## Scion Racing Prepares for Competitive 2013 Rally America National Championship

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TORRANCE, Calif. (Jan. 23, 2013) – Scion Racing returns for its second full rally season with a new Scion xD in the Rally America National Championship. Driver Andrew Comrie-Picard and the team will compete in seven scheduled events, beginning with the two-day Sno\*Drift Rally in Atlanta, Mich., on Jan. 25-26.

The Scion rally team celebrates the new season with a brand new xD race car that has been augmented to meet the challenging courses and elevated competition. Modifications to the 2013 car include all-new suspension, improved weight distribution, dog engagement transmission and more horsepower.

"Scion Racing is ready and thrilled to be a part of the 2013 Rally America National Championship," said Steve Hatanaka, Scion marketing and special events manager. "The combination of the xD subcompact, a top-notch team race team and one of rally's best drivers, Andrew Comrie-Picard, is sure to create a competitive and exciting series."

Last year, the Rally xD team completed its first full season in the Rally America National Championship. After six challenging events, the team finished second in the two-wheel drive (2WD) category of the series.

"The Rally xD team has worked hard to get the new car ready for the first race," said Comrie-Picard, "The xD is the best it has ever been, and I can't wait for the season to start."

## Rally America 2013 race schedule:

Sno\*Drift Rally: Jan. 25-26 in Atlanta, Mich. 100 Acre Wood Rally: Feb. 22-23 in Salem, Mo. Oregon Trail Rally: May 3-5 in Portland, Ore.

Susquehannock Trail Rally: May 31-June 1 in Wellsboro, Pa. New England Forest Rally: July 26-27 in Newry, Maine Ojibwe Forests Rally: Aug. 23-24 in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Lake Superior Performance Rally: Oct. 18-19 in Houghton, Mich.

For more information about Scion Rally xD team visit www.scionracing.com.

Scion Racing also includes teams competing in drag, drift and road racing series. For information, videos and interviews with drivers, visit <a href="www.scionracing.com">www.scionracing.com</a>. Additional Rally xD images can be found on <a href="www.scionnewsroom.com">www.scionnewsroom.com</a>.