

Steel Tulip 4 to race in New England Forest Rally

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Steel Tulip 4 will be racing July 16 & 17.

Maine Rally Team "Last Ditch Racing" is set to appear at Ms. B's Village Store in Peru, Maine on Wednesday, July 13. Driver John Cassidy, co-driver Dave Getchell as well as members of the team's service crew will be at the store from 5-7 p.m. to sign autographs and meet with Rally fans. The team's rally car, their powerful Open Class silver 2003 Subaru WRX STI, known as the "Steel Tulip 4," will also be at Ms. B's for rally fans to see up close.

Mrs. B's is located at 120 Main Street in Peru, at the corner of Main and Ridge (just before Main turns into Dickvale Road). Ms. B's Village Store owners released a statement saying, "We are very excited about having this team come to our town for an autograph signing. We have been big fans of the Forest Rally since its inception. However, unlike Nascar, finding teams to cheer for was difficult because of the international field - until now. Last Ditch helps give a cool international sport some local competition."

Last Ditch Racing is headquartered in Bangor and has been racing in the New England Forest Rally for the past 10 years. The team has won the Rally America Eastern championship in open class for three years running. They will be racing July 16th and 17th at the New England Forest Rally.

The Rally begins Friday morning with a parc expose at Sunday River Skiway in Newry, followed by a rally stage run at the ski area. The cars then move to the most popular spectator stage on the rally circuit at the Mexico Recreation park on Route 17 for a service and two runs at the 1/2 mile, including the specially-constructed jump in front of the grandstands. Following the Mexico Rec Park stage, spectators may board a bus to take them to the viewing areas along the Concord Pond stage. Bus seats are available on a limited basis for \$10 per person. The day finishes with a timed service at

Sunday River's South Ridge parking lot where crews try to get their cars put back in race shape for Sunday's action.

Sunday morning the cars start from Sunday River and transit, at road- legal speed, to Berlin, NH, then on to Magalloway, on the Maine-New Hampshire border, and the Fish Pond stage which will also offer spectating opportunities. The New England Forest Rally will conclude Saturday evening back at Sunday River where champagne corks will be popped as soon as the top finishers are in and times are confirmed.

For more information and a complete rally schedule, please visit www.newenglandforestrally.com.