

Andrew Comrie-Picard Drives Scion Rally xD to Season Opener Victory

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TORRANCE, Calif. (Jan. 29, 2013) – Driver Andrew Comrie-Picard and co-driver Jeremy Wimpey earned Scion Racing its first win of the season and its first ever top finish at the Sno*Drift event on Jan. 26 in Atlanta, Mich. The pair crossed the finish line five minutes ahead of the competition in the two-wheel (2WD) drive class.

"I'm so proud of the entire team, and this victory belongs to them. This season's new Scion xD is lighter, stronger, faster, easier to service, more predictable and easier to drive," said Comrie-Picard, known as "ACP." "The xD ran flawlessly in its first outing, giving Jeremy and I the platform to perform our best. It was a very satisfying win, and we aim to continue being on top throughout the season."

ACP and Wimpey piloted the Scion Racing Rally xD through 20 challenging snow covered stages, winning all but one of them in the 2WD class. The victory marks the second victory together for Comrie-Picard and the Scion Racing Rally xD team.

"We couldn't have asked for a better start to the season," said Phillip Chase, team manager. "The enhancements to the new car have proven to be successful for the first race, and we are already working to be even more competitive for the next race. We have a great team and we are looking forward to a great season."

At the end of the 20 stages, ACP and Wimpey had a five-minute lead over the second place Ford Fiesta driven by Dillon Van Way and Andrew Edwards.

"To win the first race of the season with a brand new car is a testament to the synergy of a strong car, a talented driver and a skilled team," said Steve Hatanaka, Scion marketing and special events manager. "Scion is looking forward to more impressive racing this season."

The Rally America National Championship returns to action at the Rally in the 100 Acre Wood, Feb. 22-23 in Salem, Mo.

The remaining Rally America 2013 race schedule:

- 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.

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