



The 6^h Annual
Heart of Darkness

Regional TSD Rally
May 13 – 14th, 2006

Round 3 of the 2006 BC TSD Rally Championship
Hosted by the West Coast Rally Association



The Heart of Darkness is a challenging, all night time-speed-distance event. It is part of the BC Rally Championship and follows the 2006 BC Rally Regulations and the CARS General Competition Rules. Both are available from the BC Rally Director, Ken Kwong (604) 808 0536 ken@rallybc.com. The BC Rally Regulations are also available on-line at www.rallybc.com. The rally is held in southern British Columbia and runs on straight forward instructions. The event will be approximately 600 km in length with the roads being about 70% gravel and 30% paved. Maximum distance between gas stops is 250 km (150 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/2006/2006FirstAidKit.htm>

Important note on safety equipment. 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
 25 Adhesive Bandages 1.9cm x 7.5cm
 Knuckle Bandages
 4 Fingertip Bandages
 2 Gauze Pads 5cm x 5cm
 3 Gauze Pads 7.5cm x 7.5cm
 3 Gauze Pads 10cm x 10cm
 1 Elastic Gauze Bandages 5cm x 4.5m
 1 Elastic Gauze Bandages 7.5cm x 4.5m
 1 Pressure Bandage 10cm x 10cm
 1 Abdominal Pad 12cm x 22cm
 2 Oval Eye Pads

10 Butterfly Closures
 6 Cotton Tip Applicators
 1 Tongue Depressor
 2 pair Vinyl Gloves
 1 pair Scissors 14cm
 1 First Aid Pocket Guide
 1 Adhesive Tape 2.5cm x 4.5m
 1 pair Tweezers
 1 Cold Compress
 3 Triangle Bandages
 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 a number of legs, each leg ending with a gas stop Each leg of the rally will end with a gas or rest stop, and is divided into Transit stages and Regularity stages. Transit stages give a stage time that 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. Each control will have a penalty free zone one second each side of perfect time. A penalty of 1 point per second beyond this zone is assessed at each control. 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 gives 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:

- Paper:** No calculators, rally tables or accessory odometers
Calculator: Accessory odometers, non-programmable calculating devices that are not driven by a wheel.
Unlimited: Unlimited equipment.
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.
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.
Historic Equipped: Vehicles manufactured prior to December 31, 1974 as per the date stated on the vehicle registration. Navigation equipment is unlimited. Historic Equipped entries will be scored in the BC TSD Rally championship as unlimited.

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: Kevin Holter 604.543.5143, kevin@rallybc.com
Registrar: Dennis Wende 604.931.8681, dennis@rallybc.com
Steward: TBA

Schedule:

Sunday May 7th 2006 (midnight)

- Close of early entries.

Saturday May 13th, 2006

Rally HQ & Start location:

"Rolly's Restaurant", 259 Wallace St, Hope, BC, Phone (250) 869-5515.

- 5:00pm Dinner at the Restaurant (fuel stop next door!)
6:00pm Novice Drivers' Session (This is an optional session, please email Kevin@rallybc.com if you need this class info.)
7:00pm Late Registration & Technical Inspection opens
8:15pm Registration closes & Technical Inspection closes
8:30pm Drivers' Meeting
9:01pm First car out

Sunday May 14th, 2006

6:45am ETA of first car @ Finish, Whitespot Restaurant, Chilliwack, BC

- Provisional scores will be posted as they become available
- Awards presentation (start making up your stories)

Directions to the start.

From Vancouver:

Head East on Hwy 1 towards Hope. BR at Exit 170. Turn left at TS (stay on Hwy 1). After 2 or 3 blocks, turn right onto Wallace St. and look for Rolly's Restaurant



FEES and COSTS

Entry Fee: \$85 CDN (\$75 US) for entries received before midnight May 7th, 2006. \$95 CDN (\$85 US) for late entries. Members of West Coast Rally Association and Island Rallysport Club are eligible for a \$5 CDN (\$4 US) discount per member. Please make cheques payable to West Coast Rally Association.

Maximum entries accepted will be 30 cars. 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 (May 7th, 2006), or current dated, for the entry to be accepted.

NOTE - Early Entry Deadline (entry fees rise after this date):
Sunday, May 7th, 2006 (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

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

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