

Canadian Rally Co-Driver Finishes Fourth in Class at U.S. National Rally

The team of Tim Stevens and Jeff Hagan take fourth in PGT at the Susquehannock Trail Pro Rally. This strong finish brings Jeff Hagan into first place in the regional championship.

Wellsboro, PA (<u>PRWEB</u>) July 9, 2005 -- The team of Maine native Tim Stevens and Jeff Hagan of Toronto finished fourth in Production GT class at the Susquehannock Trail Pro Rally in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania on June 5.

The rally was the third round of the 2005 Rally America National Championship, and the first round of the Eastern Region Championship. The rally attracted 56 teams from the United States, Canada and Europe.

The Susquehannock Trail Pro Rally has a reputation for being unforgiving to mistakes. The course is lined with trees, large rocks and several steep dropoffs close to the road edge. The demand on the teams for precision was increased even further by rain on the days preceding the rally that left the course muddy and slippery.

"We had a solid run," said co-driver Jeff Hagan. "The only damage to the car was on the first stage. We ripped some of the underbody protection half off the car on the water splash," referring to STPRÂ \Box s famous stream crossing. "Our crew reattached it at the next service and we were good as new."

The rest of the rally saw a tight battle for the Production GT class win. By the end of the rally, the top four PGT teams were within four minutes of each other after 125 miles of special stages. On stage 5, Tim and Jeff made up the one-minute gap in stage start times to pass the more powerful Open class car of Cyril Kearney and Charlie Bradley.

The overall win of the event went to veteran rally competitors Paul Choiniere and Jeff Becker. Co-driver Jeff Hagan was the highest-finishing Canadian competitor.

The Susquehannock Trail Pro Rally is an annual car race held around Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. The action this year took place over a 310 mile course, including 125 miles of special stages, or high-speed tests on closed roads.

Jeff began his co-driving career in 2002. Since then, he has competed in rallies in Canada and the United States. Jeff is supported by Catalyst Motorsport Management and BCB Consulting.

Watch for Tim Stevens and Jeff Hagan at their next event, the Maine Forest Rally on July 29 and 30.

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