



**Desert Storm comes to a close** - Sunday, March 14, 2010

19 cars started and 18 finished day 2 of Desert Storm yesterday. Congratulations to all of the finishers! Results are posted at [www.rallydata.com/Results/DesertStorm\\_2010\\_Club2Results.htm](http://www.rallydata.com/Results/DesertStorm_2010_Club2Results.htm) See you next time.



**Morris fastest 2wd, Finishes 4th overall** - Sunday, March 14, 2010

Car #515 Jim Morris / Steve Palmieri finished fourth overall on day 2 at Desert Storm in their Chevy Camaro. They were still the fastest two wheel drive car, but had hoped to be trading stage times with the turbo Subarus like they were yesterday. Jim said he had trouble with traction on today's stages, and said he could still spin the rear wheel even at speeds in the triple digits.



**Doganis / Smith win Group 2** - Sunday, March 14, 2010

Car 792, George Doganis / Tom Smith won the Group 2 class on day 2 at Desert Storm. The crew lost a lot of time to their competition on the first stage due to the rough nature of the road, but was able to make all of it back on stages 3 and 4, which were considerably smoother. George says the new car is going well, but could use more ground height on the rough stages. Second in Group 2 was the rookie team of Van Brocklin / Secviar who were 23 seconds behind George in their VW GTI. Chris Palermo / Richie Burden finished third in class in their Nissan Sentra.



**Hudson rolls on stage 4** - Sunday, March 14, 2010

Car #707 Will Hudson / Brian Szykowny had failing brakes on stage 4. They clipped a berm slowing for a corner and rolled their Subaru three times. The crew is reportedly fine, although the car may be damaged beyond repair.

O'Sullivan/Putnam win Desert Storm - Sunday, March 14, 2010



Car #90 Lauchlin O'Sullivan / Scott Putnam were victorious on day 2 at Desert Storm. They lost 11 seconds to car #222 Keith Jackson / Mara Estep on the last stage of the day, but they had built up enough of a lead on stages 3 and 4 today that they were able to hold on. Jackson / Estep finished second overall, 22 seconds behind O'Sullivan/Putnam. The final podium spot went to Jon Burke, who was leading earlier today but lost time to O'Sullivan on the smoother stages and then drove the last stage with a broken axle. Results are still provisional at this time.

O'Sullivan/Putnam with shaky lead going into the last three stages -



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The cars are almost ready to start the last three stages of the event. These stages are the same as the first three, but run in reverse order. Reports say the last stage is the roughest, so it will be a challenge for teams to make up as much time as possible, but not break the car.

Lauchlin O'Sullivan is leading today's event, but is experiencing pressure from Burke and Jackson that wasn't there yesterday. It could be that the rough stages suit them better than yesterday's smooth ones. We'll find out soon enough, cars should be starting any minute now.

Car #560 Helton / Lobban break axle on stage 2 - Sunday, March 14, 2010



Car #560 Alex Helton / Pat Lobban reportedly broke an axle in their VW Jetta on today's second stage. They are able continue with one wheel drive thanks to their welded differential, but are unfortunately off pace as a result. They were in second place in Group 2, only 2 seconds behind Van Brocklin after the first stage.

Trouble for Bond/Ingoldby - Sunday, March 14, 2010



Car #48 Michael Bond / Mike Ingoldby in a Honda Civic are having trouble after this morning's stages. Word is they are now trying to JB weld their cracked radiator back together during the turn around break. They finished second in Group 2 yesterday so were expected to set some quick times today.

Van Brocklin leads Group 2 - Sunday, March 14, 2010



Car #78 G Van Brocklin / S Secviar are setting some fast times in their VW GTI. This is their first event, but they are currently leading Group 2 by 14 seconds over car #792 George Doganis / Thomas Smith. Chris Palermo is third in Group 2 by 9 seconds behind George. Look for all three to be pushing on the final three stages.

Burke fast on day 2! - Sunday, March 14, 2010



There is a lot of excitement after the first 3 stages of day 2 at Desert Storm. The big story is car #200 Jon Burke / Tom Morningstar who finished last overall yesterday after going off the road on the last desert stage and getting stuck for over 30 minutes. The car must not have been too badly harmed because they put in some blisteringly fast times this morning, winning the first two stages overall!! They had a 23 second lead over car #222 Keith Jackson / Marra Estep going into stage 3, but car #90 Lauchlin O'Sullivan / Scott Putnam turned up the heat on stage 3 and launched himself into first place by 17 seconds. Jackson and Burke are currently tied for second place with 3 stages left to run today.

Desert Storm Day 2 Underway - Sunday, March 14, 2010



It's another beautiful day here in Blythe, CA with highs expected in the 70's and clear and breezy conditions. 19 cars took the start and are on transit to the first stage of the day. The stages this morning are on the Arizona side of the river, and reports from recce say they are rougher than yesterday's. With 40 stage miles over 6 stages and no service today, the smart strategy will be to keep it tidy and on the road.

Day 2 starts tomorrow - Saturday, March 13, 2010



The Desert Storm rally continues tomorrow morning with the Arizona stages. First car off is at 8:30am. Tune in for more updates as the action happens.



Lauchlin O'Sullivan wins day 1 - Saturday, March 13, 2010

Car 90 O'Sullivan/Putnum won day 1 at Desert Storm. Jim Morris finished second overall (1s in Group 5), 1:16 behind Lauchlin. In third overall was Keith Jackson 1:12 back. Fourth overall and first in PGT was Will Hudson in his Subaru. George Doganis won Group 2 and finished 5th overall. Kevin Welker finished 6th overall and was first in Open Light. And finally in Production class Alex Rademacher took the win, and finished 7th overall.



Crews in transit to Super Special at Speedway - Saturday, March 13, 2010

The teams are in transit to the Lucas Oil Speedway where they will take a few laps of the circle track as a final super special stage tonight. The stage will run during the intermission of the circle track races, with packed grandstands!



Car 200 off on stage 8, able to continue - Saturday, March 13, 2010

Car #200 Jon Burke went off the road on stage 8 and became stuck on some rocks. The team lost over 30 minutes, but are moving again and in transit to the super special at the speedway.



Car #78 Continues despite setback on stage 3 - Saturday, March 13, 2010

The novice team of G Van Brocklin / S Secviar were reportedly grinning ear to ear as they pulled into the finish of stage 5. They lost a lot of time on stage 3 when they got stuck, but were able to continue and are now setting mid-pack times for Group 2.

3 DNF's so far - Saturday, March 13, 2010



Three of the 22 cars have withdrawn from the event. Car #808 Nelson/Money had trouble with their Fiero on the first stage of the day, going off the road and suffering two flats. They managed to continue only to have their radiator explode at the end of stage 3. Car #303, also met their end on stage 3 with a blown motor. Stage 3 also was the end of the rally for car #177, also possibly with engine trouble.

Live Scoring - Saturday, March 13, 2010



Scores are being updated live at: [www.rallydata.com/Results/DesertStorm\\_2010\\_Club1Results.htm](http://www.rallydata.com/Results/DesertStorm_2010_Club1Results.htm) #crsrally

Doganis leads Group 2 after stage 5 - Saturday, March 13, 2010



George Doganis and Co-driver Tom Smith debuted their new Honda Civic rally car with spectacular results. Rumor has it that today was their first day driving the car on dirt. So far they have a four minute lead over the second place Group 2 car, which is also a Honda Civic driven by the team of Michael Bond / Mike Ingoldby. Group 2 has the largest field this weekend with 11 starters- as many as all the other classes combined!

O'Sullivan leading after stage 5 - Saturday, March 13, 2010



Car #90 O'Sullivan/Putnam in a Vermont Sports Car prepped Subaru lead Desert Storm after stage 5 by one minute over Jim Morris/Steve Palmieri in their Camaro. Will Hudson/Brian Szykowny is in third, 23 seconds behind Jim.



Cars have started - Saturday, March 13, 2010

It's a beautiful day in Blythe, sunny and clear with highs in the 70's. The first cars have left MTC and are on transit to Stage #1. Car 90 O'Sullivan/Putnam are first on the road, followed by #222 Jackson/Estep and then #515 Morris/Estep in a Chevy Camaro. Reports are todays roads are smooth thanks to recent grading.



Competitors ready for Desert Storm - Saturday, March 13, 2010

Recce is complete and 22 cars are set to start Desert Storm tomorrow. First stage starts at 9:30am.



Live Updates at Desert Storm - Thursday, March 11, 2010

Stage Notes Radio Podcast co-host Erik Christiansen will be posting live updates during this weekend's Desert Storm rally!