

## RSO VP Performance 2024 Report

### Ontario Performance Rally Championship

The OPRC had an increase in participants in 2024 with the \$25K in prize sponsorship from Novus Auto Group. There were 13 entries in Rallye Perce Neige, 9 in Shannonville, 17 for Black Bear, 15 in Defi and 19 at Tall Pines.

Cash prizes for events and the series were sponsored by the Novus Auto Group which includes Clarington Kia, Clarington Hyundai, Ontario Motor Sales (Chevrolet–Cadillac), Marigold Ford–Lincoln, and Durham Harley Davidson. A total of twenty-five thousand dollars was pledged for the series.

Five thousand dollars were committed to each of the two Ontario stand alone events – Shannonville Stages and Black Bear. The remaining fifteen thousand dollars was awarded after Tall Pines. There are certain eligibility requirements to qualify for the prize money.

At Shannonville Stages and Black Bear the prizes were distributed in the following manner:

- First Overall \$1,000.00
- Second Overall \$600.00
- Third Overall \$400.00
- First Two Wheel Drive \$1,000.00
- Second Two Wheel Drive \$600.00
- Third Two Wheel Drive \$400.00
- First Novice \$1,000.00

#### For Shannonville Stages

- Olivier David took first overall and first novice for a total of \$2,000.00
- John Hudon was second overall and first in 2WD so took home \$1,600.00
- Mark Toufanov was third overall and second 2WD for a total winning of \$1000.00
- Jim Morton was third 2WD and received \$400.00

#### For Black Bear,

##### Overall Driver

- Trevor Pougnet was first for \$1,000.00
- Crazy Leo would have had first 2WD and second overall but his high speed factor took him out of eligibility.
- Yohan Tessier got \$600.00 for second but generously donated the winnings to Seed 6 and 5B drivers at Tall Pines.
- Jonathan Drake received \$400.00 for third overall.

##### In 2WD

- Mathieu Royer won \$1,000.00 for first
- Mark Toufanov \$600.00 for second and
- Sean McConnachie \$400.00 for third.
- Olivier David – first novice, \$1000.00

**After Tall Pines** the payouts were based on the **series standings**, which can be viewed at <https://rallysport.on.ca/fastrally/oprc-standings-archive/oprc-standings-2024/>

#### **Overall Driver**

- Olivier David – First and first novice \$6,000.00
- Jonathan Drake – Second \$2,000.00
- Trevor Pougnet-Third \$1000.00

#### **2WD**

- Mark Toufanov was first and is awarded \$3000.00
- Mathieu Royer came second for \$2,000.00
- Jonathan Desgroseilliers was third with an award of \$1000.00

It was one of the best seasons for the OPRC in recent memory. Thank you to all the organizers and competitors who made it happen.

For 2025 the Novus Auto Group is pivoting it's sponsorship to funding filming the organizing and team preparation for performance rallies. The preliminary plan is to have 10 minute segments for Voyageurs and Black Bear and a 20 minute segment for Tall Pines.

#### **RallyCross (ORXC)**

The Ontario RallyCross Championship had 29 people signed up from various clubs but the weather gods played their part and PMSC was only able to hold two of their five scheduled events. MLRC also held two; both on the same weekend as the PMSC events. PMSC ran on Saturdays, MLRC on Sundays. Through good luck and some mad pumping KWRC managed to get all five events in.

Your humble VP Performance won Overall and 2WD despites some last minute car issues, with Storme Wroblewski in second 2WD and Justin Zammit in third. Justin also took second overall. AJ Francis, Billy Last & Mathieu Masaro were 1-2-3 in 4WD Naturally Aspirated and it was Darin Mayes, and Dan Demers in 4WD Forced Induction. Results are at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/1TvZhdhQPNvii0rjB6XIM7utfYePb5gRuheKqchUfhNU/htmlview#>

The 2025 RX season is shaping up with KWRC, PMSC & MCO planning on participating. The first event for 2025 should be May 10 with KWRC.

There were no rally sprints in 2024 but MLRC is planning on having two in 2025.

For me it's been a busy year with competing, working two weeks a month in Nova Scotia. I'm looking forward to a slightly calmer 2025. A huge thank you to all the organizers, workers and competitors who made the events happen.

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