

Heart of Darkness

Round 4 of 5 in the BC TSD Championship
September 19-20, 2009



Presented by the West Coast Rally Association

Event Details

Heart of Darkness is round 4 of 5 in the BC Rally Championship. The rally follows the current BC Rally Regulations, which are posted on <http://www.rallybc.com>. The rally runs on straight-forward instructions. In addition to the route instructions, maps will be provided. The rally will be about 450 km long, entirely within the province of BC, and will start with an odometer check section of approximately 30 km. Roads will be about 20 % clear pavement, 80 % gravel. Instructions are provided in both km and miles, but the official measurements and calculations are based on the km figures.

Required equipment

1 self-supporting, reflective warning triangle (30cm per side), first aid kit (minimum contents defined by the BC rally regulations, available at www.rallybc.com), 5BC fire extinguisher, open cars require a roll bar. Additional lights on the front should meet legal requirements as to type and mounting height; and must be wired to the high beam lights such that the additional lights turn off when switching to low beam. Fog lights may be wired independently.

Recommended equipment

Map light, driving lights, warm clothing, tow rope, snacks, and caffeinated beverages. .Maximum distance between gas stops is 250km (150mi) but remember that many cars get worse mileage on gravel roads. The sweep vehicle will have 4 wheel drive and a winch, but may not always be able to extract wayward cars from the BC scenery. Drivers are asked always to drive with their headlights on and to be particularly courteous to traffic not connected with the rally. The rally will be divided into a number of legs, each leg ending with a meal stop or gas break. Each leg is divided into Transit stages and Regularity stages. Transit stages give a stage time that is adequate for completing the stage well within speed limits. Your time will not be recorded in these stages. Regularity stages list specific average speeds, which are below the posted speed limits, which you must maintain in each part of the stage. Your timing in these stages determines your score. Timing controls will be in regularity stages only, at various unannounced locations, and will not be placed near stop signs or busy intersections. Cars may not slow down excessively within sight of a timing control. At the control official's discretion the time may be recorded early when that happens. 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 necessary (e.g. in case of injury.) After rendering aid, the competitor should record the mileage in the section, and the time when they stopped as well as the time they restarted, and give a written declaration of this to a rally official or the event steward. Scoring adjustments will be made in such cases, and the crew should not try to regain the lost time until they reach a sufficiently long break (e.g. gas stop.) Declarations of time lost will also be considered for organizers' errors which make official time unattainable and other discretionary safety concerns. In the case where a competitor is stuck, but not injured or in any danger, they should wave rally traffic past and await the assistance of the sweep truck.

Other Notes

The rally will be passing through “quiet zones”. These zones require that all accessory lighting is turned off, and all excess vehicle noise must be stopped until you have cleared the “quiet zone”. These areas might include ranches or residential areas, and since the rally will be passing through in the middle of the night, we need to respect the surrounding areas.

Fire Cancellation

Due to the extreme forest fire situation in the Province right now, unless the fire rating drops from High to Moderate, the organizers will reserve the right to cancel the rally 7 days before the event. All registered competitors will be contacted by the organizers if this so happens.

Classes

For this BC TSD Championship event, the following classes and definitions shall be used:

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 to conform to calculator class.

Historic: Vehicles manufactured 25 years prior to December 31st 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, 1984 will qualify. Equipment in this class is unlimited.

Officials of the Event

Event Organizer: Nicki Beverley (nicki@rallybc.com) (250) 575-3831

Co-Organizer: Ren Carroll (ren@rallybc.com)

Registrar: Dennis Wende (dennis@rallybc.com)

Steward: Paul Westwick (paul@rallybc.com)

For any other questions please contact Nicki at (250)575-3831 or nicki@rallybc.com

Schedule

Sept 14 th	Midnight	Last day for early entries
Sept 16 th		Preliminary Start Order Available-All entries after this point will start with the next available car number
Sept 19 th	5pm- 8pm	Registration and Technical Inspection/ Dinner at the ABC, Kamloops B.C.
	6:00- 8:30pm	Novice School (Please pre-register with Nicki if you wish to attend)
	6:30 pm-7pm	Novice Drivers Meeting

	9pm	Drivers Meeting
	9:30pm	First Car Out
Sept 20 th	6am	First Car In at finish- Shell Truck Stop- Kamloops BC Results to be posted as soon as possible thereafter.

Fees

Entry Fee: \$90 (\$90 US) for entries received before midnight September 14th 2009. **\$100 (\$100 US)** for late entries. Members of BC rally clubs are eligible for a \$5 (\$5 US) discount per registered member. (i.e. \$10 off if both are members) Proof of club membership may be required.

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 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 (September 14th 2009), or current dated, for the entry to be accepted.

Directions to Start Location

ABC Restaurant (Kamloops BC)

1835 Rogers Place, Kamloops BC

(250) 374-5538

-Travelling North of Hwy 1 (Yellowhead) Take Exit 368. At the intersection take a right onto the Old Kamloops Hwy, followed by the first right at Rogers Way. Just past the Esso gas station take the first right into Rogers Place. The ABC is on the right hand side just before the dead end.

Useful Links

West Coast Rally Association

<http://www.rallybc.com>

BC Highways Road Reports

<http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/bchighways/roadreports/roadreports.htm>

Environment Canada Weather Reports

http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/forecast/canada/bc_e.html

World Rally Sport

<http://www.worldrallysport.com/>

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