

# DESERT STORM RALLY

## 2010 Supplemental Regulations

Southwest Rally Group – Revised February 06, 2010

First Round Southwest Regional Rally America Championship

First Round Bilstein Southwest RallyCup Series Championship

First Round California Rally Series Championship

Desert Regional (Co 3)

Storm Regional (Co 2)



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### 1.0 SANCTION / INSURANCE INFORMATION / ANCOUNCEMENT / ORGANIZING COMMITTEE& ADDRESS

#### 1.2 Sanctioning & Insurance

##### **United States Sanctioning Organization:**

Rally America ([www.rally-america.com](http://www.rally-america.com))  
 c/o: J.B. Niday  
 8014 Olson Memorial Hwy, Suite 617  
 Golden Valley, MN 55427  
 Phone: 763.553.2742  
 Fax: 763.553.2862  
 Email: [info@rally-america.com](mailto:info@rally-america.com)

#### 1.3 Announcement

These rallies will be run in compliance with the regulations and procedures of the current Rally America Safety and Operations Manual and the current Rally America Performance Rally Rules (RAPRR) and any subsequent bulletins. All noted exceptions to these regulations and procedures will have full knowledge and approval of Rally America. Each participant shall be deemed familiar with the RAPRR, and bound by it. Questions about these regulations must be submitted in writing to Rally Headquarters before the close of registration on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Any changes or additions to these Supplementary Regulations will be announced only by numbered and dated bulletins, issued either by the organizers or the stewards.

The Organizers shall decide upon any conditions not foreseen in these Regulations. These decisions will be made using the spirit of these Regulations and the RAPRR as a guide.

#### 1.4. Organizing Committee and Officials:

Denise McMahon	Chairperson	562.547.4892	<a href="mailto:marymountdenise@aol.com">marymountdenise@aol.com</a>
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Tom Nelson	Net Control	970-222-2125	<a href="mailto:tnelson@frii.com">tnelson@frii.com</a>
Tom Hobbs	Emergency Services Director	949.887.6527	<a href="mailto:gode3@aol.com">gode3@aol.com</a>
David Ball	Spectator/Superspecial Stage Coordinator	619.454.5265	<a href="mailto:dave@detailinggroup.com">dave@detailinggroup.com</a>
John Sundelin	Assistant Spectator Stage Coordinator	480.250.6590	<a href="mailto:jsundelin@bwmil.us">jsundelin@bwmil.us</a>
Mike Gibeault	Director of Scoring	760.382.0821	<a href="mailto:gibeault@earthlink.net">gibeault@earthlink.net</a>
Pete Soper	RA Event Steward		
Bruce Weinman	RA Safety Steward		
Doug Nagy	Sweep Coordinator	949.637.7856	<a href="mailto:doug@streetwiseparts.com">doug@streetwiseparts.com</a>
Paula Gibeault	Scoring Relay/Control Capt.	760.382.0821	<a href="mailto:gibeault@earthlink.net">gibeault@earthlink.net</a>

#### 1.5 Address and Contact Information:

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**DISCLAIMER:** All schedules and supplemental regulations are subject to change without notice. It is the competitor's responsibility to insure they have the latest copy of these regulations and be sure to check the Official Notice Board during the event. All times are on U.S. Pacific Coast Standard Time.

**2.0 GENERAL EVENT SCHEDULE: Subject to Change** (Revised 02/9/2010)

Date	Time	Action	Location
11 <sup>th</sup> March, 2010 (Thurs)	8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Recce Class-	Capitol Suites-Conference Room
	7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Recce Registration and Competitor Registration	Capital Suites (Includes issuing of routebooks/Stage Notes)
	7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Tech Inspection	Capital Suites Parking Lot-Front Door area of Lobby
	7:00 p.m – til 5:30 a.m. March 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Official Notice Board	Capital Suites Lobby
12 <sup>th</sup> March ,2010 (Fri)	7:30 a.m.	Mandatory Recce Participants Meeting	Palo Verde College-
	7:40 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (approx)	Single Pass Recce Starts	Palo Verde College
	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Dinner- Charity Fundraising	Blythe Volunteer Fire Dept.
	4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Parc Expose	Blythe Volunteer Fire Dept
	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Tech Inspection	Blythe Volunteer Fire Dept.
	6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Volunteer's Registration	Capital Stes Conference Rm
	7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Competitor Registration	Capital Suites Conference Room
	7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Tech Inspection	Capital Suites Parking Lot-Front Door area of Lobby
	8:30p.m.- 10:30 p.m. (approx)	Mandatory Novice Competitors Seminar	Capitol Suites (location TBD)
	10:00 p.m.	Posting –Day 1 Start List	Capital Suites-Lobby Official Notice Board
	7:00 p.m.	CRS Stock Class Meet (see Eddie Fiorelli)	Blythe Volunteer Fire Dept.
	8:45 p.m.	Main Volunteer Meeting/Greeting	Capitol Suites Conference Room
	9:00 p.m.	Media Meeting	Capital Stes Conference Rm
	9:00 p.m.	License Ham/Non-Ham blockage meeting	Capitol Suites Breakfast Area
	9:00 p.m.	Control/Timing meeting	Capitol Suites Conference Room
	9:45 p.m.	Control Captains Meeting	Capitol Suites Conference Room
13th March 2009 (Sat)	6:00 a.m. - 4:30p.m. (approx)	Official Notice Board	Palo Verde College @ Scoring area
	7:00a.m.	Mandatory Competitors Meeting	Palo Verde College @ Scoring Area
	7:30 a.m.	FCO/Transit to MTC Out	Palo Verde College
	11:45 a.m.	MTC IN / Service	Palo Verde College
	12:45 p.m.	FCO - Superspecial	Palo Verde College
		MTC IN Service	Palo Verde College
	4:30 p.m.	MTC Out	Palo Verde College
	5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. (?)	Lucas Oil 4 Lap Superspecial	I-10 Lucas Oil Speedway
	9:30 p.m. (approx)	Posted Scores	Capital Suites-Lobby
	9:30 p.m. (approx)	Posting – Day 2 Start Order	Capital Suites-Lobby Official Notice Board
	<b>2:00 a.m.</b>	<b>TIME CHANGES</b>	<b>ONE HOUR FORWARD</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 (Sun)	8:00 a.m.	Mandatory Competitors Meeting	Palo Verde College
	8:30 a.m.	FCO	Palo Verde College
	1:30 p.m.	MTC In	Palo Verde College
	2:30 p.m. (approx)	Posted Results Awards/Buffer	Palo Verde College

### **3.0 EVENT LODGING HEADQUARTERS**

The 2010 Desert Storm Rally will be headquartered at:

**Capitol Suites (formerly Comfort Suites)**  
**545 East Hobsonway**  
**Blythe, Ca 92225**  
**760-922-9209**

**Lodging:**

**Ask for the Desert Storm Rally rate**

**(single bed king) at \$69.99 plus tax**

**(double bed queens) at \$79.99 plus tax**

This hotel offers guests many full-service amenities, including:

**Free deluxe hot continental breakfast**

**Free local calls**

**Free USA Today**

**Free coffee**

**Outdoor pool and hot tub**

**Free wireless high-speed Internet access** and access to **fax** and **copy services**.

This all-suite hotel features spacious guest rooms that include **refrigerators**, **microwaves**, coffee makers, irons, ironing boards, hair dryers and cable television with CNN, ESPN and four HBO channels.

Self service laundry facilities are located on the property. **Pets are welcome with a nightly fee.**

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**Americas Best Value Inn**

[www.America'sBestValueInn.com](http://www.America'sBestValueInn.com)

**850 West Hobsonway**  
**Blythe, Ca 92225-1416**  
**Phone: 760-822-5145**

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**Super 8 Motel**

**760-922-8881**

**550 W Donlon Street**  
**1-10 Travel E & W off Lovekin**  
**Blythe, Ca 92225-2704**

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**Regency Suites Inn**

**760-922-4146**

903 W Hobsonway,  
Blythe, CA 92225

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**Riverbreeze RV Resort**

[www.riverbreezerv.com/](http://www.riverbreezerv.com/)

Phone: 928-923-7483

Phone: 866-917-4837

Fax: 928-923-8070

E-mail- [Riverbreeze@i10net.com](mailto:Riverbreeze@i10net.com)

**Hours of Operation:**

**Monday – Saturday**

7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays

**Night Check-In Is Available after Close**

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**Palo Verde College West End Parking Lot (Free RV parking- no electrical hook-ups)**

**1 College Drive**

**Blythe, Ca 92225**

**You can stay in the far end parking lot near the spectator stage for free but can NOT start Using the area until AFTER 5:00 PM – Friday.**

## **4.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR SCORING POINTS/COURSE DESCRIPTION/ELIGIBLE CLASSES**

### **4.1 Eligibility for Scoring Points**

#### **4.1.2 Titles:**

- Rally America Southwestern Regional Championship Coefficient 3 (Saturday event) and Coefficient 2 (Sunday event) Rallies
- Southwest RallyCup Series and California Rally Series Championship points events
  - Storm Attack (Competitor's Bulletin for description)
  - Bilstein Cup (Competitor's Bulletin for description)

### **4.2 Course Description:**

#### **4.2.1 Saturday's Event:**

Total Course Distance: 198 miles

Number of Special Stages: 13 including 2 Superspecials

Total Distance of Special Stages: 67 miles

Type of Road Surface: Hard packed dirt, gravel, sandy washes

PV College Super Special Stages road surface – Hard packed dirt, gravel (1 mile)

Lucas Oil 4 lap Showdown Special Stage road surface: Speedway track oval, **asphalt**, distance ¼ mile.

#### **4.2.2 Sunday's Event:**

Total Course Distance: 92 miles

Number of Special Stages: 6

Total Distance of Special Stages: 42 Miles

Type of Road Surface: Hard packed dirt, gravel, sandy washes

#### **4.2.3 Eligible Classes:**

##### **Rally America and Southwest RallyCup Classes:**

Production

Production GT

Group 2

Group 5

Open

Open Light

##### **Bilstein Cup Classes:**

2WD

4WD

##### **CRS Classes:**

Open 4WD

CRS-2

CRS-5

CRS GT

Performance Stock

## **5.0 COMPETITION RULES AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL OBLIGATIONS**

### **5.1 Sanction Body Rules**

- 5.1.1 2010 Rally America Performance Rally Rules and Bulletins apply to this event and are available for download at: [www.rally-america.com](http://www.rally-america.com).

### **5.2 License Requirements**

- 5.2.1 All Novice competitors (driver or co-driver) must attend the MANDATORY NOVICE Seminar from 8:45 p.m.- 10:30 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2010 in the Capitol Suites (location TBD- check notice board in Capital Suites lobby area) **Novice competitors not attending the entire class will not be allowed to start the Event and will surrender all fees paid. Please see the Rally America Rulebook for the definition of “novice” (Article 2.1.C)**
- 5.2.2 If a novice competitor should compete only on Sunday and cannot attend the Friday class, they must contact the Safety Steward to arrange for a “makeup” class.
- 5.2.3 We are allowing NASA license for both events and is one of the approved Rally America exceptions (see exceptions section), but there will be no RA and SWRC scoring points given on either the driver or co-driver. We recommend/encourage that you get your Rally America license to help the regional program to continue.

### **5.3 General Obligations**

#### **5.3.1 Safety Equipment**

- 5.3.2 Competitors must utilize required safety equipment throughout the rally. This includes but is not limited to: driving suits, helmets, fire extinguishers, roll cages, safety harnesses and Head and Neck restraints which meet the Rally America Safety standards.
- 5.3.3 Any out of date safety equipment will be grounds for exclusion. No exceptions!

#### **5.3.2.1 Damage to Property**

- 5.3.2.2 A incident report must be filled out and submitted to the Rally America Safety Steward within a reasonable length of time following the incident. The Competitor/Service Crew Incident Form that appears in the Route Book or in the Service Crew Instructions should be used.
- 5.3.2.3 Incident reports will be required for all medical incidents and as requested by the RA stewards.

#### **5.3.3.1 Plates/Numbers/Event Header/Series/Sponsor Requirements**

- 5.3.3.2 All vehicles must carry competition numbers in the required locations. These may be nationally or internationally assigned numbers or off the shelf numbers provided by the competitor. Numbers must be at least 8" high with at least a 1.25" stroke and displayed in a color contrasting to its background. (See Article 3.1.C.2). Numbers and number backers will not be provided by the organizers of this event. Handmade (tape or similar) numbers are not acceptable. All vehicles will be **required to display the Desert Storm Event Header** on each front door above the number backer during the event. Event Headers will be provided to each competing team (at no cost) by the organizers. **There will also be Southwest RallyCup series car stickers that must be placed on each side of each car.**
- 5.3.3.3 For clarification on the location of numbers, backers, and headers, series placements see the Rally America Rulebook, (Figure 3-1 – 2010 Visual Identification package (page25).

#### **5.3.4.1 Commencement of Rally Participation**

- 5.3.4.2 Once a team has completed Registration and Scrutineering, they have commenced their participation in the event and are subject to the regulations, rules of conduct and penalties established in the Rally America Rulebook and these Supplementary Regulations. Specifically, teams are reminded that their teams are subject to the regulations as they travel from the rally headquarters to the start of SS1.

**6.0 COMPETITOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION SCHEDULE AND ENTRY FEE STRUCTURES**

**Discount Entry Fees: (Check, Cashier’s Check, Money Order)**

FEE DESCRIPTION	DATES	Saturday (C3)	Sunday (C2)	DUAL (C3/C2)
Early Entry	Present-Feb.22nd	\$500	\$300	\$715.00
#Standard Entry	Feb.23rd - Mar 8th	\$525	\$350	\$799.00
Late Entry	Mar 9th-12th	\$600	\$400	\$899.00
Out of Area*	Present – Feb 23rd	n/a	n/a	\$480.00
Out of Area*	Feb 24th-Mar 12th	n/a	n/a	\$550.00
Organizer Notes	Present- Mar 12th	n/a	n/a	\$ 55.00
Storm Attack	Present – Mar 12th	n/a	n/a	\$ 50.00

#Standard entry fee must be postmarked by March 8th.

March 9th-onward must be paid in cash at the event.

\* Vehicles that are more than 500 miles from Blythe, California

**Please note:**

- That the fees have only gone up on early entry by \$15.00's on dual and on Saturday's event by \$50-early and \$25.00 standard. The organizer notes by \$5.00's. Out of Area by \$30.00's. Everything else stayed the same.
- There is a rebate program if we have a large entry field. There are the contingency funds for Storm Attack.
- Payment is requested ASAP so that expenses are taken care of in a timely manner.
- Make check, cashier's check, money order **payable to Denise Hamada-McMahon**.
- Mail the discount entry fee payment along with the entry form and Service Crew/Vehicle Registration Form (available on the event website) attached it with your payment to competitor registrar:

Marni Nagy  
 PO Box 987  
 Trabuco Canyon, Ca 92678  
 949-589-1083 – Home  
 949-436-2060 – Cell  
 949-459-0745 – Fax  
[marni@streetwiseparts.com](mailto:marni@streetwiseparts.com)

- Payments made at the event must be in **cash only** or **pay pal** with copy in hand of payment to competitor registrar.

Notification of withdrawal must be made to the Competitor Registrar fax, in writing or by calling.

**Entry Fees using PayPal\***

FEE DESCRIPTION	DATES	Saturday (C3)	Sunday (C2)	DUAL (C3/C2)
Early Entry	Present-Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	\$514.80	\$309.00	\$736.04
Standard Entry	Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$539.80	\$360.45	\$822..47
Week of Event	Mar 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$617.70	\$411.90	\$926.00
Out of Area	Present – Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	n/a	n/a	\$494.22
Out of Area	Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	n/a	n/a	\$566.25
Organizer Notes	Present – Mar 12th	n/a	n/a	\$ 56.90
Storm Attack	Present – Mar 12th	n/a	n/a	\$51.75



\*Includes Transaction Fee for using PayPal....you can use PayPal on the late entry fee as well. Just bring in your copy showing the competitor registrar that you paid online three days before the event since the registrar will be out in Blythe and not knowing you have already paid.

**Refund Policy:**

- Entry payments submitted for Desert Storm Rally withdrawn on or before Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> will have entire entry fee refunded in full.
- Paid entries withdraw between Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> to the day of event; the entry fees will be refunded, less a \$75.00 processing fee.
- After the close of registration on March 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be NO REFUNDS.

**Dual Entry Rebate Program:**

Due to the slow economic period, we realize the need to do everything possible to hold down the cost of competition. Unfortunately, many of the costs involved in organizing a rally are fixed and independent of the number of entries. So we are presenting a "Dual Entry Rebate Program" that will reward teams for entering in the dual level at this event. The amount of the rebate is set-up to the number of entries (dual or single date entrees by March 12<sup>th</sup>) required meeting the event's costs. Rebates will be paid by check when time cards are handed out at drivers meeting on Saturday morning.

<u>Number of Entries</u>	<u>Rebate Amount</u>
20	\$25.00
30	\$50.00
35	\$75.00
40	\$150.00

**Single Entry Rebate Program:**

As stated above in the "Dual Entry Program" that some costs are fixed, but we realize that even single date entrees do have costs as well. So we are presenting below the amount of rebate we can do for you as a single entry team whether the entries numbers are dual or single.

<u>Number of Entries</u>	<u>Rebate Amount</u>
25	\$25.00
30	\$50.00
38 or more	\$75.00

**Express Registration:**

Fax or mail to Marni Nagy (address/fax number above) the proper paperwork to get through registration quickly:

- The 2010 RA Service Crew/Vehicle Registration Form (will be uploaded to website.)
- The 2010 RA Entry Form(\*) filled out completely with the medical question form and signed by driver and co-driver. (will be uploaded to website.)
- Copies of proper insurance (100/200/50)/registration paperwork on all service vehicles and competition vehicle.
- Copies of Driver and Co-Driver competition RA License (you can renew at the event.)
- \*Or copies of your NASA membership cards and license card (must be renewed prior to the event. (We are only accepting current NASA license and membership cards and will not be selling them at the event.))
- Letter from owner of the competition vehicle allowing you to use their car/truck if the vehicle is not owned by you. For further information on proper paperwork for rentals, etc. please call Marni Nagy.

(\*) by signing the entry form(s), competitors (driver and co-driver) are deemed to fully understand and agree to follow the Rally America rulebook.

That is half the battle and she will only need to see the driver license on both driver and co-driver and come back with a completed tech inspection sheet to receive the approval to compete.

**At the event registration:** We encourage competitors to fax documentation prior to the event as stated in the express registration section. We do realize you may not have everything in order until day of registration but do **COME TO REGISTRATION COMPLETELY PREPARED.**

**\*NASA License**

**Do note:** We will again have an exception that you can use the NASA license but you will not score points from Rally America and Southwest RallyCup series since it is aligned with the RA scoring system. So I encourage you to get your RA license and for assistance contact Bob Nielsen at [license@rally-america.com](mailto:license@rally-america.com) or at event registration. We wanted to help last year due to the economy; but things are getting better and we need to help to keep the regional program strong and continue to run for all of the regional's in this country.

## 7.00 ROUTEBOOKS/STAGE NOTES

### 7.1 **Routbooks**

7.1.2 Routebooks will be issued at the recce registration table on Thursday night- March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. This does not mean your entry is approved by competitor registrar... yet. When you see the competitor registrar on Friday-March 12<sup>th</sup> and all completed information has been received then you are approved for competition. If you are not doing recce as a fully licensed competitor then you will receive your routebook at time of competitor registration. Check the general event schedule.

### 7.2 **Organizer Notes & Pace Notes**

7.2.1 Organizer notes will be written by Mike/Paula Gibeault. No pace notes are allowed; except notes made during recce. There is a \$55.00 fee for the notes. The notes will be provided at recce registration table on Thursday night – March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 7:300 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Do check the general event schedule.

If you are a Sunday only non-novice participant then you can pick up your paid stage notes at competitor registration Saturday night by appointment.

7.2.3 Novice licensed competitors can order Organizer Notes, but MUST do reconnaissance per Rally America. (Sanction Exception)

## 8.0 RECONNAISSANCE REGULATIONS (RECCE)

8.1 We encourage you to come in Thursday evening, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to register and provide proof of insurance on your reconnaissance vehicle. We will Issue you a routebook and Stage notes(\$55.00) and have you sign a waiver.

8.2 Recce will be on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There will be a recce class instructed by Scott Putnum on Thursday night on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010; so check the general event schedule for times/location. He has some very valuable information to share about how to do recce notes correctly.

8.3 Reconnaissance will be conducted in compliance with the Rally America Rule (Article 7.3, page 44-45.)

8.4 Use of Stage Notes from any previous events is prohibited during reconnaissance and competition. Any team found using these previous Stage Notes will be excluded.

8.5 Recce isn't a required activity. Competitors are not required to purchase notes.

8.6 Reconnaissance will start out from Palo Verde College service area parking lot. **Be ON TIME** – 7:30 A.M.

8.7 There will be a “fixed route” one pass caravan notes familiarization reconnaissance to be chaperoned in split groups Teams A & B by your assigned number/team given out at registration. There will be a lead and sweep car to keep you in a group and to keep you driving in a timely manner. F.R.S. radios will be issued.

8.8 Rally cars/trucks (competition vehicles) will not be allowed.

8.9 There will only be a one pass recce to update and fine-tune routebook/stage notes.

8.10 Reconnaissance vehicles may stop or pause momentarily, but are not allowed backup or reverse direction at any time while on a stage road.

8.11 The maximum speed limit on Stage roads during reconnaissance is 25 mph unless a slower speed is posted.

8.12 Reconnaissance vehicles must observe and obey all posted speed limits and adhere to all traffic laws at all times during recce.

8.13 Competitors taking part in reconnaissance do so at their own risk. The organizers assume no responsibility for the transport or recovery of reconnaissance vehicles. The organizers will provide assistance when possible.

## **9.0 Spectator Viewing**

- 9.1** There will be viewing opportunities behind the service area at Palo Verde College on Saturday, at the Bradshaw Trail/Wiley's Well Road and at the I-10 Speedway track. Please check the general event schedule for posting of times or on Competitor Bulletins concerning Bradshaw Trail spectator area.
- 9.2** Competitor Bulletins will be forthcoming concerning the Lucas Oil 4 Lap Showdown for spectating viewing for service crews, friends and family.

## **10.00 Pertinent Event(s) Information**

### **10.1 Official Notice Board Location**

- 10.1.2** The Official Notice Board will be located at **all** competitor registration locations, on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Parc Expose at Blythe Volunteer Fire Dept fundraising dinner, and during the two day event at the scoring trailer located at Palo Verde College service area on March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2009.

### **10.2 Posting of the Provisional Final Results**

- 10.2.1** The Unofficial Final Results for Desert and Storm Regional Rally's will be posted approximately 30 minutes after last car comes in at final MTC on Sunday, March 14th on the Official Notice Board at the scoring trailer located in the Palo Verde College service area. **The scores for Saturday's Desert Regional rally results will be posted on Official Notice board as informational.**

- 10.2.2** The unofficial results will not go final until the following week of the event. Refer to the Inquiry and Protest section of the Supplemental Regulations for details.

### **10.3 Official Rally Time**

- 10.3.1** The Official Rally Time clock will be located in close proximity to the Official Notice Board. Times will be measured and recorded in HH:MM:SS format, not hundredths of a minute. Official rally time will be at competitor registration locations on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### **10.4 Official Starting Order**

- 10.4.1** The official start order for **Saturday's event(Desert Regional)** will be determined by the Rally America Stewards, and will be posted on the Official Notice Board (Capitol Suites lobby area) approximate 10:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Entries received after this time will be placed at the discretion of the stewards, with safety as the primary consideration.

- 10.4.2** The official start order for **Sunday's event (Storm Regional)** will be determined by the Rally America stewards, and will be posted approximately 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13th, 2010 on the Official Notice Board at the Capitol Suites lobby area.

### **10.5 Scrutineering/Odometer Check**

- 10.5.1** The odometer calibration check route starts and ends at the Palo Verde College-Lucas Oil Automotive Shop (event service area.)
- 10.5.2** Scrutineering will occur on Thursday, March 11th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Check the General Event Schedule for locations.
- 10.6.3** Scrutineering is available by appointment to those who are entered in Sunday's event only. Contact the organizers or competitor registrar to make arrangements.

### **10.6 Parc Expose**

- 10.6.1** We will be displaying your vehicles at the Blythe Fire Department Spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Refer to the General Event Schedule for times.

- 10.6.2** While your vehicle is required to be at this parc expose, you are not required to purchase dinner. We DO however, encourage you to support the Fire Department. They have changed the date and time to accommodate the rally. There will be a 10 minute time penalty on Saturday's event if your vehicle is not present. You will need to check in by 5:00 p.m. at the fire department. A rally official will be in the vicinity with a log showing who did recce prior to parc expose. This person will be visible to help you park your competition vehicle.

## **10.7 Arrow Coloring**

**10.7.1** Arrows will be defined by two different colors depending on which direction the rally is moving.

**10.7.2** Arrows will be fluorescent orange and fluorescent pink.

**10.7.3** A sample arrow will be shown at the drivers meeting.

**10.7.4** Cautions will be defined by downward facing yellow arrows.

## **10.8 Radio and Communication**

**10.8.1** Amateur radio is regulated in the United States under the Federal Communications Commission and follows FCC Part 97 rules and regulations.

## **10.9 Rally Radio Network**

**10.9.1** Safety and logistic support is provided during the event by a network of Amateur Radio operators. An information station will be provided at the service area during the event. Although the primary purpose of the radio network is safety, the network will assist teams in passing information regarding the condition and location of broken vehicles.

**10.9.2** If you have any questions please contact: Chris Spacone Director of Communications [cspacone@socal.rr.com](mailto:cspacone@socal.rr.com) or Barry Colston [kg6nwj@arrl.net](mailto:kg6nwj@arrl.net).

**10.9.3** Competitors who are licensed amateur radio operators and who will have a radio in the competition vehicle are requested to advise the Director of Communications.

## **10.10 Sweep Vehicles**

**10.10.1** Sweep vehicles will be used to closely follow the last competitor through each stage. The purpose of these vehicles is to "sweep" the course clearing any disabled vehicles from the road and rendering aid to competitors when possible.

**10.10.2** The first (fast or medical) sweep will follow the last competitor and will NOT attempt to extract vehicles. If a competitor is unable to continue they should give a written description of their situation to the sweep. The radio network will then attempt to reach the competitor's service crew. Although the sweep crew will provide limited assistance, it is the responsibility of the competitor and their service crew to extract and retrieve their disabled vehicles without impacting the running of the event or violating any regulations or laws.

**10.10.3** The final sweep (slow or heavy) shall be distinguished by a roof mounted flashing green light.

**10.10.4** The ultimate responsibility for the retrieval of their vehicles is on the competitor and their service crews.

**10.10.5** The rally organizers are responsible to transport the competitors either to civilization or to absolutely be assured the competitors' crew is notified and has the best possible description of the location of the vehicle.

**10.10.6** If your vehicle breaks on a stage that will be used again, the sweep crews will be instructed to move your vehicle out of harm's way only, until the passing of the rally.

**10.10.7** Please understand we cannot delay the event to retrieve your vehicle.

**10.10.8 Broken vehicles must be retrieved no later than 8:00 p.m. Sunday, March 14th.**

## **11.0 SERVICE AREA/CREW INFORMATION**

**11.0.1** Service area parking at the Palo Verde College-Lucas Oil Automotive Program parking area is on a first come first served basis. You can not start placing RV's or your crew until after 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**11.0.2** On Saturday's event, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010; the service crews are encouraged to trailer their teams to MTC 1, Details are provided in the service crew packet.

**11.0.3** There will be no service for Sunday's event.

- 11.0.4 Competitors and Service Crews should be familiar with Article 7.11 in the Rally America Rulebook (Service Crew Fueling Procedure.)
- 11.0.5 Service Crews are asked to display their competition vehicle numbers provided by the event to allow event personnel to find you if needed.
- 11.1 **Service Restrictions**
  - 11.1.1 All automobile fluids must be prevented from reaching the ground in your service area. Tarps are required under your rally car any time you are servicing. Spills must be cleaned up immediately and properly.
  - 11.1.2 Sunday's event – March 14<sup>th</sup>: To prevent the introduction of non-native plants species to the local soil, please clean your undercarriage and wheel wells prior to tech inspection. (BLM permit policy) Local self-serve car washes are recommended, and there is one next to the Capital Suites.
- 11.2 **Service Crew Penalties and Speed Controls**
  - 11.2.1 Service crews are responsible for obeying all regulations, laws and speed limits.
  - 11.2.3 Violation of the event regulations or laws by the service crews will result in the penalties being assessed to the associated competing team(s).
- 11.3 **Service Crew Registration**
  - 11.3.1 Each service crew member (all occupants of all service vehicles) must register with competitor registrar, and sign the Rally America Waiver and Release Form and receive a wristband, which must be worn at all times until the completion of the event.
  - 11.3.4 Servicing by unregistered people is not permitted.
  - 11.3.5 All vehicles to be used during the event must be listed on the "Service Crew Registration" form.
  - 11.3.6 Each service vehicle must be registered with event officials and provide proof of the required basic liability insurance.
  - 11.3.7 Minor release forms must be signed by a parent or guardian for anyone under 18 who will be in the service area.
- 11.4 **Service Crew Safety Procedures**
  - 11.4.1 Service crews must conduct their duties with the highest regard for their safety and the safety of the general public.
  - 11.4.2 During refueling of the competition vehicle, one crew-member shall stand ready holding a functioning fire extinguisher in close proximity to those refueling.
  - 11.4.3 Jack stands will be placed under any vehicle raised into the air when more than one wheel is off the ground or if a crew member is under the vehicle.
  - 11.4.4 Any service crew failing to practice safe operations will be subject to a penalty assigned to their associated team(s).
- 11.5 **Service Crew Accident or Injury Reporting**
  - 11.5.1 Incident reports shall be filed with the Rally America Safety Steward as soon as possible. Any vehicle or person involved in an accident or incident resulting in personal injury or property damage of any kind is required to report the incident to the Rally America Safety Steward.
  - 11.5.2 Failure to report an accident or incident will result in the forfeiture of all deposits, entry fees, prizes or awards payable to the involved entrants.
  - 11.5.3 The Competitor/Service Crew Incident Form from the route book or service crew instructions-packet should be used if possible. They should be given to the Rally America Safety Steward.

## **12.00 FUEL**

### **12.1 Fueling Procedures**

- 12.1.1 Standard fueling procedures apply according to the Rally America Rulebook (Article 7.11.D & 7.11. J).
- 12.1.2 There will be a designated fueling depot near the service area. The specified locations of the fuel depot will be shown as part of the map of the service area provided to the Service Crews.
- 12.1.3 There will be a remote fueling just before ATC 5. Details will be provided in a future competitor's bulletin.
- 12.1.4 Competitors are required to label all their fuel containers with the car number and driver's name and placed at the designated fuel depot.
- 12.1.5 Competitors or their service crews are responsible for filling their containers in advance to fuel in the time allowed.

## **13.00 Information Concerning Notification of Withdrawal, Inquires, Protest**

### **13.1 Notification of Withdrawal Form**

- 13.1.1 Each route book will contain a Notification of Withdrawal Form; The purpose of which is to track competitors that have withdrawn from the event.
- 13.1.2 The form also provides an area for written instructions to the competitor's service crew that can be forwarded over the radio net to assist the competitors in making contact with their crew.
- 13.1.3 This form should be given to the first responding sweep vehicle.
- 13.1.4 The ultimate responsibility for their transportation and the retrieval of their vehicles is on the competitor and their service crews.

### **13.2 Inquiries**

- 13.2.1 An inquiry is an informal written request to the Stewards and Organizers to examine a situation. If possible the Inquiry Form from the event Route Book should be used for this purpose. The situation should be described in detail including the appropriate rulebook reference and the corrective action recommended. Inquiries should be presented personally to the Rally America Stewards. The Stewards shall post a written response on the Official Notice Board.

### **13.3 Protests**

- 13.3.1 All protests must be submitted to the Event Steward in accordance with the Rally America Rulebook (Article 8.3.) An Official Protest Form can be obtained from the Event Steward. A Protest Fee of \$50.00 cash per protest item must be presented at the time of the protest. A protest should only be filed after attempting to resolve the dispute with an Inquiry. Any protest requiring the dismantling of the car will require an additional bond as follows:  
Clearly defined part of the car (example, engine, transmission, steering, etc.) ≥ \$500.00(minimum)  
Protest involving the whole car ≥ \$1000.00(minimum)

- 13.3.2 The expenses involving the work and transport of the car will be paid by the claimant if the protest is unfounded or by the competitor whom the protest was lodged against if the protest is upheld. If the protest is unfounded and the expenses incurred by the protest are higher than the amount of the deposit, the claimant must pay the difference. If the amount is less, the difference will be returned to the claimant.

## **14.00 Event Contingency Funds and Post Event Activities**

- 14.1 The event contingency funds for event specified will be in future competitor bulletins.
- 14.2 The awards portion of the Desert Storm Rally will be held starting approximately 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14th, 2010. Location will be at the Palo Verde College. The buffet is provided by Palo Verde College Lucas Oil Automotive Program students for a small donation. All volunteers, family and competitors service crew are encourage to attend.

**15.00 Scoring**

**15.1** The Rally America, CRS, Bilstein Southwest RallyCup series and Storm Attack and Bilstein Cup Class scores will become provisional at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 14th, and will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Final results will be will become final on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 A.M. PCT pending inquiries.

**16.00 Exceptions from the Rally America Rule Book and Safety/Operations Guidelines:**

**16.01** NASA license to be allowed at this event but understand that if they do not get RA licensed that they will not get points for RA regional points.

**16.02** All entries shall be started at 2 minute intervals due to the dust at desert events.

**16.03** Organizer Stage Notes will be offered. One Pass recce will be mandatory for those purchasing notes. Provided by Mike and Paula Gibeault.

**16.04** Scores will be considered provisional until 8:00 am Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. The "30 minute" waiting period after posting provisional scores has been waived.

**16.05** Some transits will be at 40 mph rather at 30 mph.

**16.06** Transits less than .33 miles will have a transit time of 4 minutes (We will have a stacking up problem.)

**16.07** A super- special stage on tarmac of an oval ¼ mile speedway track.