

**SCOTT SPEED WINS INAUGURAL
AMERICAS RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP**

In the first-ever season of Americas Rallycross (ARX), Scott Speed raced his way to a fourth-consecutive rallycross championship with Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross in his No. 41 Oberto Circle K Beetle Rallycross. Speed narrowly edged out his teammate, Tanner Foust (No. 34 Rockstar Energy Drink Beetle Rallycross) in second, and Subaru's Patrick Sandell finished third.

The two Beetles were neck and neck all season, with Foust winning the first race in the history of ARX at Silverstone in May. Speed didn't let his teammate stay out front for long, knocking off back-to-back wins at both Circuit of the Americas and Trois-Rivieres. However, Foust kept the gap small all-season long, with both VARX drivers finishing on the podium at every race.

Despite a close battle, Speed scored enough points at the return to the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, and won his fourth-straight rallycross title.

Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross fields two full-time entries in Americas Rallycross, with Scott Speed and Tanner Foust amassing four rallycross series titles ('15/Speed, '16/Speed, '17/Speed, '18/Speed), 31 wins and 59 podiums in five seasons of competition.

Scott Speed – No. 41 Oberto Circle K Beetle GRC
Started: 2nd // Finished: 2nd
Championship: 1 / 10 (826 pts.)

"The whole week leading up to the race it was just constantly thinking of the what-ifs, all of the problems that could happen going in with such a big lead. My hat is off to everyone – I have the best team out here. I'm so lucky for them and we have great partners in Volkswagen, Circle K, Oberto, Expedite Home Loans and Rockstar - it was a team effort!"

Tanner Foust – No. 34 Rockstar Energy Drink Beetle GRC
Started: 1st // Finished: 1st
Championship 2 / 10 (807 pts.)

"The key is qualifying, so that was the battle – getting qualifying done. That sets you up for success for the rest of the weekend. We snuck that away from Scott [Speed]



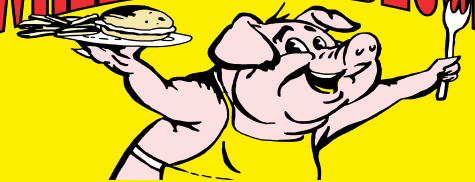
Scott Speed: riding high
Photographer: Sean Maynard

and then there was a glimmer of hope – we made it through the heats. Scott had a little bit of trouble and we came into the final actually having a chance to win [the championship] if Scott finished eighth or less. I'm not going to lie, that was a big gap in points but I was feeling it. The whole team, we were hungry for that. I saw Scott had a good start and Sandell got in front of him. I thought Scott might have got caught up a little bit, but at that point all I can do is my job and lay down laps. I'm so happy for our team on the Rockstar side of the Volkswagen Andretti tent. Everybody laid it out. We had a tough race in Atlantic City and since then we've won everything we've driven up to the line to do, and it's not easy in this group. We're hopefully going to carry some of that into next year. Again, we'll go back to school on the car just like all the teams and make it faster and better."



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