

Heart of Darkness

Round 3 of 5 in the BC TSD Championship

August 6-7th, 2011

Presented by the West Coast Rally Association

Event Details

Heart of Darkness is round 3 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 500 km long, entirely within the province of BC, and will start with an odometer check section of approximately 50 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, water and caffeinated/energy beverages. Maximum distance between gas stops is 250km (150mi) but remember that many cars get worse mileage on gravel roads. *There will be a sweep vehicle, but it may not necessarily 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.

Given the event will be running in the dry, arid conditions of the summer season, time intervals between vehicles will be either 1 *or* 2 minutes to account for dust trails. This will be subject to discretion of the organizers on event day.

Fire Cancellation

Due to the possibility of forest fire hazards in the Province, 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, 1986 will qualify. Equipment in this class is unlimited.

Officials of the Event

Rallymaster/Registrar: Jeremy Baxter (jeremy@rallybc.com) (778) 882-2832

Co-Organizer: Larry Louie (larry@rallybc.com) (604) 710-7107

Steward: Paul Westwick (paul@rallybc.com) (604) 617-4132

Schedule

July 30 th Midnight	Last day for early entries.
August 2 nd	Preliminary Start Order Available - All entries after this point will start with the next available car number.
August 6 th	
5pm- 8pm	Registration and Technical Inspection/ Dinner Rolly's Restaurant, Hope B.C.
6:00- 8:00pm	Novice School. Please pre-register with Nicki nicki@rallybc.com if you wish to attend.
8:00-8:30pm	Novice Drivers Meeting.
8:30-9:00pm	Drivers Meeting.
9:30pm	First Car Out.
August 7 th	
7am	First Car In at finish - Rolly's Restaurant, Hope BC

Results to be posted as soon as possible thereafter.

Fees

*Due to the recent interruptions in postal services in Canada please pre-register by e-mailing a soft-copy of the entry form to jeremy@rallybc.com, and also bring a hard-copy with you at registration. Payment will be accepted as cheques or via PayPal (paul.westwick@telus.net. Add \$5 service fee for PayPal). Please make cheques payable to **West Coast Rally Association**.*

Entry Fee: \$90 (\$90 US) for entries received before midnight July 30th 2011. **\$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.

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 (July 30th 2011), or current dated, for the entry to be accepted.

Directions to Start Location

Rolly's Restaurant (Hope BC)
888 Fraser Avenue
Hope, BC V0X 1L2
(604) 869-7448

From Hwy 97C Northbound

1. Take **Exit 170** for **BC-1 E/Trans-Canada Highway**.
2. Keep left at fork follow signs for **Hope Town Centre/Cache Creek/Kamloops**. Turn left onto **Trans-Canada Hwy/Water Ave/BC-1 E**.
3. Turn right onto **Hudsons Bay St**.
4. Turn left onto **Fraser Ave**.
5. **Rolly's Restaurant** on the left.

From Hwy 97C Southbound

1. Take **exit 171** towards **Trans-Canada Highway/BC-1 E/Hope/Cache Creek**.
2. Merge onto **3 Ave**.
3. Turn left onto **Hudsons Bay St**.
4. Turn right onto **Fraser Ave**.
5. **Rolly's Restaurant** on the left.

Accommodations

Park Motel

832 – 4th Ave.,
P.O. Box 1388
Hope, B.C,
Canada
V0X 1L0
Tel: (604) 869-5891; 1-888-531-9933 (toll-free reservations)
Website: www.parkmotel.ca

Rates

2 Beds: \$85CAD + taxes.
Checkout time: 12:00pm

Slumber Lodge

PO Box 909,
250 Fort St. Hope, B.C.
Canada, V0X 1L0
Tel: (604) 869-3069; 1-800-869-3069 (toll-free reservations)
Website: www.slumberlodgehopebc.com

Rates

2 Beds: \$108 + taxes.
Checkout time: 1:00pm

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