

WOTSNU??

It's the end of the year and all the rallies have ended and the points have been assigned. The dust has settled and the cars are put away. We have a new parade of Champions at every competitive level. Here in BC we say congratulations to all WCRA members who topped their classes (for a complete listing of all results see the www.rallybc.com website):

Driver *Co-Driver*

British Columbia TSD Rally Championship.

Unlimited:	RJ Carroll	Ren Carroll
Calculator:	Martin Chung	
Novice:	Stephen Ban	

Western Canada Rally Championship.

Overall:	Scott Trinder	Bill Westhead
Open:	Scott Trinder	Bill Westhead
P2:	Aaron Neumann	Graham Coates
Novice:	Aaron Neumann	

Rally America National Rally Championship.

Overall:	Patrick Richard
Grp N:	Patrick Richard

Announced at the December 10th AGM is a fresh new logo to represent the West Coast Rally Association as it enters its 10th year of being. This was selected from submissions received during the fall contest hosted on the rallybc website. The logo will soon be available in sticker form and also in a media transferable to hats or t-shirts so go find a colourful toque and prepare to advertise our success!

The CARS Rules amendments for stage rallying have been decided upon and are currently being released. There are little bits of interest here and there depending on your area of involvement but one thing that most people are excited about is Group 5 is coming to Canada! This is a class for 2 wheel drive cars with larger engines and very free modifications allowed. The bigger cars with less grip should make things fun to watch and the opportunity to "Macgyver" under the hood is always entertaining.

There are also some new faces in executive positions at all levels. Long time CARS president Terry Epp has retired and our own Paul Westwick has taken the mantle. This has left a vacancy at Rally Pacific Motorsports and Ken Kwong has resigned as WCRA pres to take the president position over there. The dust is currently settling but for the time to follow John McLaren will be filling the hot seat at WCRA.

It looks like the TV coverage WCRA secured for Pacific Forest Rally is going to pay dividends. ATV Productions has announced it has negotiated to cover all rounds of the CRC next season and this may make it possible to see ACP, the Eriksons and others back in our woods before too long.

This issue of Airtime will not be produced in printed form as our long time benefactor, Specialty Subaru of North Vancouver has suffered extreme budget cuts to their marketing fund and can no longer support our club as they have in the past several years. We owe Specialty a huge THANK YOU for the tens of thousands of dollars they have spent sponsoring our club and events.