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DAVID HIGGINS CLAIMS VICTORY AT LEGENDARY OLYMPUS RALLY

Cherry Hill, N.J., May 17, 2016 - Subaru driver and defending Rally America Champion David Higgins, with co-driver Craig Drew cruised to victory at the Olympus Rally, round four of the 2016 Rally America National Championship. Higgins lead from the start and never looked back, driving his Vermont SportsCar-prepared 2016 Subaru WRX STI rally car faultlessly on the event's 120 miles of rugged and technical tree-lined gravel roads. The win for Higgins is his 2nd in a row this season after a victory last month at the Oregon Trail Rally and moves him into the lead of the Driver's championship standings.

The Olympus Rally, held in scenic western Washington, has a storied past. The rally was part of the first US Rally Championship in 1973 and later ran as a World Rally Championship event from 1986-1988 during the sport's legendary Group B days. The Olympus Rally returned to the championship calendar last season after a two-year hiatus where Higgins claimed victory as well.

"This was a great rally, and it's always a huge challenge here at Olympus," explained Higgins at the podium. "The roads are very technical, very demanding. Beside it being hard work for us in the car it's certainly hard on the car too, but again our 2016 Subaru WRX STI was tough, reliable and most importantly very quick."

Higgins will renew his rivalry with Subaru teammate Travis Pastrana at the next round, the Susquehannock Trail Performance Rally (STPR) held June 3-4 in Wellsboro, PA. At the two previous rounds Higgins and Pastrana fought a close battle within seconds of each other. Pastrana held off Higgins to win the Rally in the 100 Acre Wood and then Higgins edged Pastrana at last month's Oregon Trail Rally.

Video coverage 2016 Rally America Championship will be featured in the new season of Launch Control, the award winning video series that follows Subaru Rally Team USA. Launch Control returns for season four early this summer to Subaru of America's YouTube channel and other select web partners.

Full coverage of Subaru Rally Team USA is available on the Subaru Motorsports App. To download from the iTunes App store, <u>click here</u>, for Android App on Google Play store, <u>click here</u>. Follow the team on Instagram <u>@srtusa</u> and Twitter <u>@srtusa</u>.

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