## The NEW ENGLAND FOREST RALLY 2008

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

#### SANCTION

The 2008 NEW ENGLAND FOREST RALLY is organized by the team from Motorsports Consultants with the grateful assistance of the SEVEN ISLANDS LAND CO., DILLON LOGGING, MAINE PARKS & RECREATION, and the towns of MEXICO, BERLIN, PERU, WOODSTOCK and MILTON. The rally is Round 6 of the RALLY AMERICA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. Friday's and Saturday's portions will each count for the Rally America Eastern Regional Championship. The event will be conducted following the RALLY AMERICA Rally Rules, as amended by these Supplementary Regulations.

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**A word from the Rallymaster:** These supplementary regulations are set-up to be user friendly; they are concise and hopefully answer any questions that competitors may have; they do not follow any FIA prescribed format, as this is a USA national event. *"The best surprise is no surprise"*.

Visit the RALLY on-line at http://www.NewEnglandForestRally.com

# SCHEDULE All activities unless otherwise indicated take place at various Sunday River Resort facilities. Sunday River Resort is located in Newry, Maine. Maps will be available on the Internet; use them to find specific locations referenced in these Supplementary Regulations and in the Service book.

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Date/Time	Function	Location	
Wednesday, July 9			
9:00pm to 11:00pm	Recce Registration	Legends Bar, Grand Summit	
Thursday, July 10			
7:30am to 5:30pm	One-Pass Recce	NH & ME	
4:00pm to 5:00pm	Scrutineering - Top 10 cars in Rally America championship only	Maintenance Shed	
5:00pm to 9:00pm	Scrutineering - All other cars	Maintenance Shed	
5:00pm to 10:00pm	Competitor/worker Registration	South Ridge Lodge	
6:00pm to 11:00pm	Pre-Rally Party	Phoenix House	
6:30pm to 8:30pm	Media autograph signing and Shakedown stage	South Ridge Area	
10:00pm	Draw for first starting positions	Phoenix House	
Friday, July 11			
7:00am to 10:00am	Competitor Registration	South Ridge Lodge	
7:00am to 9:30am	Worker Registration	South Ridge Lodge	
7:00am to 9:00am	Scrutineering - All remaining cars	Maintenance Shed	
9:00am to 9:45am	Seed 8 seminar	South Ridge Lodge	
9:00am	Parc Exposé 1 Opens	South Ridge Area	
9:30am	Workers Meeting	South Ridge Lodge	
10:00am	Parc Exposé 1 Closes	South Ridge Area	
10:30am	Drivers Meeting	Parc Exposé	
11:01am	First Car Starts the Rally		
11:00am to 7:00pm	Mexico Recreation Area Activities	Mexico, ME	
8:30pm (Approx.)	Finish Day 1 < Day 1 Party	Phoenix House	
10:00pm	Parc Fermé closes (All National cars required in)	South Ridge Area	
10:30pm	Informational Scores (Nat'l) & Regional Awards	Phoenix House	
Saturday, July 12			
6:30am to 7:00am	Late Registration	South Ridge Lodge	
7:00am	Parc Fermé opens	South Ridge Area	
8:30am	Berlin Service IN Closes	Berlin, NH	
9:01am	Restart National Rally; Start Regional Rally 2	Berlin, NH	
6:30pm (Approx.)	Finish Day 2	South Ridge Area	
6:30pm	Cash bar open	South Ridge Lodge	
8:00pm	Provisional Results posted	South Ridge Lodge	
8:45pm (Approx.)	National & Regional Rally Awards	South Ridge Lodge	
9:30pm	After-Rally Party	Legends Bar, Grand Summit	

#### ROUTE

The route is contained in an area 80 miles to the north, and 40 miles to the west, of Mexico, Maine. Maps will be included in the front of the route book and on the web site. The route is approximately 360 miles long, with 105 miles of special stages (10).

Friday's Regional has 28 stage miles; Saturday's Regional has 77 stage miles. The route uses most of the roads twice. There are three dead-end stages, as we feel that with 40-50 cars the wait at the turn-around is acceptable - and these are the only roads available to us anyway.

Most of the stages are 1 ½ lane, well-groomed ex-logging roads. Some are being used as access for current logging operations; all are on gravel with short stretches of asphalt. The roads tend to be fast and may 'cut-up' in some softer areas. The last three stages in the Middle Dam area and Friday night's last stage - Concord Pond - are the most challenging stages.

#### MAJOR EXCEPTIONS TO RALLY RULES

- 1. All competitors will be started at 1 minute intervals on SS1;
- 2. All competitors will be started in reverse order, at 30-second intervals on SS2;
- 3. Recce and stage note changing/updating/rewriting allowed only in the 2008 Stage Note Book;
- 4. The remote services S-2 and S-3 (Saturday afternoon at DOT Lot) is extremely space-constrained and leaves us no choice but to restrict service vehicle access.
  - At this service area only, teams are restricted to one service vehicle per competition team.
  - The service vehicle (with service vehicle pass attached) to be used in remote services S-2 and S-3 may not exceed 35 feet in length (i.e. a van, small cube van or medium sized truck is OK, but NOT a car and TRAILER).
  - Competitors may apply for an exemption to this rule by contacting the assistant rallymaster no later than July 3.
  - Depending upon the number of entries and competitors still running the event on Saturday, this restriction may be rescinded.

#### **DISTANCES BETWEEN SERVICES**

	Stage Miles	Transit Miles	Fuel	
Friday				
Start to F1	1 mile	30 miles	Yes	
F1 to F2	19 miles	54 miles	Yes	
F1 to Flexi	6 miles	30 miles	No	
Saturday				
Restart to S1	30 miles	0 miles	Yes	
S1 to S2	17 miles	60 miles	Yes	
S2 to S3	29 miles	8 miles	Yes	
S3 to End		58 miles		

#### **SERVICING**

- 1. All service personnel directly associated with the competitors must sign the waiver!
- 2. Information in the service routebook will contain locations, time available and any other pertinent information.
- 3. Friday service will be at the Mexico Rec Park; this area will open at 10:00am. Service crews may thus spectate for the second stage. Since the park entrances will be closed at 1:00pm, anyone wishing to spectate and service must be in place before then.
- 4. The main service area on Saturday will be in a paved lot at the old Fraser Paper Mill in Berlin, NH. The first and second stages will be within sight of the service area. Two remote services will be in the DOT Lot in Wilson Mills, NH Saturday afternoon. Please see the note on service vehicle size restrictions in the "Major Exceptions to Rally Rules" section above. It is also permissible for service crews to use the official spectator area at the start/ finish of the Middle Dam stages Saturday afternoon.
- 5. Full coverage ground sheets MUST be used at all times; jack stands with flat bottoms or 12" x 12" platforms under the stands MUST be used.
- 6. Service work on rally cars in the <u>Grand Summit area</u> at Sunday River may only be accomplished in LOT 8, which is the large dirt parking lot on the left just before entering the Grand Summit parking area. All trailers parked at the Grand Summit Area must also be parked here.
- 7. Each team will receive two service vehicle passes and one 'over-crew' pass; the 'over-crew' pass will allow parking at a separate area near the service area (Mexico and Berlin). A vehicle is considered a car, van, truck, or TRAILER up to 24 feet long. So if you have a car/van/small truck (up to 24' long) pulling a trailer (up to 24' long, whether the trailer is loaded or not) you need TWO service vehicle passes (one for the puller and one for the pullee)! If you have a 'big' truck (longer than 24') then you will need to use both your service passes for that one vehicle. Extra service vehicle passes will be available for purchase at registration for \$200 each; overcrew passes will be available for \$50.
- 8. Service vehicles will be allowed to enter the service areas only after displaying the service vehicle pass; the passes will have the competitor's number and vehicle license number on them. Please read and comply with the above sentence BEFORE arriving at the service park entrance. Vehicles in service areas failing to display their assigned service vehicle passes will be fined \$200 each occurrence.

#### REFUELING

Remote refueling was instituted to keep a gathering of competitors and vehicles away from a potentially dangerous situation. NEFR organizers also have tried to keep the distance from the refuel points to the service area at a minimum (we've been service crews and realize the difficulty in the small teams transporting fuel jugs ¼ mile from the service area to and from the refuel area!)

- 1. Refueling may <u>never</u> be done in a service area, regardless of whether the area is active at the time or not.
- 2. While the rally is in progress {entrance to Parc Exposé 1 (Sunday River) until 7:00am Saturday} and {entrance to Berlin Service IN until the finish of the rally} refueling may only be conducted in official rally refuel areas or, in an emergency situation, at a normal, public gas station.
- 3. In practice, Friday's refuels will be upon exiting the service area; they will be incorporated with the regroup controls; competitors will have a minimum of 10 minutes at these points. Saturday's refuels will be in the transits after service.

#### **ONE PASS RECCE**

A one-pass recce will be conducted during the day on Thursday; the cost will be \$50. Competitors must sign the waiver and show insurance for the recce car. **Recce cars must be non-rally cars/vans with no lettering of any kind; exhausts must be quiet**.

Competitors should check in at Recce Registration Wednesday evening, at the Grand Summit Bar between 9 and 11 PM, to sign the waiver, pay the fee, show insurance for the recce vehicle and pick up: Recce information, including a time schedule and route, wristbands, the event routebook and the Jemba notes. Those unable to pick-up recce information at that time may contact the rallymaster before the rally to make arrangements to meet directly at the start of the first recce stage, which is near Berlin, NH.

Basically the recce will start with the rally's first stage **Saturday**, (SS#6). This stage will be open from 7:30 am to 8 am; we plan to start competitors into the stage at approximately 30 second intervals. Competitors are allowed to be on the stage roads ONLY within the time intervals listed by the organizer; to be on a stage road outside the times indicated in the recce information will violate RA pre-event practice rules. Stage notes may be modified, rewritten or changed in any way but **all noting must be contained in the 2008 Official Stage Note book**.

#### PRE-EVENT PARC EXPOSÉ

This year the first Parc Exposé will be at Sunday River, in the South Ridge area Lot 2. Competitors must be in position by 10:00am at the latest (to avoid a monetary penalty). Service may be done before the Parc Exposé in Lot 3 (the Friday flexi-service area). At 10:30am there will be a short driver's meeting; the first car will start the rally at 11:01.

#### MEXICO REC AREA SERVICE AND STAGE

Competitors will be led out of Parc Exposé 2, in parade formation and in **reverse order**. The parade will proceed up the asphalt hill, onto Route 17, south ¼ mile to the Highway gravel pit, past the start of SS1 and to a holding area before the jump. From here the cars will be allowed to practice the jump and then return to the start area (following the routebook). From here the rally will re-start at the prescribed time, in reverse order and at 30 second intervals; follow the directions of the marshals – at 30 seconds everything happens quickly. After the stage the routebook will return competitors to a Regroup Control (Parc Fermé situation-no service allowed), where the rally will be numerically turned around. **Note: The fastest competitors will have very little time in this Exposé, as they will be running last on SS1, but will start first out of the Exposé.** 

#### FRIDAY REGROUP

Upon returning to the Rec. Park from SS #4, competitors enter a TC (time control – check in on your minute), a new time card will be issued and you will go directly into a 30-minute service. Following the service, crews enter another RGC (Regroup/Refuel IN). You will have a minimum of 10 minutes to fuel and be positioned in the Regroup. At the appropriate time (normally 7 pm), the first (and subsequent) cars will be released from the RGC OUT onto the transit to SS 5. Since this is a Regroup, no service is allowed in the regroup area.

### FRIDAY EVENING 'FLEXI' SERVICE/OVERNIGHT PARC FERMÉ

"Flexi" service allows the removal of the competing cars from a Parc Fermé to an adjacent service area, linked to the Parc Fermé by entry and exit time controls. If the car is initially left in the Parc Fermé, it may be removed and returned at a later time by one of the crew or their

authorized representative. It may be removed only once from the Parc Fermé to the service area and vice versa.

Upon completion of SS #5 the cars will transit to Sunday River South Ridge and enter MTC 3. The Time Card will be collected, a new timecard will be issued and the cars will be directed into a Parc Fermé. From here the crew may proceed directly into service via MTC 4; in this case the car is due back into Overnight Parc Fermé within 45 minutes (MTC 5). However, if desired, the car may be left in the Parc Fermé until a later time, when it may be removed for its 45 minute service and subsequent return to the Overnight Parc Fermé. **There is no refuel point here**. There will be an overnight guard on the Parc Fermé.

NOTE: The above Overnight Parc Fermé is only mandatory for cars entered in the National Rally. Since MTC 5 will close at 10:00pm, all cars MUST be returned to the Overnight Parc Fermé before that time or you will be considered a DNF for missing a control.

INFORMATIONAL SCORES FOR FRIDAY AND RESTART TIMES FOR SATURDAY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PHOENIX (approx. 10 pm) AND WILL BE POSTED AT SUNDAY RIVER GRAND SUMMIT AND SOUTH RIDGE LODGE (shortly thereafter).

#### SATURDAY MORNING RESTART

At 7:00am, the Overnight Parc Fermé will be opened for all competitors. Competitors are free to do whatever service and fueling (subject to REFUELING 1) and follow whatever route they deem best to MTC 6 at the Berlin Service IN; a suggested route and transit time will be indicated in the routebook. Just before the MTC there will be an approved refuel location, which will be open at this point. Competitors needing to refuel may use this BEFORE checking into the MTC. All cars must be checked-in at this MTC by 8:30am. A drawing of the Service location is in the routebook and service book.

Timecards will be handed out at this MTC Your time IN will be noted and also an Ideal Start Time for SS6. Restart times will be based on overall stage scores on Friday's stages (plus any repositioning by the National Stewards). Saturday's Regional-only rallyists will be integrated into the restart using their "Median" speed factors or other info as available. Competitors must ensure that they leave the Service area in time to start SS6 (located adjacent to the service area) at their noted Ideal Start Time.

#### **DEAD END STAGES**

Upon arrival at the FTC (of SS 3/6/9), you will be given an IDEAL START time for SS 4/7/10. Continue ahead and turn around and/or follow marshal's instructions to park. At the end of SS3 and SS6, light refreshments will be available, courtesy of Vermont SportsCar. At the end of SS9, the area is small so please co-operate with the marshals. Once competitors clear the end of control zone they are free to work on their cars – with equipment and parts carried therein. We will have to wait for course opening to re-open the new stage before restarting. Competitors MUST be ready to restart at their IDEAL START time, although their actual restart time will depend on course opening.

#### SHAKEDOWN STAGE

**RA** competitor's stage safety equipment is required. Both route instructions and stage notes will be available at the start of the stage. This will be combined with a Media stage and autograph signing. Event registration and scrutineering must be completed before entering the shakedown stage. Shakedown is in the S. Ridge area – see map for location. There will be a two run maximum; no fee will be charged.

#### **UNPAVED ROADS**

Before the event, competitors and service crews are free to travel on any asphalt road getting to and from hotels, fuel stations, meals, etc. During the event small detours from the service route, for service vehicle fuel, food, etc., are allowed, as long as all travel is on asphalt roads. All unpaved (dirt) roads within 50 miles of Sunday River are off limits to all competitors. This is a sensitive issue and any competitors seen on any such road will be immediately disqualified from the event!!

#### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

If the spectators fail to follow the instructions of the marshals, we will not hesitate to STOP the stage, thus depriving everyone of the opportunity to see the cars compete. **We hope that peer pressure will help everyone follow the rules.** 

If you encounter a "STOP" sign in the middle of the stage road (a white sign the size of a control board with red STOP letters and a red cross attached) at a spectator area you are required to stop. This will indicate a problem with spectators and you will be informed how to proceed. (We would expect that you will continue following the route at transit speeds.)

#### **FUEL TRUCK**

The Fuel Truck will be available on Thursday 6:00pm through 9:00pm, and Friday 7:00am through10:00am at Lot 8 near the Grand Summit. To pre-order call: New England Racing Fuels at (860) 673 9555.

#### **PRIZES**

Trophies for the National and Regional rallies will be awarded for first overall and first in class. Depending upon the number of starters, trophies for second and third in class may also be awarded. We would like to offer tow money, and if it is possible, we will do so.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

- 1. The early/normal entry deadline is 4:00pm CDT on July 2.
- 2. Timing will be in seconds and tenths of seconds.
- 3. Lateness at ATC's, MTC's, etc. will be penalized by 10 seconds/minute (see NRR).
- 4. There will be new timecards issued at Mexico Rec Park on Friday (6pm); Overnight; Saturday noon service and perhaps at the DOT lot break.
- 5. The un-posted SPEED LIMIT on gravel roads is 35 mph.
- 6. Official time will be available at MTC's and at Registration on Friday.
- 7. CONTROLS, with penalties, will operate per NRR.
- 8. QUIET ZONES are to be traversed 5 mph below the speed limit, low beams, and 'being quiet'.
- ARROWS will supplement the route book, one being located AT (20 feet before) all major intersections that require a significant change of direction. Downward facing arrows indicate cautions.
- 10. All National and Regional 1 cars must be positioned in Friday's PARC EXPOSE 1 between 9:00am and 10:00am. Arrival after 10:00am will result in a monetary penalty. This Parc will be located at the South Ridge area at Sunday River; a map will be in the Routebook and on the website. National and Regional 2 cars must be positioned in Saturday morning's Berlin Service before 8:30am to avoid penalties (NRR) time penalties for National cars; monetary penalties for Regional 2 cars.

- 11. The initial STARTING ORDER will be determined on the basis of the RA Speed Factor list. Cars qualified to start in the first group will be started per RA Rule 1.7.E.6, based on the draw Thursday evening. The second Stage Friday will be run at 30 sec. intervals for all cars; SS1 will run at 1 minute intervals for all cars. An OVERALL reseed is planned for Saturday morning.
- 12. ODOMETER CHECK: Re-zero at the junction of Sunday River Road and Route 2, heading east on Route 2, toward Rumford and Mexico. From here to the junction of Route 2 and Route 5 (Rumford Point) the distance is 9.26 miles.
- 13. Senior officials of the event will wear green vests; they will be in charge of various aspects of the event and should be consulted as questions concerning the event arise.
- 14. The NOTICE BOARD will be posted at registration on Friday up to close of registration; any updates will be handed out as bulletins at MTCs/RGCs during competition. The notice board will travel with RA, and may be used for clarification items.
- 15. TRAILERS: Do NOT park them on the asphalt at any of the motels. At the Grand Summit at Sunday River you must park them in LOT 8, which is on the left just before you enter the Grand Summit parking lot. TRAILERS IN SERVICE AREAS: See SERVICE above.
- 16. All personnel connected with the rally MUST sign the WAIVER at Registration.
- 17. All INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS must be reported on the appropriate forms; forms are printed in the routebook. It is the responsibility of the competitor to hand the completed form to the SAFETY STEWARD.
- 18. Tech FORMS are available at Tech a map is posted on the Web site and more info is available at registration. You MAY go to Tech before Registration.
- 19. The RALLY PLATE should be screwed or taped on your car's hood.
- 20. No practice or testing will be allowed on any dirt road within 50 miles of Sunday River before the rally, unless permission is obtained in advance from the Rallymaster. Thursday's Shakedown Stage is obviously exempt.
- 21. There will be NO official buffet this year; the awards and bar will be in the S. Ridge Lodge at Sunday River.
- 22. Maps of the general area are on the web site. Print and use these to help your crew determine locations for pre-rally events sites.
- 23. On Thursday evening, from 6-9 pm, there will be an autograph signing and general party at the Phoenix House at Sunday River Rd. Also the shakedown will be near here. We hope you'll stop by for a light dinner and drinks.
- 24. All cars will be held in an impound at the end of the National event until the last competitor has checked into the final MTC.
- 25. Emergency Times in the routebook will be equal to Bogey Times.
- 26. Competitors who DNF on Friday and wish to run in the Saturday Regional MUST register between 6:30 and 7 am at South Ridge Lodge.
- 27. Full coverage ground sheets are required at all service areas; jack stands MUST have a flat bottom or be supported underneath by a platform at least 12" square.
- 28. There will be food vendors at the Friday and Saturday's service area.
- 29. Commencement of Rally Participation: Once team members have signed the waiver, for the race or for the Recce, they have begun 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.
- 30. Chicanes will be used in S. Arm and Dillon-Success (similar to 2007). Competitors must follow the purposed correct direction indicated by the drawings located in the front of the Routebook. Failure to do so (i.e., for driving straight through, making no effort to negotiate, the chicane) will result in a 1 minute penalty per offense. The Marshal at the Chicane will be the judge-of-fact.
- 31. MPL will revert to zero at the end of Friday night; a new 30 minutes will apply to the entire day Saturday.
- 32. Since most stages are run twice, if you stop on course your car will be left in a safe location until after the second running of the stage.