

Heart of Darkness

Round 2 of the Yokohama BC Rally Championship



Presented by Specialty Subaru
and the West Coast Rally Association
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The Heart of Darkness is an all night time-speed-distance event. It is part of the BC Rally Championship and follows the 2003 BC Rally Regulations and the CARS General Competition Rules. Both are available from the BC Rally Director, Paul Westwick (604) 682 3296 paul@rallybc.com. The BC Rally Regulations are also on-line at www.rallybc.com. If you have not already read the BC Rally Regulations you should, there is additional information in them. The rally runs on straightforward instructions, and will be approximately 600 km in length with roads 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, basic first aid kit, open cars require a roll bar. If auxiliary lights are mounted, it must be possible to turn them off with one switch, leaving only the standard low beams operating. Recommended equipment: map light, driving lights (strongly recommended), clipboard, and pen.

The rally is divided into a number of legs, each leg ending with a gas stop. 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 those stages determines your score.

Timing controls will be in regularity stages only, at various unannounced locations, and will not be placed within 0.2 km of stage start, stage finish, or STOP, YIELD, or a Traffic Signal. 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.

Timing is to the second, with one point per second early or late from absolute rally time with a 1 second grace period. 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. 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.

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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 the rally organizer. 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 delayed by the time lost. Hence, lost time must not be made up until the next 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. For more information see Appendix C of the BC Regional Rally Regulations.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded for overall position and according to following classes:

- 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.
- Paper:** No calculators, rally tables or accessory odometers.
- Calculator:** Accessory odometers, non-programmable calculating devices, which are not driven by a wheel.
- Unlimited:** Unlimited equipment.
- Historic:** Vehicles manufactured prior to December 31, 1974 as per the date stated on the vehicle registration. Navigation equipment must conform to Calculator class.
- Historic Equipped:** Vehicles manufactured prior to December 31, 1974 as per the date stated on the vehicle registration. Navigation equipment is unlimited. Historic Equipped cars will be scored as Unlimited in the championship.

Yokohama is giving 4 tires for 1st overall and 2 tires for first in each class.

The rest of the sponsorship details are still being finalized.

The organizers reserve the right to upgrade entries to the next class if less than 2 vehicles are entered, for the purpose of event awards only. Championship scoring is still by the class you enter. Entries will be limited to a maximum of 30 vehicles.

Officials of the Event

- Rally Master:** Adrienne Lang (250) 413-7118, admarie@shaw.ca
Co-Organizer: Robert Bassett (604) 535-6869, falacy@shaw.ca
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Event Schedule

Wednesday, April 16th, 2003 (midnight)

Close of early entries.

Saturday April 26th, 2003

5:00 pm Novice Driver's Meeting
6:00 pm Late registration and Tech Inspection opens
8:00 pm Registration closes and Tech Inspection closes
8:30 pm Driver's Meeting
9:00 pm First car out.

Sunday April 14, 2001

7:00 am ETA at Niki's Restaurant in Merritt
Provisional Scores will be posted as they become available.

There will be a buffet breakfast available for \$7.99 + GST. The Best Western Nicola Inn is also offering rooms for \$65.00 + taxes, double occupancy, just mention the Heart of Darkness Rally. You can check in when you get there and don't have to check out until Monday morning. Reservations 1-800-663-2830, they would appreciate reservations so they can have the rooms available early.

Directions to the start location

Rolly's Restaurant

888 Fraser Ave, Hope, B.C. (604) 869-7448

Take Hwy# 1 East to exit #170 (Hope City Centre)

Bear left at first traffic light, Go straight through the 2nd set of lights,

Turn Right at Hudson Bay Street and the restaurant will be on the left side.

Fees and Costs:

Entry fee: \$75 for entries received before April 16, 2003
 \$85 for late entries
 \$10 discount for current members of either IRC or WCRA

Please make cheques payable to "**West Coast Rally Association**"