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Rallying, also known as rally racing, is a form of auto racing that takes place on public or private roads with modified production or specially built road-legal cars. This motorsport is distinguished by running not on a circuit, but instead in a point-to-point format in which participants and their co-drivers drive between set control points (special stages), leaving at regular intervals from one or more start points. Rallies may be won by pure speed within the stages or alternatively by driving to a predetermined ideal journey time within the stages.

The term "rally", as a branch of motorsport, probably dates from the first Monte Carlo Rally of January 1911. Until the late 1920s, few if any other events used the term.<sup>[1]</sup> Rallying itself can be traced back to the 1894 Paris–Rouen Horseless Carriage Competition (*Concours des Voitures sans Chevaux*), sponsored by a Paris newspaper, *Le Petit Journal*, which attracted considerable public interest and entries from leading manufacturers.

The main change over that period has been in the cars, and in the professionalization and commercialization of the sport.

The World Rally Championship now visits nearly all continents, taking its stylish sideways driving style and specialized cars to a vast global market, estimated by some to be second only to the Formula One juggernaut. This has produced unprecedented levels of visibility in recent years, but in many ways removed the motorsport from its grassroots past. For better or worse, rally has become a lucrative business

Since the 1960s, stage rallies have been the professional branch of the sport. They are based on straightforward speed over stretches of road closed to other traffic. These may vary from asphalt mountain passes to rough forest tracks, from ice and snow to desert sand, each chosen to provide an enjoyable challenge for the crew and a test of the car's performance and reliability.

The entertaining and unpredictable nature of the stages, and the fact that the vehicles are in some cases closely related to road cars, means that the bigger events draw massive spectator interest, especially in Europe, Asia and Oceania and becoming very popular here in the USA and Canada.

Rallying is also unique in its choice of where and when to race. Rallies take place on all surfaces and in all conditions: asphalt (tarmac), gravel, or snow and ice, sometimes more than one in a single rally, depending on the course and event. Rallies are also run every month of the year, in every climate, bitter cold to monsoon rain. This contributes to the notion of top rally drivers as some of the best car control experts in the world. As a result of the

drivers not knowing exactly what lies ahead, the lower traction available on dirt roads, and the driving characteristics of small cars, the drivers are much less visibly smooth than circuit racers, regularly sending the car literally flying over bumps, and sliding the cars out of corners.

#### Rally Course

A typical rally course consists of a sequence of relatively short (between 4- 15 stage miles), timed "special stages" where the actual competition takes place, and untimed "transport stages" where the rally cars must be driven under their own power to the next competitive stage within a generous time limit. Rally cars are thus unlike virtually any other top-line racing cars in that they retain the ability to run at normal driving speeds, and indeed are registered for street travel. Event or events can run over a day, a weekend,, the winner of the event has the lowest combined special and super special stage times. Given the short distances of super special stages( a stage that is built to allow spectators to be closer up to watch the competition) compared to the regular special stages and consequent near-identical times for the front running cars, it is very rare for these spectator-oriented stages to decide rally results, though it is a well-known axiom that a team can't win the rally at the super special, but they can certainly lose it.

#### Pacenotes/Stage Notes/Route books

Pacenotes are a unique and major tool in modern rallying. Television spectators will occasionally notice the voice of a co-driver in mid-race reading the pacenotes over the car's internal intercom. These pacenotes provide a detailed description of the course and allow the driver to predict conditions ahead and prepare for various course conditions such as turns and jumps.

In many rallies, including those of the World Rally Championship (WRC), drivers are allowed to run on the stages of the course before competition and create their own pacenotes. This process is called reconnaissance or recce. During reconnaissance, the co-driver writes down shorthand notes (the pacenotes) on how to best drive the stage. Usually the drivers call out the turns and road conditions for the co-drivers to write down. These pacenotes are read aloud through an internal intercom system during the actual race, allowing the driver to anticipate the upcoming terrain and thus take the course as fast as possible. Other rallies provide organizer-created "route notes" also referred to as "stage notes" and disallow and use of other pacenotes. These notes are usually created using a predetermined pacenote format, from which a co-driver can optionally add comments or transpose into other pacenote notations. Many North American rallies provide stage notes through the use of the Jemba Inertia Notes System, due to time and budget constraints. Or supports a route book being used today that is consists of tulips and an instruction or cautions telling a driver to set-up for the upcoming terrain.

#### Rally Programs:

There are other rally championships in the USA like NASA and Rally America Championship and OHPRG Championship. One of the Series in the SW named Southwest RallyCup Series (sponsored by Bilstein and Scrubblade Wipers) is recognized and

supported by OHPRG that started in 2005 to present directed by Denise McMahon who organizes several rallies in the SW starting with Arizona Extreme Rally, Rally Utah and Desert Storm Rally. This series as others series continues to help support and maintain a rally program to thrive. If interested in helping out this series do contact Denise McMahon via email@southwestrallyseries.com.

#### Categories of car classes Under OHPRG are:

Super Pro, Rally 2, Rally 5, Rally Open Limited, Rally Open, Rally GT, Rally Production under OHPRG. Depending on chassis, weight and turbo or non-turbo, engine displacement determines where you land in what class for either a car or truck.

For further information go to:

- www.organizershrallygroup.com
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### 2015 Series Calendar

Mint 400 Rally Car Display- March 13th, 2015
Las Vegas, NV.

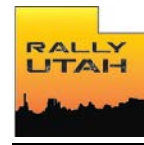
Desert Storm Rally April 11th, 2015 Blythe, Ca www.desertstormrally.com
Seed 9 Rally Nov 7th, 2015 Jean, NV www.seed9rally.com

Mendocino Rally July 18/19, 2015 Ukiah, Ca www.mendocinorally.com

Rally Utah Aug. 7/8, 2015 Cedar City, UT www.rally-utah.com

Arizona Extreme Rally Sept 12, 2015 AZ Rte. 66 Motorsport Park Kingman, Az. www.arizonaextremerrally.com

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### Rally Utah Spectator Guide

There are several areas where spectators can safely view rally cars at Rally Utah.

Most of the areas are on the course itself and require that you arrive early so we can place you before the action begins. In the following guide we have a given 'Drop Dead' arrival times for you. Please respect these times. If you arrive too late we cannot allow you to travel to the spectator area. Please understand this is for your safety, and to keep the rally running on time. Please cooperate fully with rally officials. Most importantly, HAVE FUN!!!!

Do remember to bring your own water, sunblock and hat.

### Spectator Viewing Areas:

There will be a service area in the football stadium parking lot at Southern Utah University next to I-15 (University Blvd & ?).

Showing of Cars at Service Area:

Friday (Aug 07) – 7:00 AM – 7:45AM

Saturday (Aug 08)–7:00 AM – 7:45AM

Rally cars come back in Friday/Saturday approximately around 12 noon.

You can watch the crews as they prep vehicles and make repairs.

**Another showing of the rally cars is:**

**Friday (Aug 07)** around 7:30 PM at Centro Pizzeria  
50 W Center St/Cedar City, Utah

(435) 867-8123

Rally cars will be in front of Centro Pizzeria for about 2 hours after they come in to finish from Friday's event. Event shirts (\$15/ea.) and posters (\$2.00) will be on sale and have them autographed by the drivers and co-drivers.

**Saturday (Aug 08)** at the end of the event back at Southern Utah University football stadium – Service Area  
The Festival City/Cedar City Winners Circle Ceremony 5:30PM (approx.)  
There will be the showing of rally cars and presenting the winners overall each day and class winners.

### On Stage Spectator Views:

#### **Friday-Aug 07**

#### **Greens Lake Stage 1 and 2 –**

View at the finish of the stage.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 14 East approx. 5 miles and turn right on right hand canyon. From there it is about 4 ½ miles. Park on the side of the road.  
**Please do not go onto the stage or interfere with the finish control workers.** Arrive BEFORE 7:30 A.M.

They do two loops of that stage.

Last rally car approx. 9:30 A.M.

#### **Dixie Mountain Stage – Stage 5 & 6**

The viewing area will be in a tight corner from competitive speeds. Stage 6 will be reverse of stage 5 so it is recommended you stay for the return trip.

**MUST ARRIVE BEFORE 1:00 PM** and last rally car returns around 3:30 P.M.  
**Directions:** Take Highway 56 west 17 miles toward Pinto, then take a left on to Pinto Road for about 4.5 miles. Continue past the start/finish control area to the spectator area. You will be directed to the area via caravan.

#### **Saturday – Aug 08**

#### **Three Peaks Service Areas:**

### Area #1 Must arrive by 1:30 P.M. NO LATER.

**Directions:** Take Highway 56 west to Iron Springs Rd, turn right and go 5.75 miles to Three Peaks Loop and make

another right. Go past the Start/Finish control area 2 miles to the Shooting Range. There is a restroom at the far end of the shooting range.

### **Area #2 Must Arrive by 2:00 P.M.**

Last rally car is to come through as they reverse the stage to start is approximately 4:00 P.M.

**Directions:** Take Highway 56 west and turn right on Lund Highway and take a left on MidValley Road. Turn right at the Three Peaks Loop and you will drive past the Start-Finish to Model Airplane Port. This Spectator Area has a restroom in the parking lot area.

### Spectator Rules:

Please listen to the Spectator Marshals for your safety. They are making sure you stay safe. Remember motorsports can be dangerous for everyone. So always keep your head up to watch. Never turn your back when racing has started.

Never go outside the compounds of the pennant ribbon. It is for your safety.

#### **During the event**

It is possible that medical or recovery vehicles will drive the stage during the event. The roads are still closed and you may not leave your location.

#### **After the Last Competitor:**

You are to wait until you see the Course Closing Sweep, which will have green or amber flashing lights. Do not drive on the stage until sweep has passed.

#### **Extra Notes:**

Do bring water, sunblock, hat or a chair until time of racing and then do not sit in your chair. You will miss out watching. Also any snacks.

**BUT DO PICK UP TRASH AFTER YOURSELVES.** Let's keep the outdoors free of trash.

No alcohol is allowed in spectator area.

There will be a EMT for any emergency and a Search and Rescue personnel to make sure everyone has a good time.

Thank You for your Support and Enjoy!