

The Gold Digger Rally

July 21-22, 2001

Presented by
Nokian Tyres and Specialty Subaru

Hosted by the West Coast Rally Association
Round 3 of the BC Rally Championship

The Gold Digger Rally is an all night time-speed-distance (TSD) event, part of the BC Rally Championship following the 2001 BC TSD Rally Regulations, which are available from Rally Pacific Motorsports, Paul Westwick (604) 682-3296, or on-line at www.rallybc.com. The rally runs on straight-forward instructions, and will be approximately 475 km in length with roads about 60% gravel and 40% paved. Maximum distance between gas stops is 300 km (180 miles). The Gold Digger Rally is also a part of the Nokian Tyres contingency program.

Required equipment: 1 reflective warning triangle, 5BC fire extinguisher (10BC recommended), basic first aid kit, soft top vehicles require a roll bar. **Recommended equipment:** map light, driving lights (strongly recommended), clipboard, pen.

Each leg of the rally will end with a gas or rest stop, and is divided into Transit stages and Regularity stages. Transit stages give a stage time, which is adequate for completing the stage well within posted speed limits. Your time will not be recorded in Transit stages. Regularity stages list specific average speeds, which are below posted speed limits, and which you must maintain in each part of the stage. Timing controls will be in Regularity stages only, and will not be placed within 200 meters of stop signs or busy intersections. 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.

There is a one second penalty free zone each side of perfect time. A penalty of one point per second early or late is assessed at each control *after the one-second penalty free zone is exceeded*. At the finish scores will be totaled and the lowest score wins. The maximum penalty at each control is 300 points (5 minutes). The maximum penalty during each regularity (TSD) section is 600 points (10 minutes). Control officials will remain in place at least 5 minutes until any remaining cars are beyond 5 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 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 a rally official or the event steward. 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 that make official time unattainable, and other discretionary safety concerns.

Prizes will be awarded for overall position and according to the following classes:

- Novice: Neither team member having entered more than 3 TSD rallies before the current year and equipment limited to Calculator Class.
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 before January 1, 1976, as per the date stated on the vehicle registration. Navigation equipment must either conform to Calculator class or be also manufactured prior to January 1, 1976.

The organizers reserve the right to upgrade entries to the next class if less than 2 vehicles are entered. Written permission for use of the vehicle is required if the owner is not present in the vehicle for the duration of the rally and must be attached to the entry form.

Officials of the Event

- Rally Masters: Fred Wiedemann 604-594-6942
Registrar: Shelley Donaldson 604-594-6942 va7slw@rac.ca
Steward: Ken Kwong

Schedule

Saturday July 21

Directions to start location: North on Highway 99 to Whistler, at second traffic signal turn right into Boston Pizza Restaurant.

- 9:00 pm Late registration Boston Pizza, 2011 Innsbruck Drive, Whistler
9:00 pm on Technical inspection
10:30 pm Drivers' meeting Boston Pizza, 2011 Innsbruck Drive, Whistler
11:01 pm First car out

Sunday July 22

- 08:00 am Finish T.B.A.