last year, after a season-long battle with Stephan Verdier and Pat Moro, Johnson along with co-driver Jeremy Wimpey, claimed the 2007 Rally America PGT championship to earn his second consecutive national title. For 2008 he moves up to the Open class in a bid to secure an X-Games spot and challenge for the National Championship.

### RALLY AMERICA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES STANDINGS

Following the first of nine events.

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Antoine L'Estage     | 6. Tanner Foust     |
| 2. Andrew Comrie-Picard | 7. William Bacon    |
| 3. Kyle Sarasin         | 8. Piotr Wiktorczyk |
| 4. Matthew Johnson      | 9. Patrick Moro     |
| 5. Ken Block            | 10. Travis Hanson   |

### 2008 RALLY AMERICA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Sno*Drift	Atlanta, Michigan	Jan. 25-26
Rally in the 100 Acre Wood	Salem, Missouri	Feb. 22-23
Olympus	Olympia, Washington	April 19-20
Oregon Trail	Hillsboro, Oregon	May 16-18
Susquehannock Trail	Wellsboro, Pennsylvania	June 6-7
New England Forest	Bethel, Maine	July 11-12
Ojibwe Forests	Bemidji, Minnesota	Aug. 22-23
Rally Colorado	Steamboat Springs, Colorado	Sept. 13-14
Lake Superior	Houghton, Michigan	Oct. 17-18

### ABOUT RALLY AMERICA

Based in Golden Valley, Minn., Rally America sanctions the premier rally racing series in the United States, the Rally America National Championship Series. In 2008, Rally America will conduct nine National Championship events at venues across the country, from Olympia, Wash., to Bethel, Maine.

Rally America competitors reach speeds well over 100 mph in modified street cars on natural-terrain courses of gravel, dirt or snow. Additionally, through a partnership with ESPN, qualifying Rally America drivers are invited to compete in the Summer X Games, the annual leading action-sport event that is broadcast live on ABC and ESPN. For more info: [www.rally-america.com](http://www.rally-america.com)

## L'ESTAGE LEADS CHAMPIONSHIP ENTERING 100 ACRE WOOD



Credit: Lorne Trezise

Canadian Antoine L'Estage, winner of the season-opening Sno\*Drift rally, leads the 2008 Rally America overall point standings entering the second round of the national championship, the Rally in the 100 Acre Wood.

Fellow Canadian Andrew Comrie-Picard ranks second, while eighteen-year-old American Kyle Sarasin stands third. Sarasin, the 2007 Rally America rookie of the year, earned his first overall national podium finish in his debut in the series' elite Open class one month ago.

Matthew Johnson, the 2007 Rally America PGT champion, also performed well in his move to Open class competition and ranks fourth overall entering the Rally in the 100 Acre Wood.

In contrast, several top contenders fared poorly in the first round, setting the stage for another season of close competition in the country's premier rally racing series.

What had looked like an easy victory for Subaru Rally Team USA driver – and 2007 Rally America champion – Travis Pastrana in the season opener turned to disaster



Credit: Safir

when he hit a deer on the course late in the rally, forcing him out of the race.

And Pastrana wasn't the only front-runner who ran into trouble in the first round.

Last season's championship runner-up, Rockstar Energy Drink Rally Team driver Andrew Pinker and co-driver Robbie Durant, found themselves out of the rally before it really began. The pair retired early on Day 1 with a blown engine in their Subaru WRX STi rally car. Their teammates, X Games rally car racing gold medalists Tanner Foust and Chrissie Beavis, were charging hard on Day 2 when they wound up in a snow bank and lost seven minutes trying to get out.

Pastrana's Subaru Rally Team USA teammates Ken Block and co-driver Alex Gelsomino also ran into trouble on Day 2, losing 10 minutes to an off-road excursion. The duo, who finished third overall in the 2007 Rally America championship, rebounded strongly to claim fifth place.



Credit: Lorne Trezise

BMX superstar Dave Mirra made his American rally debut at Sno\*Drift, finishing 18th overall in a Subaru Impreza fielded by Vermont SportsCar. Mirra, who is recognized as one of the world's most well-known action sports athletes, will make his gravel rally debut at the Rally.



Credit: Lars Gange

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