

Merritt Rally Challenge
Single-Road Performance Rally plus Rallycross
Merritt BC, April 27 2002

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SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

The Merritt Rally Challenge is two events in one: a single-road performance rally with 50km of special stages, followed by a rallycross. Teams are welcome to enter either portion or both. The requirements for entering each portion are different. The 50km performance rally is governed by the CARS Performance Rally Regulations (Part B of the CARS rulebook), whereas the rallycross is governed by the CARS Rallysprint regulations (Part C). The rallycross portion can be done in an un-modified closed-bodied road vehicle, with three-point seatbelts and helmets bearing Snell 90 (M or SA) or newer labels. The 50km performance rally portion requires the full safety equipment as defined by the CARS rulebook (6 point cage, 5 or 6 point harnesses, etc.)

Jurisdiction

The rally will be held under the Rally General Competition Rules of the Canadian Association of Rallysport (CARS), and the current CARS Rally Regulations. These publications are available from the CARS BC Rally Director, Paul Westwick, 408-1169 Nelson St, Vancouver, BC V6E 2C9 (604) 682 3296, paul@rallybc.com, and will be available for scrutiny at the start.

Title of the Event

The name of the rally is “Merritt Rally Challenge”.

Organizing Committee

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Status

Sanctioned by the Canadian Association of Rallysport (CARS) and Rally Pacific Motorsports (RPM)
This event is not part of any championship.

Venue

Headquarters	Best Western Nicola Inn, Walters Street, Merritt
Registration	Best Western Nicola Inn
Scrutineering	Best Western Nicola Inn
50km Rally Start	Best Western Nicola Inn
50km Rally Finish	Aspen Planers, Houston Street, Merritt
Rallycross	Aspen Planers, Merritt
Awards Dinner	Niki's Restaurant (at Best Western Nicola Inn)

Schedule

April 1	Early registration opens
April 21	End of early registration
April 22	Seeded Draw

Saturday April 27

9:00-10:30	Registration and scrutineering
10:30-11:00	Mandatory seed 5&6 drivers' meeting
11:00-11:30	Introduction of officials and drivers' meeting
12:00	Official start at Best Western Nicola Inn
15:00	End of 50km rally at Aspen Planers
15:00	Late Registration for rallycross, at Aspen Planers
16:00	Start of Rallycross at Aspen Planers
19:00	End of Rallycross
20:00	Awards Presentation and Dinner at Niki's Restaurant

Documents

The following must be shown at registration and must be valid on the day of the event.

1. Provincial, or equivalent, driver's licence for any crew member listed as driver.
2. Vehicle registration.
3. Third party liability insurance covering the entered vehicle.
4. Written permission from a parent or guardian for participation in the rally for persons under the age of 19.
5. Valid first aid certificate for CARS licensed competitors entering the 50km event.
6. A minimum of a CARS Basic rally licence for both crew members entered in the 50km event, and for the driver in the rallycross.
7. Residents of the USA who do not hold a CARS licence may compete with an SCCA ClubRally licence or better.
8. Competitors resident outside Canada, who do not hold valid licences may enter or participate if they hold an FIA international rally licence.

Vehicle Eligibility

All vehicles entering the 50km event must comply with the 2002 CARS Rally Regulations. All vehicles entering the rallycross must comply with the CARS Rallycross Regulations.

US Vehicles – Under CARS rules, vehicles registered in any of the United States of America shall be acceptable provided that they meet the requirements of the current SCCA Rally Rules. Entrants whose cars are entered under this provision must be able to produce, upon request by the officials of the event, a copy of the SCCA Pro Rally Rules. Failure to produce these may result in the vehicle being judged according to CARS rules.

Vehicle Identification

Door numbers will be provided.

Fuel Stops / Service

Fuel will not be available on route or at service areas and service crews should be instructed to carry sufficient for their vehicles. A designated service stop will be provided. With the exception of refuelling at commercial fuel pumps, servicing will not be permitted except at the designated service stop. All transits are to be considered quiet zones and any servicing in a quiet zone will be considered to be a serious violation of the quiet zone regulations.

Type

The first portion of the rally is a performance rally consisting of special stages and transits. The total length of the event will be approximately 100 km including approximately 50 km of special stages. Road surfaces will be dirt and rock. The second portion of the rally is a rallycross, on a large flat gravel surface.

Area / Elevation

The area covered will be entirely within the province of British Columbia, bounded by 50N and 51N latitude, and 120W and 121W longitude. The elevation of the road used for the special stages ranges between 600m and 1000m above sea level.

Entries

The maximum number of entries will be limited to 25 cars for the 50km portion, and 50 cars for the rallysprint, accepted in the order of receipt of entries. The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry. Entries will be accepted until 10:30am on Saturday April 27, 2002.

Entry Fees

	Early fee:	Late fee (after April 21)
50km rally only	\$150 CDN (\$95 USD)	\$200 CDN (\$125 USD)
rallycross only	\$30 CDN (\$20 USD)	\$50 CDN (\$30 USD)
both combined	\$170 CDN (\$105 USD)	\$230 CDN (\$140 USD)

The entry fee must accompany the completed entry form or it will not be accepted. All entries accepted after April 21,2002 shall be assessed the late penalty.

A fine of \$25, payable at registration, will be assessed any CARS licensed competitor entering the 50km rally portion, who does not provide proof of a currently valid Emergency or Basic First Aid training, or better.

All cheques and money orders are payable to WCRA and shall be post-dated no later than April 21, 2002.

Refunds

As per CARS GCR 4.9, any refund will be mailed to the competitor following the rally.

Awards

Trophies – 1st Overall, 1st Novice for the 50km portion, and 1st Overall, 1st Novice for the rallycross portion. In the 50km portion, a Novice driver is defined as one who starts a rally season having completed five or fewer regional, divisional or national performance rallies as a first driver, and has not finished first or second in a previous regional novice championship. In the rallycross, a Novice driver is defined as one who has never entered a performance rally (i.e. above rallycross or rallysprint status.)

Miscellaneous

Odo Check: An odometer check will be provided at registration.

Judges of fact: During the running of the 2002 Merritt Rally Challenge, the marshals will be declared to be “Judges of Fact” for compliance with the rules within control zones, stages and quiet zones.

Accommodation

The Best Western Nicola Inn (Tel 1 800 663 2830) is offering to rally competitors, a room rate of \$65 per night for the nights of Friday April 26th and Saturday April 27th. Book early, because rooms are extremely limited, especially for the Saturday.

Directions

The Best Western Nicola Inn is on Walters St, near the north end of Merritt. From the south, take the second Merritt exit, and turn left at the T junction onto Voght. From the north, take the first Merritt exit and proceed south along Voght. Turn right on Walters St, about 800m from the exit, then The Best Western Nicola Inn is on your left.

Aspen Planers is on Houston Street. Precise directions will be available at registration.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

GENTLEMEN AND LADIES----ONCE MORE INTO THE BUSH?

Merritt Rally Challenge
April 27, 2002
Merritt, B.C.

This is a formal invitation to you to volunteer to work this event. If you have experience in marshaling, working controls, in scoring--- if you have an amateur radio license, you are the most desirable of volunteers. If you have no experience in working an event, you are very nearly as desirable a volunteer in that we will provide an orientation to teach you the skills and knowledge that you will need to do start/finish, timing, etc. The most important qualities that you will bring to the job include enthusiasm for rallysport, endurance, patience, a well-developed sense of humour, an ability to play well with others, and the knowledge that the event is only possible because of your involvement. You might also like to bring bug spray, food, a folding chair, water, toilet paper, a good book, sunglasses and sun screen (or conversely, an umbrella and rain gear).

Orientation and training will be done in the morning, while the teams are being registered, so that by the time you reach your assigned post, you will have the necessary knowledge to perform your duties. This event is a precursor to moving the Pacific Forest Rally from last year's site in Cache Creek, to the Merritt area.

Should you wish to accept this invitation, and I hope that you will, please contact me to let me know what you might prefer to do. There will be 5 runs of one stage road, plus 3 MTCs, so most of the controls will be stationary, but the MTCs will move during the event. Following the single stage rally portion, there will be a rallycross in one of the gravel lots in Merritt, that all event volunteers are welcome to participate in at half price.

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