

Pace Notes



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As the skies dampen and the weather cools with autumn I find the rally tempo heating up as Championships draw to a close. The WRC is decided for this year but the fight is on for Canadian and North American titles. Many of our WCRA members are in fierce contests with neighbours from Alberta for standing in the Western Canada Rally Championship and several prizes will go to the wire before being awarded.

I am struggling to stay on top of news as events unfold, a major home renovation having landed in the middle of fall rally season. My wife observes that rally "season" runs January to January in our household so how could this be possibly be avoided? I am keeping odd hours just to surf the results and read the forum posts and the night animals see a suspicious light in the garage as I tinker with the rallycar, wrenches wrapped to muffle disturbing noises. In the wee hours I tip-toe to the bathroom with pen and paper, making lists of what I need for the next rally.

In a friendly manner, I have been labelled an addict. I prefer the term hobbyist. When consulted, the dictionary reveals the following:

Hob-by = noun. A pursuit outside one's regular occupation engaged in especially for relaxation.

Ad-diction = trans. Verb. The condition of being habitually or compulsively occupied with or involved with something.

PFR was this past weekend and the excitement and adrenalin have left me simultaneously exhausted and exhilarated. Do I want more? Yes. Relaxing? No.

My name is John, and I am a rally addict.

See you on the stages.



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