



## 2012 Cochrane Image Autobody Winter Rally

### Media Guide

#### **About the Event**

For the third year running, Cochrane Image Autobody has welcomed the Calgary Sports Car Club to their shop as the host facility of their winter rally. For over a decade this event has opened the the Western Canada Rally Championship and has hosted rally teams from across Alberta and BC. This Year's event has a near record entry with 24 teams registered for the event bringing competitors from as far as Seattle, WA and Toronto, ON.

The teams converging on Cochrane will take their specially prepared cars up the forestry trunk road to the Burnt Timber area where they will race against the clock to see who is the fastest. Equipped with roll cages and personal safety equipment, the cars will carry their drivers and co-drivers (navigators) at speeds in excess of 140 Km/h on roads that are closed for the event.

Supporting the competitors is an army of volunteers. From safety vehicles to checkpoint workers and radio safety net operators, about 75 people from across the province will donate their Sunday to make sure the event happens and the competitors are kept safe.

The Cochrane Image Autobody Winter Rally is organized by the Calgary Sports Car Club and is Sanctioned by The Canadian Association of Ralliesport. The roads are controlled under permission of Alberta Transportation.

#### **Media Opportunities**

The following locations offer some of the best opportunities for interviews and photos of the event.

##### **Saturday, March 10**

###### **3:30pm to 5:30 pm**

Technical Inspection, Cochrane Image Autobody, 66 Griffin Industrial Pt. W, Cochrane

The competitors and cars will be here for most of that time but come early to make sure.

##### **Sunday, March 11**

###### **9:40 am**

The first competitive stage is scheduled to start just before 10 AM. This is on Hunter Valley Road, about 52 km north of highway 1A on Hwy 40. The last 27 Km or so is gravel road so allow about 1.5 hrs travel time to get there. There is a good place for photographs a short walk in from the start line. The second stage is this same section run in reverse, so you can do SHORT interviews as the drivers arrive for the start and take pictures during the second stage. The teams continue on to the Burnt Timber Recreation area, just 1 km north of here.

###### **11:00 am**

Stages 3 through 6 run on the western most 7 Km of Hwy 579, Harold Creek Road. This is about 46km north of Hwy 1A on Highway 40. The last 20 Km or so is gravel road so allow about 1.5 hrs travel time to get there.

There is a good place for photographs a short walk in from the start line. These four stages are the same road run repeatedly so you have a good opportunity to interview competitors at this location after Stage 4, at about noon.

###### **8:00 pm**

The teams will return to the Frank Wills Hall in Cochrane (405 1 st. E) for the volunteer appreciation Banquet and awards ceremony. This is the best location to get a chance to meet the competitors and volunteers and get some good quotes in a relaxed environment after the day's action.





8th March 2012 - 20.00hrs

## Cochrane Image Auto Body Winter Rally - Entries

Start No	Driver	Co-Driver	Car	Class	Expert/Novice
1	<b>Hardy Schmidtke</b>	John Hall	Mitsubishi Evo 9	Open	Expert
2	Eric Grochowski	Leanne Junnila	Toyota Corolla GTS	Grp 2	Expert
3	Zebe Szewczyk	Michael Szewczyk	Mitsubishi Lancer	Grp 5	Expert
4	Tibor Kertes	Spencer Armstrong	Mitsubishi Lancer	Production GT	Expert
5	Mark Lee-Wilson	Shane Mcassey	Eagle Talon	Production GT	Novice
6	Azam Deen	Shabir Haji	Subaru Imprezza Sti	Production GT	Expert
7	Eric Pehota	Richard Doucet	Subaru WRX Wagon	Production GT	Novice
8	Win Van Der Poel	<b>Bryan Lord</b>	Mitsubishi Evo 8	Open	Novice
9	Johnny Summers	Thomas Chichak	Subaru Imprezza	Open	Novice
10	Alex Kozlov	Matt Vincent	Subaru Imprezza Sti	Open	Novice
11	<b>Mike Koloff</b>	Tracy Manspeaker	Ford Focus	Grp 2	Novice
12	Kevin Lee	Stanley Liu	Toyota Corolla GTS	Group D	Expert
13	Krystian Ostrowski	Chris Galecki	Mitsubishi Eclipse	Grp 5	Novice
14	Boris Djordjevic	TBD	Subaru Imprezza WRX	Production GT	Novice
15	Kenny Wahl	James Drake	Subaru Legacy	Production GT	Novice
16	Roger Sieber	Carolyn Greene	Subaru Imprezza WRX	Open	Novice
17	Andrew Avery	Jennifer Daly	Honda Civic	Gr 2	Novice
18	<b>Wayne Mayall</b>	Chris Kremer	VW Beetle	Grp 5	Novice
19	John Munroe	Brad Derzaph	Toyota Corolla	Grp D	Novice
20	Jeff Tooth	Nicki Beverly	Mitsubishi Lancer	Production Sport	Novice
21	Matt Bobyn	Dan Bobyn	VW Golf	Production Sport	Novice
22	Adam Vokes	Jeff Canavan	Eagle Talon	Open	Novice
23	Josh Shewchuk	Peter Hunt	Subaru Imprezza	Open	Novice
24	Noel McAvena	Niall Wilson	Dodge Neon	Grp 2	Novice

Cochrane and area competitors are in Bold