



Gold Digger
"Big River Tour"
Regional TSD Rally
July 23/24, 2005

Round 4 of the 2005 BC TSD Rally Championship
Hosted by the West Coast Rally Association
Presented by Specialty Subaru



Gold Digger is a challenging, all night time-speed-distance event. It is part of the BC Rally Championship and follows the 2005 BC Rally Regulations and the CARS General Competition Rules. Both are available from the BC Rally Director, Paul Westwick (604) 682 3296 paul@rallybc.com. The BC Rally Regulations are also available on-line at www.rallybc.com. The rally is held in the Fraser-Thompson River confluence and runs on straight forward instructions. The event will be approximately 400km in length with about 50% regularities and 50% "interesting transit". Maximum distance between gas stops is 190 km (118 miles).

Required equipment:

- 1 Self-supporting, Reflective Warning Triangle (30cm per side)
- 5 BC fire extinguisher
- First Aid Kit
- Open cars require a roll bar

Recommended equipment:

- Map light
- Driving lights (strongly recommended)
- Clipboard
- Pen & paper
- Calculator (Not Solar)

Note: If auxiliary driving lights are mounted, it must be possible to turn them off with one switch, leaving only the standard low beams operating.

Please read the "MANDATORY VEHICLE FIRST AID KIT" page at Rallybc.com for the requirements for the First Aid kit: <http://www.rallybc.com/archives/2005/2005FirstAidKit.htm>

Important note on safety equipment: The regulations on minimum mandatory first aid equipment have been tightened for 2005. Because our events take place on remote roads, far away from medical help, in the unlikely event of an accident involving injury, the first people on the scene will be other competitors, and they will be the people best positioned to administer first aid. To that end, where the regulations used to require only a basic first aid kit, contents undefined, RPM has now defined what must be in that kit:

10 Cleaning Wipes	10 Butterfly Closures
25 Adhesive Bandages 1.9cm x 7.5cm	6 Cotton Tip Applicators
Knuckle Bandages	1 Tongue Depressor
4 Fingertip Bandages	2 pair Vinyl Gloves
2 Gauze Pads 5cm x 5cm	1 pair Scissors 14cm
3 Gauze Pads 7.5cm x 7.5cm	1 First Aid Pocket Guide
3 Gauze Pads 10cm x 10cm	1 Adhesive Tape 2.5cm x 4.5m
1 Elastic Gauze Bandages 5cm x 4.5m	1 SOS Signal
1 Elastic Gauze Bandages 7.5cm x 4.5m	1 pair Tweezers
1 Pressure Bandage 10cm x 10cm	1 Cold Compress
1 Abdominal Pad 12cm x 22cm	3 Triangle Bandages
2 Oval Eye Pads	2 Space Blanket

Kits containing all of the above, except for the extra Triangle bandages and the space blankets, are available from St. John Ambulance for Approximately \$26.50 CAD.

FORMAT

The rally will be divided into two legs, (each leg ending with a gas stop) and is divided into Transit stages and Regularity stages. Transit stages give a stage time which is adequate for completing the stage well within posted speed limits. Your time will not be recorded in Transit stages. Regularity stages list specific average speeds, which are below posted speed limits, and which you must maintain in each part of the stage. Timing controls will be in Regularity stages only, and will not be placed within 200 metres of stop signs or busy intersections. Procedure when approaching a control is simply to drive straight past without stopping. The control official will record your time. For double checking the results, you may wish to note the time and mileage at each control but this is not required.

Your timing in these stages determines your score. Timing is to the second, with one point per second early or late from absolute rally time. The lowest score wins. The maximum penalty at a control is 300 points (5 minutes) to a maximum of 600 points (10 minutes) in any one regularity section. Control officials will remain in place at least until all remaining cars are beyond 10 minutes late. Ties will be broken by the most zero scores, then the most 1 second penalties, etc. Exceptions to scoring: a competitor coming upon an accident is required to stop and render aid if possible. In such cases, the competitor should record the time and mileage in the stage, and the time lost as a result and give a written declaration of this to a rally official or the event steward. Unless it is determined that the incident did not occur as declared, the declaration will be accepted and the remainder of the leg scored as if delayed by the time lost. Hence, lost time must not be made up until the next end of the leg. Declarations of time lost will also be considered for organizers' errors which make official time unattainable, and other discretionary safety concerns..

CLASSES

Prizes will be awarded for overall position and according to the following classes:

Novice: neither team member having entered more than 3 TSD rallies prior to the start of the competition year and navigation equipment limited to calculator class or less.

Calculator: Accessory odometers, non-programmable calculating devices that are not driven by a wheel.

Unlimited: Unlimited equipment.

Paper: No calculators, rally tables or accessory odometers.

Historic: Vehicles manufactured prior to December 31, 1974 as per the date stated on the vehicle registration. Navigation equipment must conform to Calculator class or less.

The organizers reserve the right to upgrade entries to the next class if less than 2 vehicles are entered.

OFFICIALS of the Event

Rally Master: John McLaren 604-521-4762, john@rallybc.com

Registrar: Dennis Wende 604.931.8681, dennis@rallybc.com

Steward: Ken Kwong 604-736-0036, ken@rallybc.com

July 15, 2005 (midnight)

- Close of early entries.

Saturday July 23, 2005

Rally HQ & Start location:

Lytton Esso Station, Hwy , Lytton BC, Phone 250-455-2356

8:00pm Late Registration & Technical Inspection opens

9:30pm Registration closes & Technical Inspection closes

9:30pm Drivers' Meeting

10:01pm First car out

Sunday July 24, 2005

6:00am ETA of first car @ Finish, Charles Hotel, Boston Bar, BC

- Provisional scores will be posted as they become available
- Awards presentation

Directions to the start. Follow Trans Canada Hwy #1 to Lytton BC. Observe and follow signs to Lytton Esso Station located on the West side of the hwy and pull into the parking lot. You really cannot miss this.

FEES and COSTS

Entry Fee: \$80 (\$64 US) for entries received before midnight July 15th, 2005. \$90 (\$72 US) for late entries. Members of West Coast Rally Association and Island Rallysport Club are eligible for a \$10 discount. Please make cheques payable to West Coast Rally Association.

Maximum entries accepted: 30. Any entries received above the maximum will be notified by phone and held on a waiting list. If entering late, please confirm by phone. Entry fee cheques may be post dated up to the close of early entries), or current dated, for the entry to be accepted.

NOTE - Early Entry Deadline (entry fees rise after this date):
July 15, 2005 (midnight)

Useful Links

West Coast Rally Association
<http://www.rallybc.com>

BC Highways Road Reports (click on "Southern Routes Hwy 1, 3, 5, 97C"
and "Lower Mainland")
<http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/bchighways/roadreports/roadreports.htm>

Environment Canada Weather Reports (select Hope and Merritt)
http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/forecast/canada/bc_e.html

Special thanks to the following supporters of rallying in BC

Specialty Subaru -- <http://www.specialtysubaru.com>
Driver's Edge Autosport -- <http://www.ompwins.com>
Western Driver -- <http://www.westerndriver.com>
Rocket Rally Racing -- <http://www.patrickrichard.com>
Helius Odometer -- <http://www.heliusdesigns.com/>
Wilkinson's Automobilia -- <http://www.eAutomobilia.com>

For more information, contact: John McLaren, 604-521-4762

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