



Live Updates

Friday, January 22, 8:00:

Registration of competitors and staff started at 16:00.

The competition cars will go into indoor Parc Ferme at Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center tonight. The Parc Ferme opens on Saturday morning at 7:30, reconnaissance of special stages will follow and will continue until noon.

The Ceremonial Start of New York Winter Rally 2010 will take place at Ten Mile River Scout Reservation in Narrowsburg, New York at 12:45.

Special Stages are covered with frozen snow and ice and the ground is frozen. The temperatures are about 18 degrees at night. The maximum daytime temperatures barely exceed the freezing point.

Saturday, January 23, 2010, 18:00:

Seventeen cars left the Ceremonial Start at Ten Mile River Scout Reservation in Narrowsburg, New York after lunch. There were two no shows and one DNS because of a mechanical failure.

The day started with very low temperatures. The temperature was only 12 degrees at 6 AM this morning and barely exceeded the freezing point during the day.

After four stages today, Celsius Donnelly is leading followed by Tom Lawless and Daniel O'Brien. James Burke, Enda McCormack, Claudiu David and Matt Gottlieb make the rest of the leader board.

O'Leary brothers and Cosgrove with Obry hit trees and are out for the day. Matt Gottlieb failed to finish repairs on time and did not leave the service after special stage four. All will restart tomorrow under the USRC Super Rally regulations

Saturday, January 22, 23:45:

After the first day, Celsus Donnelly and Bernard Farrell in Mitsubishi Evo 8 are leading New York Winter Rally 2010. Tom Lawless and Dominik Jozwiak in Mitsubishi Evo 9 are only 16 seconds back. Joseph Burke and Mark McAlister in Subaru WRX are in the third place overnight two minutes behind the leader.

The leading two-wheel-drive crew is the Romanian team of Claudiu David and Mihaela Beldie in Mazda 3. Michael Reilly and Josh Benthien in Ford Focus are second, and Justin and Kerry Carven are third in VW Rabbit diesel.

The roads were slick and remained frozen the whole day. Sixteen cars, including two cars that are restarting under Super Rally regulations are in the overnight Parc Ferme. This is a surprisingly low attrition for the conditions.

Tomorrow will be another cold day with an overnight low of 15 degrees. The temperatures will rise above the freezing point with rain forecasted for late afternoon.

Sunday, January 24, 11:15:

The rally restarted today under cloudy skies. The temperature at the start was 27 degrees. The roads continue being very slick and icy.

The first casualty of the day was Celsus Donnelly. The transmission in his Evo 8 failed during the transit from Parc Ferme to the Ten Mile River Service Park.

After two mornings special stages, Tom Lawless and Dominik Jozwiak are in the lead by one and a half minute, followed by the young Joseph Burke with Mark McAlister and Enda McCormack with Tommy Doyle of Ireland. Claudiu David and Mihaela Beldie are firmly in the lead of the two-wheel-drive category.

Cosgrove and Gottlieb are out because of accidents. Mulvey retired with a mechanical failure. O'Brien and McCabe are out because of codriver's family emergency.

Sunday, January 24, 13:00:

At 1 PM, all the roads, including the main roads in the area, are extremely slippery with freezing light rain and some of the roads have been closed. Joseph Burke and Mark McAlister have now retired after an accident.

Only two stages are remaining and the leading crews in all-wheel-drive category are Lawless with Jozwiak and McCormack with Doyle. In two-wheel-drive, David with Beldie and Reilly with Benthien are in the lead. The time differences among the leading crews are so large that if these teams can keep the cars on the road in these difficult conditions, they have assured for themselves a good result in this event and the United States Rally Championship points.

Sunday, January 24, 14:30:

The winners of 2010 New York Winter Rally are Tom Lawless and Dominik Jozwiak in Mitsubishi Evo 9. The winners in the two-wheel-

drive category are Claudiu David and Mihaela Beldie of Romania in Mazda 3. Congratulations to the winners for their excellent performance in difficult conditions!

Monday, January 25, 13:15:

In response to inquiries, we are happy to announce that none of the racing accidents mentioned above resulted in any injuries.