

# BC Rally Scene

**Rallying** began in Europe almost 90 years ago and quickly attracted automobile manufacturers as a means of demonstrating their product. Rallying has always been about Real Cars on Real Roads going Real Fast! Beginning with navigational style road rallies that tested a team's endurance, timing skills and driving ability, rallying grew towards the form we see today. Over the past thirty years, rallying has continued to evolve and maintain its traditions, while introducing more high-speed performance events. Today rallying is enjoyed globally as one of the most challenging forms of motor racing in the World.

Canadian rallying encompasses many levels of competition, from entry level navigational, to high-performance rallycross and stage rallies.

**Navigational Rallying** is an inexpensive form of competition that requires minimal preparation. Events use the Time-Speed-Distance formula to detail a route that teams must drive at a particular average speed. Surfaces are usually gravel or snow and Checkpoints in unknown locations record a team's ability to stay as close as possible to the set speed without being early or late. Scoring is to the second. TSD rallies are fun, challenging adventures and you can even use your everyday car to compete in the BC TSD Rally Championship.

**Rallycross** events are held on a closed access venue free from hazards to driver or vehicle. Common sites include frozen lakes or gravel lots. A challenging short course is laid out with an emphasis on tight corners and one at a time, competitors must drive as quickly as possible with the lowest elapsed time winning. As the actual speed of the cars is limited by the design of the course this offers an excellent opportunity to drive flat out with maximum safety. Safety precautions permit the inclusion of everyday cars and the action rewards good drivers rather than fast vehicles.

**Performance or Stage Rally** is a favorite form of motorsport in many parts of the world. Unlike conventional racing, rallies are held on closed-access forest roads. The road conditions may vary from loose gravel to mud or snow and ice. Also, unlike racing, the route remains un-practiced until the team has to drive it as fast as possible while listening to directions given by the co-driver. Speeds and action are high, so cars are built to international standards of safety and modification. Regional competitors compete on the six round Western Canadian Rally Championship with two rounds taking place in Merritt BC. Of these, the Pacific Forest Rally also ranks as a round of the Canadian National Championship and regularly attracts TV coverage and manufacturer backed teams.

The **West Coast Rally Association** is a registered society founded to organize and promote rallysport on the British Columbia mainland. It is complimented by the **Island Rallysport Club** pursuing similar objectives on Vancouver Island. Through a variety of events and activities we bring together the organizers, volunteers, experts and novices who support rallying in BC. The clubs host many events throughout the year and welcome new members. Check out the [www.rallybc.com](http://www.rallybc.com) website for upcoming events and tips on how to get started.

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## How's this for a Boxing Day sale?

Local to Vancouver: 1990 Lancia Delta HF Integrale. Turbo, 16 valves, 4 dr, 4wd, 5 spd, 44600km, 200hp, fully documented, no accidents or rust. \$ 15900. Parts should be available as there were 44,000 cars sold (all models) worldwide. This version has benefited from 4 years of factory development and features the enlarged fenders for suspension clearance and optimized ventilation for the engine. Does it have rally cred? It's a L-A-N-C-I-A! The most successful manufacturer in the history of the World Championship with 10

titles (not including the Fiat years), 6 of them in a row with the Delta from '87-92. Deltas won 10 of 11 WRC rounds in 1988. Juha Kankkunen and Masimo Biasion both won two Driver's Championships in these cars. A fledgling Tommi Makinen cut his rally teeth in a Lancia. And here's some genuinely obscure trivia. The HF designation(also seen on the Fulvia and Stratos competition models) originated as High Fidelity referring to an exclusive club of loyal Lancia racing clients formed in 1960...MBCU



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