

# Press On

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and about the Press On Regardless Road Rally  
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## **POR 2008**

The 59<sup>th</sup> running of the prestigious Press On Regardless Rally took place in 2007. For 2008, event chairman, Bruce Fisher has plans to make the 60<sup>th</sup> running a very special one. One of the goals set for next year's rally is to increase the number of entrants. The past few years have seen entry levels drop to an average of about fifteen cars for POR and a total of about twenty when SPOR entrants are included. Ten years ago, entry levels were about double what we have seen recently.

To help you make plans for the 2008 POR, Bruce has provided some clues about the rally. It will again be a two-night format of approximately 500-600 miles. By running primarily after dark there is an increased level of safety. Not only are there fewer non-rally vehicles on the road – but the lights of on-coming traffic is easily detected. Slightly different for '08 will be separate awards for each of the two portions; FPOR (Friday POR) and SPOR (Saturday POR). As has been common practice, both nights will be scored together for the big rally – POR. POR will be a part of the Detroit Region, the GLDiv championships and will also be sanctioned as a National Road Rally.

Road selection has always been a strong suit of any of Bruce Fisher's rallies. He makes liberal use of many of the roads used on past stage-rally events. POR 2008 should be no exception to this. Based on a little fine-tuning in recent years, Bruce has indicated that he will condense the actual rally-time by shortening the length of the breaks. By doing this, it is possible to cover plenty of good rally miles and still get the competitors back to the headquarters hotel for a bit of social time. This will also allow everyone a chance to get plenty of rest. The 6:00 AM finish was a slightly less than appealing aspect of recent PORs. The hope for '08 is to get the teams out of the woods and back to the hotel closer to 3:00 AM. More importantly, this earlier end time will not come at a sacrifice to good rallying.

So start making plans now. Mark that calendar. The 2008 Press On Regardless will be September 5-7 (Friday – Sunday) – the weekend after Labor Day. Headquarters will be approximately one hour closer to Detroit in Houghton Lake for 2008.

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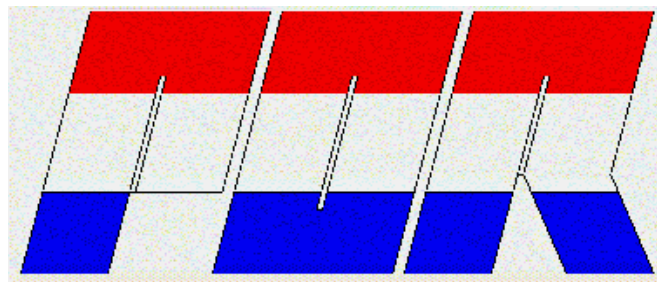
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## Shameless Plugs

**Nokian and Hankook tires.** Winter tires from Nokian and Hakkapeliitta as well as rally and performance tires from Hankook available from Team Harco Motorsports. Contact: [scott@teamharco.com](mailto:scott@teamharco.com) Visit: [www.nokiantires.com](http://www.nokiantires.com) and [www.hankooktireusa.com](http://www.hankooktireusa.com)

**Rally equipment and lights.** Tom Bell's Competition Limited in Traverse City can help with Hella and IPF lights, rally clocks, rally odometers and other rally-related accessories. Contact: Tom Bell  
[trbrally@charter.net](mailto:trbrally@charter.net) website: [www.compltd.com](http://www.compltd.com)

**Historic POR films on DVD.** Films from 2004, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1973 and 1988. Well worth the paltry \$10 (\$12.50 if shipped within the United States). Contact: [scott@teamharco.com](mailto:scott@teamharco.com)



## POR Needs You!

**T**hat's right. POR needs you. Here's what you can do:

- **Compete.** Enter the rally as a competitor. Those who have run recently know how good this rally is. Those that have not run recently – or not at all – should definitely consider doing so.
- **Volunteer to work.** If you can't compete, the next best thing is to volunteer as a worker. You get a chance to see some of the action, drive a lot of the roads and be a big part of making it all happen. Contact Bruce Fisher and let him know you can help. [BAFisher@aol.com](mailto:BAFisher@aol.com)
- **Be a sponsor.** POR can always use support. A simple way to get involved in this area might be to sponsor some of the awards. There are many trophies presented each year. Other than the usual class trophies, there are sometimes awards for exemplary sportsmanship, "Dead Last but Finished", the Press On Regardless award and others. If this sounds interesting to you – please contact Bruce Fisher to see what sort of sponsorship opportunities would be most helpful.
- **Contribute to this newsletter.** It won't bring anyone fortune or fame – but if you have a story or photographs you would like to submit – I will try to include them in a future issue of *Press On*.
- **Spread the word.** Let potential workers or competitors know about the POR. Send a copy of this newsletter to everyone you know (and even some you don't).

## Looking Ahead

**D**etroit Region SCCA events\* and other upcoming events\* of possible interest to competitors (and workers) in the southeast Michigan area:

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – Son of Sno\*Drift X.** Detroit Region and Great Lakes Winter Series Rally. Start and finish in Waterford, MI. Contact: Scott Harvey  
[scott@teamharco.com](mailto:scott@teamharco.com) also [www.detroit-scca.com](http://www.detroit-scca.com)

**Jan TBD – SVR Ice Runs.** Saginaw Valley Region SCCA timed ice runs on Saginaw Bay. Dates TBD. All events are tentative and contingent upon ice conditions. The latest news here: [www.svr-scca.com/iceracing.html](http://www.svr-scca.com/iceracing.html)

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Sno\*Drift.** Rally America performance rally out of Atlanta, MI. <http://www.rally-america.com/> and [www.sno-drift.org](http://www.sno-drift.org)

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ohio Winter Rally.** NEOhio Region and Great Lakes Winter Series Rally. Start and finish in Mentor, OH. Contact: Ken Swarm  
[kswarm\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:kswarm_2000@yahoo.com)

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – Dawnbuster.** Detroit Region and Great Lakes Winter Rally Series Rally. Two separate rallies this time around. Contact: Tom Bell  
[trbrally@charter.net](mailto:trbrally@charter.net)

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Detroit Region RallyCross.** Season Opener of Detroit Region SCCA RallyCross Championship series. Located at Bob's Family Raceway in Clarksville, MI. Contact: Bob Martin  
[robert.martin@aam.com](mailto:robert.martin@aam.com)

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – Ontario Winter Rally.** Famous all-night rally with typically brisk speeds and slippery conditions. Bancroft, Ontario. Contact: Ryan Huber. Maple Leaf Rally Club website: [www.mlrc.ca](http://www.mlrc.ca)

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – Detroit Region RallyCross.** Event #2 of Detroit Region SCCA RallyCross Championship series. Located at Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Fowlerville, MI. Contact: Scott Harvey [scott@teamharco.com](mailto:scott@teamharco.com)

**Sep 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – Press On Regardless.** Detroit Region and Great Lakes Division Championship Road Rally. Separate awards for each night (FPOR and SPOR). POR will be a National Rally as well. Start and finish in Houghton Lake, MI. Contact: Bruce Fisher  
[BAFisher@aol.com](mailto:BAFisher@aol.com)

*\* All dates are tentative. Verify date and time by checking with the appropriate contact or website.*

## Where To Go For Info

**W**ebsites providing details on events past and future. Where to go – to stay in the know:

**Detroit Region SCCA** – Race, Rally and Solo. Amateur motorsports of all sorts. [www.detroit-scca.org](http://www.detroit-scca.org)



**Sports Car Club of America** – The national website for SCCA. [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com)

**Saginaw Valley Region SCCA** – The region just to our north. Good ice runs in the winter. [www.svr-scca.com](http://www.svr-scca.com)

**Northeast Ohio Region SCCA** – Lots of good rallies. [www.neohio-scca.org](http://www.neohio-scca.org)

**Sno\*Drift Rally** – Performance rally headquartered in Atlanta, MI. The only winter rally on the Rally America schedule. [www.sno-drift.org](http://www.sno-drift.org)

**Lake Superior Performance Rally** – LSPR, the stage-rally in the UP (eh). [www.lsprorally.com](http://www.lsprorally.com)

**CARS** – The Canadian Association of Rallysport (eh). [www.carsrally.ca/CARSRally](http://www.carsrally.ca/CARSRally)

**Team Harco Motorsports:** It's all about the cars and what we do with them. [www.teamharco.com](http://www.teamharco.com)

**The Furrin Group** – Group of enthusiasts located primarily in western Michigan. [www.furrin.org](http://www.furrin.org)

**MyAutoEvents.com** – Event information and online registration. [www.myautoevents.com](http://www.myautoevents.com)

**Great Lakes Division SCCA** – Competition within the GLDiv including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and part of West Virginia. [www.greatlakes-scca.org](http://www.greatlakes-scca.org)