

## **2008 Rally WV Volunteer Schedule and Registration Process**

Volunteers for this event need to know how to complete the registration process and their schedule for meetings and reporting to their stage teams.

Fill in the volunteer form as far ahead of the event as you comfortably can, and send in per the instructions. We need this know you are planning to come, and know your experience levels, times when you can help, and assignment preferences. Please make sure that you are reasonably certain that you can attend; it is very disruptive to the event to have people volunteer to help, and then not show up.

Show up for your final registration step at event registration. This will be at Elkins High School on Thursday from noon to 9 PM, or Friday, from 9 AM to 8 PM.

Volunteer training and assignments:

Friday Stage Volunteers: If you volunteer for Friday stages (or Friday and Saturday both), attend the first volunteer meeting at Friday, 10:00AM, at Elkins High School, for general training, assignments, and any further instructions. If you are volunteering for any of the Friday stages, we need you to attend at this time.

Saturday Stage Volunteers: If you are volunteering for the Saturday stages only, you can complete the registration process on Friday evening. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> volunteer meeting at 8:00 PM at Elkins High School that you must attend for training and assignments.

Volunteer team gathering and launch: This is when the rally fun starts!

Friday stages: You will depart for the Friday stages very soon after the 10 AM meeting from Elkins High School. Be prepared to go at this time with your day's supplies. See below.

Saturday stages: This is the hard one..... We need to you to meet your stage team no later than 6 AM at Elkins High School. (Unless otherwise instructed when you receive your assignment.) If you live or are staying to the south of Elkins, you may meet your team at Tygarts Valley High School at 6:30 AM, but you must make these arrangements with your stage captain at the training meeting. Be prepared to go at this time with your day's supplies. See below.

### **Preparation for Rally Volunteer Work**

Rally volunteering is exciting, but typically involves a long day or days out in remote locations. You need to be prepared with supplies to be outdoors for many hours before you depart, there will be little or no chance to stop for supplies once you start. Have a full tank of fuel in your vehicle when you start.

Bring water, food and snacks, bug repellent and sunscreen, rain gear just in case of that summer t-storm, a radio or reading materials while you wait, something to sit on, and other items to stay comfortable during a long day in the woods. Our rules prohibit the consumption of alcohol or use of drugs during your time working the event; please help us maintain this policy. We will have sandwiches to distribute during each day, but occasionally this gets disrupted, so be prepared.

### **Post – event Dinner**

You will be given a meal ticket for the event dinner on Saturday evening, either at registration or by your stage captain. This is at the National Guard Armory in Elkins starting at approximately 8:30 PM. Come join the opportunity to unwind after a long rally day, and swap rally stories!

## 2008 Rally WV Volunteer Openings and Descriptions

We have openings for the following positions at this year's event:

Stage Marshal – You will be assigned to guard a road or trail intersection on a closed rally road (called a special stage). This is the best assignment if you want to spectate the cars and motorcycles in action. You will travel with the stage team to which you are assigned to one of the rally roads. The stage captain will drop you off at your marshal locations while the rest of the stage crew is being set up. It is usually about an hour of waiting before the action starts, with a few rally operations vehicles passing by to check the stage set-up, and prepare for the rallying. Once the rallying on your road begins, the motorcycles will pass at approximately 30 intervals, followed by break for the motorcycle sweep vehicles to clear the route. Then the rally cars will run past at approximately 1 minute intervals. Once that is done, the stage will be swept again for rally cars, Each sage road is used 2-3 times in sequence. Sometimes the direction of the rally will reverse on a given road. Your duty is to stay put and guard your location, until your stage captain returns.

Timing controls – You will be assigned to time the rally cars and motorcycles at the start or finish of a stage, as assigned by your stage captain. This will get you right up to the cars and drivers and riders. You should have legible hand-writing. You will travel with the stage team to which you are assigned to one of the rally roads, and the stage captain will assign you to your timing position. You will help record check-in, start and finish times. If the stage is reversed, you will work both start and finish timing operations. Training, support, forms, timing equipment, and instructions will be provided.

Ham radio operators – Those with a ham license and a 2 meter mobile or portable will receive this key assignment. Most ham operators will travel with a stage team, and be placed in your assigned locations. These people are key to the event safety operations, and will operate in the event's radio net, with an experienced net control operator managing the network. Most operators will placed at start or finish timing controls on the stage roads, and will be responsible to report total numbers of motorcycles passing their control location, and the individual car numbers of each car passing their locations. We use this information to insure that all competing vehicles area accounted for at every step of their route. Please note that participating ham operators are eligible for 3 prizes that will be awarded at the Saturday evening post-rally dinner; first prize is a new 2m ham mobile unit!

Slow sweep – We may have a few openings for persons with reliable 4WD trucks and winches. The sweep crews follow the motorcycles or cars and retrieve vehicles that have broken or slipped off the road. No heavy or dangerous extraction work is expected; if a rally vehicle is far off the road or in a difficult position, then a heavy tow truck will be called by the competition team.