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T. Hanson Motorsports Invited Back To X Games

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LITTLETON, N. H. - The 16th **X Games** competition being held later this month will once again feature a local driver. T. **Hanson** Motorsports, based in Littleton, has been invited to compete in **Rally** Car Racing at **X Games 16** in Los Angeles, California from July 29-Aug. 1. This will be driver **Travis Hanson's** second invitation to the **X Games**. "I am really excited to be invited back to **X Games**, **Hanson** stated.

"When we were invited in 2008 I thought it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Now we're getting another shot at competing on this amazing stage." **Rally** car racing for **X Games 16** will be held in the historic LA Memorial Coliseum. It is the extreme sport of auto racing, in which two drivers go head to head on a dirt-and-tarmac course full of hairpins, fast straights and big jumps.

"The competition is going to be really strong this year, with the best drivers from North America and a few from around the world," **Hanson** noted. "The other teams are bringing lots of firepower and it will be interesting to see how I compare." Only 12 drivers receive invitations to the event, he added.

Travis runs the team both out of Traverse City, Michigan, where his father/ co-driver Terry lives, and out of Littleton, where **Travis** lives. They compete with a 2007 Subaru WRX STi, not far removed from the same one that can be bought off the sales-lot.

Hanson grew up and went to school in Michigan, but moved to New Hampshire to follow his **rally** dreams. After college he was hired by the Team O'Neil **Rally** School in Dalton, N. H. as a vehicle dynamics engineer and driving instructor. **Rally** car competing is now a full-time career as he seeks a full time sponsor and challenges the **Rally** America Series at every national event across the country.

He has three first place in-class finishes in this year's **Rally** America series, and his plain white Subaru has become well known at **rallies** across the country as he pressures top open-class competitors **Travis** Pastrana, Ken Block, etc., for an overall podium finish.

In looking at the upcoming **X Games**, "The biggest upset in **X Games** **rally** car racing history came at **X Games 14** when **Travis** beat

PWRC favorite Niall Mc-Shea in their preliminary match up. I expect nothing less from **Travis** at **X Games 16**," said J. B. Niday, **Rally** America's Managing Director.

Until the **X Games**, **Hanson** has his eye on the New England Forest **Rally** in Maine, July 16-17. A good position there would seal a Super Production championship and set him up for a promising showing at **X Games 16**, where he will try to bring the gold home to New Hampshire.

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