



DESERT STORM RALLY

March
13 & 14th

FREE to
the Public



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Spectators Guide

WHAT IS A PERFORMANCE RALLY?

It is one of the most demanding competitive motorsport events in the world. These races are held all over the world and have grown in popularity as a result of domestic and international television coverage. In the US, these events are sanctioned and insured by Rally America Inc. based in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

THE COURSE

The course is split into Transit and Stage segments. The transit segments remain open to the public throughout the event. The transit segments remain open to the public throughout the event. Competitors must obey all normal traffic laws on these roads... any moving violation results in exclusion from the event. Transit segments are used to travel between the stage segments. The stages are closed and marshaled public gravel roads that are selected to challenge the team's driving and navigating abilities.

THE TEAMS

A team consists of a driver, a co-driver (navigator) and the service crew. Drivers are skilled at car control in all possible underfoot and weather conditions (rain, snow, ice, mud, night, fog, etc.). The co-driver has precise course directions in a route book with instructions measured in hundredths of a mile and a calibrated rally computer to always keep track of the team's exact location on the course. The teams communicate with each other using helmet-mounted intercom systems.

THE CARS

Rally America Performance cars are all street-legal production vehicles that have been modified with safety equipment including full roll cages, five-point safety harnesses and in some classes, on-board fire suppression systems. The cars are divided into five classes from stock to highly modified but all are recognizable as cars you might see on the street everyday.

THE COMPETITION

Each team leaves the starting line of a stage at the "top of the minute" with a one minute separation between competitors. The goal is to achieve the lowest elapsed time possible on the stage segments of the course. Although some teams may have driven the stage in advance at legal speeds prior to the event (called recce or reconnaissance), most drivers and co-drivers will be seeing these roads at racing speed for the first time.

VEHICLE CLASSES

OPEN: Class typically includes highly modified, turbocharged, all-wheel drive cars

PRODUCTION GT: Includes stock, turbocharged, all-wheel drive cars

PRODUCTION: Includes stock, normally aspirated, small engine, two-wheel drive cars

GROUP 5: Included highly modified, turbocharged or large displacement engines, two-wheel drive cars

GROUP 2: Includes highly modified, normally aspirated, two-wheel drive cars

OPEN LIGHT: Includes AWD vehicles, normally aspirated

HISTORIC: Older vehicles that have historic significance

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SCHEDULE

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Spectator/Public Viewing Motorsport Activities

Come see Lauchlin O'Sullivan (2006 EXPN X Games Rally competitor) in a prepared Vermont Sports Car 2007 Subaru Impreza WRX and several top rally competitors from Arizona and California.

Friday/March 12th @ 4:30 P.M.- Rally Cars on Display @ City of Blythe Volunteer Fire Dept.
Fundraiser Dinner

Sat./March 13th @ 12 Noon – Need to be in place for the Bilstein Spectator stage @ Wiley's Well Rd & Bradshaw Trail Rd.

(Directions to get there is on the www.desertstormrally.com website under Spectator Info)

Or go to see the rally cars in action:

Sat./March 13th @12:40 P.M. - Palo Verde College Spectator Stage @ the campus near the service area of the rally cars.

Sat./March 13th - Rally cars finishing up as a stage at the Lucas Oil I-10 Speedway as a super-special.

For more information go to www.I-10 Speedway.com

Come out and watch them start from Palo Verde College **Saturday 9:00 AM and Sunday 8:30 AM**

Join us **SUNDAY** at Palo Verde College in the Service Area for the Champagne Toast to the Event Winners after they complete the two day rally.

MEET THE DRIVERS

Lauchlin O'Sullivan, from San Francisco, California, has been a rally driver for 10 years. Lauchlin and his co-driver Scott Putnum is looking forward in competing at Desert Storm again in a prepared Vermont Sports Car 2007 Subaru Impreza WRX STI. Sponsors: Morrie's Subaru, Subie.net, Vermont Sports Car, Lucas Oil.

Jim Morris lives in Lake Havasu, Arizona. He builds all of his own race vehicles and race engines. This will be Jim's 9th rally race and they have one overall win and two class wins. His co-driver Steve Palmeri are working well together as a team. Their BF Goodrich/FOX SHOX Chevy Camaro RS is very fast and ready to contend for another win!

Keith Jackson won the Bilstein SWRC Open AWD/Rally America SW Region Championships, USRC Open AWD and CRS Open AWD Champion in 2009. He is looking forward to having fun in this year's competition. Sponsors: Jackson Rally, DirtyImpreza.com, Soltek Lighting Systems, Kartek Off-Road Supply, Feal Suspension.

Doug Chernis lives in Prescott, Arizona. He owns Race Technik and road racing is his primary business including Porches, BMW, MINI, Subaru. He and his co-driver Craig Macnair are really looking forward to running Desert Storm this year.

Jon Burke drives a 2004 Subaru WRX Car # 200. He lives in San Francisco, California. Jon started doing rally-crosses in 2007 and debuted in stage format rallying in 2009. Jon has caught the rally bug and loves every minute of it. Sponsors: Fine-Line Imports, Lassa Rally Tires, Cobb Tuning TheSmokingTire.com, Carbonetic LSDs, Carbon Creations, Feal Suspension and Redline Oil.

Chuck Wilson Old Dirty Racing is back and excited about 2010. Chuck Wilson is a past group five open two wheel champion and this year is paired up with a new team co driver Jonathan Schiller. Jonathan has years of experience and together with Tom Laeng's guidance the team looks to be highly competitive.

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