

## Rally Colorado

8<sup>th</sup> Round of the Rally America National Championship Series  
and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> round of the Southwest RallyCup Series



The challenging Colorado rally through the high-desert roads around the Yampa Valley is fast and often features widely variable weather. This year was no exception. Dry, dusty conditions on Day 1 were replaced by driving rain that turned the roads slick with mud on Day 2. The rally ended under a rainbow.

Day 1 -Cars headed out for the first stages of Rally Colorado this morning under cool, sunny skies. During the morning driver's meeting, officials warned drivers of rough roads early in the contest expect some flats.

Two California teams were part of the regional's and that was Keith Jackson from Vista, California and his co-driver Marra Estep from Temecula, Ca. The second team was Lucy Block (wife of Ken Block) from Rancho Santa Fe, Ca and co-driver Christine Beavis from San Diego, Ca. These teams received their two funds and were very grateful for the help.

X Games medalist Peter Olenick is the latest pro action sports athlete to make the jump into rally car racing. Came out and ran the Southwest RallyCup and RA regionals. He had a blast. Peter Olenick The skier-turned-rally driver is contesting this event in a 2002 Subaru WRX. The vehicle is prepared conservatively -- with safety gear, but few of the performance goodies found in the top Open class cars -- to help the developing driver get a feel for the rally competition environment. He's running under the coaching of Salta Motorsports rally team.

Olenick is a decorated professional skier with multiple X Games medals and successful appearances in the inaugural Winter Dew Tour in 2008/2009. He is most famous for his invention of the Whiskey Flip trick -- a double flip in the halfpipe that made waves across the free skiing community. He is also a regular in skiing's top movies from Poor Boyz Productions and Teton Gravity Research.

Loads of Colorado teams came out in force to be there not only to compete and support but to do their final Colorado Rally Cup series events following getting their awards at the Rally Colorado awards ceremony. Also to support the Southwest RallyCup series.

After 10 gruelling stages and more than 60 miles of racing, the scores are being counted for the Middle Cog regional event. Provisional results show Car #202 Jackson / Estepat the top of the standings! Congratulations.

## Scoring Results for Day 1 on 1<sup>st</sup> ten teams.

1	202	O	1	Keith Jackson / Marra Estep	1:03:00.4	0:00.0	0:00.0
2	433	O	2	Mitchell Williams / Alix Hakala	1:03:43.3	0:42.9	0:42.9
3	107	L	1	Tyler Patik / Chris Raymond	1:06:45.8	3:45.4	3:02.5
4	440	L	2	Andrew Morton / Aaron Searle	1:08:15.9	5:15.5	1:30.1
5	429	PGT	1	Scott Crouch / Lea Croteau	1:08:29.6	5:29.2	0:13.7
6	408	G2	1	Matthew Leavitt / Brooks Freehill	1:10:43.9	7:43.5	2:14.3
7	495	O	3	Steve Bis / Brian Moody	1:12:14.8	9:14.4	1:30.9
8	318	G2	2	William Caswell / Paul Donlin	1:12:51.0	9:50.6	0:36.2
9	608	G5	1	Christopher Moore / Bo Randolph	1:13:00.3	9:59.9	0:09.
10	422	L	3	Aaron McConnell / Rebecca Greek	1:13:16.1	10:15.7	0:15.8

Teams have left for the opening four stages of Day 2. There are 8 stages today, and a total of 45 miles of racing. We will have scores and more updates for you starting at around 12:30 p.m. when the cars return for the first service of the day.

Rain is coming down hard early Sunday as teams take on the opening stages of Day 2 of the Rally Colorado. When teams left here at 8:30, gravel tires were the choice because it was looking like it might be a repeat of Saturday: hot, dry and dusty. But weather at this event is typically changeable and can vary widely over the course of a day. Teams could be scrambling for mud tires at the 12:30 service. Or not.

Again, on Day 2 the battle between Mitch Williams and Keith Jackson was very tight as it was on Day 1 but Keith was able to hold on and take the second day event –Middle COG 2 overall win.

## Day 2 Results for first ten teams:

1	202	O	1	Keith Jackson / Marra Estep	34:55.6	0:00.0	0:00.0
2	433	O	2	Mitchell Williams / Alix Hakala	35:04.4	0:08.8	0:08.8
3	495	O	3	Steve Bis / Brian Moody	35:25.0	0:29.4	0:20.6
4	413	O	4	Larry Schmidt / Ryan Schnell	37:08.7	2:13.1	1:43.7
5	429	PGT	1	Scott Crouch / Lea Croteau	38:46.8	3:51.2	1:38.1
6	422	L	1	Aaron McConnell / Rebecca Greek	38:47.1	3:51.5	0:00.3
7	825	G2	1	Jeremy Brown / Scott Leonard	39:17.6	4:22.0	0:30.5
8	107	L	2	Tyler Patik / Chris Raymond	39:46.3	4:50.7	0:28.7
9	318	G2	2	William Caswell / Paul Donlin	40:53.1	5:57.5	1:06.8
10	440	L	3	Andrew Morton / Aaron Searle	40:57.4	6:01.8	0:04.3