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As reported last issue, the Subaru Rally Team is gone. But it didn't take long for Subaru Canada Inc. to rejoin the rally scene in Canada in another form. The Subaru Canada Contingency Programme is back in place on the Canadian Rally Championship. It is open to all Subarus regardless of home country competing in the National portion of the following 2005 events: Rocky Mountain Rally, Rallye Baie des Chaleurs, Rallye Defi Ste-Agathe du Hammel, Pacific Forest Rally, Rally of the Tall Pines, and Rallye Perce Neige 2006. Awards are for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Overall (Open and Gr N) and Production (P4) and pay \$2500, \$1500, \$1000, and \$1250, \$750, \$500 respectively. If you drive a fast Justy, you might get a hat.



On site at each event will be Marketing, Parts and Technical Support vehicles.

More locally there is something astir in Merrit BC. Although moving slowly, there is development underway at the Active Mountain location on the southwest area of town. Plans have been made to turn the gentle hillside that has supported PFR spectator stages in the past into a destination motorsport Mecca. Interested parties intend to build on-mountain accommodations and services to host thousands of visitors who they hope to attract by building a Le Mans style tarmac racetrack of suitable calibre to tempt Molson Indy back to BC. The motorcycle racing

press have already announced they would share the paved circuit while elsewhere in the same facility 4x4 manufacturers Land Rover and Jeep are being consulted for off-road driving school designs. Some of the light quad/ATV producers are also interested. But the cool news from where we sit is that the WCRA has already been contacted for design input for a rally venue! What we might see in the not too distant future could serve as both a spectator stage/rally-x site as well as provide scope for conducting rally school type tuition at speed. While the project is still in the early stages of infancy, it is a very positive sign that rallysport may be growing in external interest and marketability and we have been recognized as the local authority.

Recently, many of our members were involved in providing feedback to a survey circulated by the WCRA exploring membership involvement and benefits. The survey has been collected and as this issue goes to print work is nearly complete compiling the results. Once sorted, expect to see them posted on [www.rallybc.com](http://www.rallybc.com) and you can learn what we have discovered and perhaps glimpse what lies ahead. The Club Executive is also trying hard to find ways to improve the personal value of being associated with our organization. At present they are distributing benefit details of arrangements made with Mohawk fuels and Lordco auto parts. The Mohawk program is interesting in that when you swipe your card (at Mohawk or Husky) they record the amount of your purchases and at year end the WCRA gets a cheque for 2% of the total value of purchases made by all members. A great way to line club coffers. As for Lordco, 30% off when you show your card at time of purchase.

Everyone can make use of that! If you are a WCRA member you should receive your information in the mail. There are also various strategies being discussed to offer membership value to persons not completely involved with rally competition. As these concepts begin to take shape you will read about them here.

Last issue suffered from some small production problems. One of which was the failure to include the offered subscription information for those interested in receiving Airtime by mail but not wishing to take on a full membership.

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