

# Pace Notes



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British Columbia's rally community has been very busy these past few months. We are beyond the halfway point in many of the rally championships which means that we can start laying our bets on the likely winners. And we have plenty to choose from. At the start of the year I wondered if the reduced sponsorship presence on many rallies would see diminished entry lists. But that is not the case as Rocky Mountain Rally enjoyed a very healthy turn out and Mountain Trials started the largest field of competitors the WCRA has had so far at a Regional. As well as new (to many) names at upper levels on the National circuit, there are a lot of first season novice teams doing battle at the back of the pack, and several that are regularly turning up in the top ten! And we aren't really lacking sponsors, as many of those who generously supported last year have returned and a couple of new companies have joined the programme, providing the necessary materials to allow organizers to make rallies better and better.

It's not just performance rallies that are getting all the attention. Both WCRA and IRC are offering frequent Novice TSD Workshops and the effect is an increasing novice presence at the top of the results page on events like Coast to Coast and Golddigger. Both rallies also enjoyed many more competitors than last year.

As you read through this issue of Airtime you will notice we've got people competing or working on the ground at events across the country and across the waters! We are also increasing our network of out of club contacts that help us with technical expertise or services. Out of the car, club members have been flying the flag at the annual Kitsilano Soap Box Derby and the Merrit Mountain Music Festival. With more displays coming in the near future, the WCRA image is getting well exercised. I better go scrape some of the mud off the car...

See you on the stages,

John McLaren



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