



22yr Old Rally Driver to Take On North America in 2005

Matt Johnston, an up and coming rally car driver from Grand Rapids Michigan plans to contest 10 events across the USA and Canada.

Grand Rapids, MI ([PRWEB](#)) December 1, 2004 -- Run on a shoestring budget, the 22yr old Matt Johnston will contest key events in the Rally America National and Regional Championships, as well as the Canadian Rally Championship. The events chosen are key events for points scoring, and marketability. Based in Grand Rapids Michigan, the 2005 schedule will take the team, and their Honda Civic rally car over 16,000 miles of travel, 6 states and 2 provinces.

With hopes of becoming a professional rally driver, Johnston will contest the events with the utmost vigor. For a country as big as the USA, there are very few professional rally drivers, in fact, there have been no world level rally drivers to come from America, ever. The first step is to run a large schedule of events, to increase driver skill, and exposure. "It's a big schedule for a team my size, we don't have very much money, and yea, things like food will have to take a second seat to rallying".

Matt Johnston Motorsport " 2005 Schedule

Sno-Drift Rally " Atlanta, MI - Jan 28 - 29

Oregon Trail Rally " Hillsboro, OR - Apr 23 - Apr 24

Susquehannock Trail - Wellsboro, PA - Jun 4 - Jun 4

Black Bear Rally " Dorset, ON,

Pikes Peak International Hillclimb " Colorado Springs, CO - Jun 23 - Jun 25

Rallye Baie Des Chaulers " New Richmond, QC - July 1-2

Ojibwe Forests - Bemidji, MN - Aug 26 - Aug 27

Rallye Defi-St Agathe/Duhamel " St Agathe, QC " Sept 8-10

Lake Superior Rally " Houghton, MI " October 21-22

Rally of the Tall Pines " Bancroft , ON " Nov 25-26

Simply put, Rally is real cars, real roads, real fast. Production cars are modified slightly for safety and performance. Driver and Co-Driver teams then race one at a time down gravel, and snow-covered forest and logging roads called "stages". Jumps, bumps and twisty conditions are commonplace. An event may consist of up to 20 stages. At the end of the event, the person with the lowest overall time wins. Cars can reach speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour in all conditions, including rain and snow.

Matt Johnston has been driving competitively since late 2003. To date his best finishes include 2 3rd places, one at the Sno-Drift Rally in Atlanta Michigan, and the Rally of the Tall Pines in Bancroft Ontario.

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