



The 6th Annual
Heart of Darkness



**“Run DUSK ‘til DAWN”
Regional TSD Rally
April 28/29th, 2007**
Round 2 of the 2007 BC TSD Rally Championship
Hosted by the West Coast Rally Association



The Heart of Darkness is a challenging, all night time-speed-distance event, and it is round 2 of the BC Rally Championship. The rally follows the Rally General Competition rules of the Canadian Association of Rally Sports (CARS) and the 2007 BC TSD Rally Regulations. These can be found at [Http://www.rallybc.com/html/regional_rules.htm](http://www.rallybc.com/html/regional_rules.htm)

The rally is held in southern British Columbia and runs on straightforward instructions. In addition to the route instructions, maps will be provided. 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 (contents defined by the BC rally regulations)
- 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, they must meet legal requirements as to the type and mounting height; and must be wired to the high beam lights such that the additional lights turn off with one switch, leaving only the standard low beams operating. Fog lights may be wired independently.

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>

With the hard winter and heavy rain conditions this winter, there may be sections of the rally where you encounter heavy mud or even snow. The maximum distance between gas stops is 250km (150mi) but the conditions may cause some vehicles to get worse gas mileage than in normal conditions, so please be aware of this. There will be a sweep vehicle, but it may not be able to extract some vehicles depending on the situation, so please remember, “stay on the road”. We are driving on public roads and should drive with headlights on, and in a courteous manner, at ALL times.

FORMAT

The rally will be divided into a number of legs, each leg ending with a gas or rest stop, and divided into Transit stages and Regularity stages. Transit stages assigned 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 at least 10% below posted speed limits, and you must maintain this average in each part of the stage in order to place well. Timing controls will be in Regularity stages only, and will not be placed within 200 metres of the beginning or end of the stage, nor stop signs, yield signs, traffic signals, pauses or busy intersections. The procedure when approaching a control is simply to drive straight past without stopping or slowing excessively. 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 accuracy in Regularity stages determines your score. Timing is to the second, with one point per second early or late from absolute rally time. There will be a one second grace either side of perfect 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 5 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 officially paused for the time

lost. In other words, lost time must not be made up before the 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 25 years prior to December 31 of the year preceding the current competition year as per the date stated on the vehicle registration. For this year, that means that any vehicle manufactured before December 31st, 1981 will qualify. Navigation equipment in this class is unlimited.

For purposes of awards, 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 April 22st, 2007 (midnight)

- Close of early entries, and entry price goes up.

Saturday April 28th, 2007

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 Late Registration & Technical Inspection opens

7:45pm Registration closes & Technical Inspection closes

8:00pm Novice Driver's Meeting

8:30pm Drivers' Meeting

9:01pm First car out

Sunday April 29st, 2007

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. Bear Right at Exit 170. Turn an almost immediate left at the Traffic Signal (staying on Hwy 1), then Straight Ahead at next Traffic Signal (staying on Hwy 1), and then, after several blocks, turn right onto Wallace St. and locate Rolly's Restaurant.



FEES and COSTS

\$90 (\$77 US) for entries received before midnight April 22th, 2007

\$100 (\$86 US) for late entries. Members of West Coast Rally Association, Island Rallysport Club, and Get Real Rally Society are eligible for a \$5 CDN (\$3 US) discount per member on the team up to \$10 CDN.

Please make cheques payable to:
West Coast Rally Association.

Please send entry forms and payment to:
Dennis Wende, Registrar HoD
2065 Alpine Court, Coquitlam, BC V3J 2K7

Maximum entries accepted: 30. Any entries received above thirty will be notified by phone and held on a waiting list. If entering late, please confirm availability by phone with the registrar. Entry fee cheques may be post dated with April 22th, 2007, or current dated, for the entry to be accepted.

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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