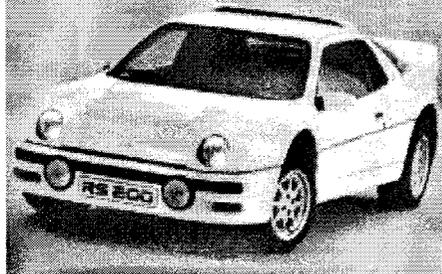


# Pace Notes



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It's hard to believe we are in the middle of Spring already! It seems like just the other day we were bolting on the studded tires. The winter season is done and I find myself starting to count the workshop weekends left until our first "big" event, Mountain Trials Rally in June. So much has happened already that the calendar is streaming past in a blur.

We enjoyed great conditions at Thunderbird Rally and once again this event has proved to be of "flagship" calibre in the TSD Championship Series. The Barnes Lake Rallycross went off without a hitch and with no requirement for wading-snorkels this year. WCRA Novice Workshop #1 had a fantastic turnout with lots of new enthusiasts asking interesting questions. The rallybug is growing in BC. The Club Executive have been hard at work in a number of interesting areas behind the scenes, trying as **always** to make our sport grow to the next level.

In fact the only disappointment I experienced was that we failed to make a showing at the Vancouver Autoshow this year. I know a display was planned complete with shiny rally cars and glossy handouts. When I visited the show, some of the exhibitors **even** asked me where we were. I remember getting an email hunting for WCRA volunteers to work the display and I remember thinking "there's just so much going on right now." In the end, I guess that all of the usual faces were tied up running the events I already mentioned and no one came forward to fill the gap. Too bad, an opportunity missed and some prep work lost. For next year maybe we can get a team in place a little earlier, maybe coordinate a little better. What I do know is that it won't happen again. There's too much passion amongst our members to let this chance slip by. Think of this as a spin in the middle of Stage 3. Re-focus, re-concentrate and get back on pace. Put it in your pace-notes for next year and don't get caught out twice. In the meantime, look forwards and throw yourself into what is left of the excitement to come in 2005.

See you on the stages,

John McLaren



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