

Heart of Darkness

Round 2 of the 2004 BC TSD Rally Championship

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The Heart of Darkness is a challenging, all night time-speed-distance event. It is part of the BC Rally Championship and follows the 2004 BC Rally Regulations and the CARS General Competition Rules. Both are available from the BC Rally Director, Paul Westwick (604) 682 3296 paul@rallybc.com. The BC Rally Regulations are also available on-line at www.rallybc.com. The rally is held in southern British Columbia and runs on straight forward instructions. The event will be approximately 600 km in length with the roads being about 70% gravel and 30% paved. Maximum distance between gas stops is 250 km (150 miles).

Required equipment: 1 self-supporting reflective warning triangle (30cm per side), 5 BC fire extinguisher, basic first aid kit, open cars require a roll bar. If auxiliary lights are mounted, it must be possible to turn them off with one switch, leaving only the standard low beams operating.

Please see rallybc.com website for the recommended first aid kit which may become a requirement in the near future.

Recommended equipment: map light, driving lights (strongly recommended), clipboard, calculator and pen.

The rally is divided into a number of legs, each leg ending with a gas stop. Each leg is divided into Transit sections and Regularity sections. For Transits you are given a time that is adequate for completing that section well within the speed limit. Your time will not be recorded in these sections. Regularities list specific average speeds, which are below the posted speed limits. During regularities your goal is to maintain the specified average speed in each part of the Regularity. Your timing in those sections determines your score.

Timing controls will be in regularities only, at various unannounced locations. Controls will not be placed within 0.2 km of start, finish, or STOP, YIELD, or a Traffic Signal. Cars that slow down excessively within sight of a timing control will be given their estimated time at the timing control as judged by the rally official. 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.

Timing is to the second, with one point per second early or late from absolute rally time with a 1 second grace period. 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. Control officials will remain in place at least until all 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 medical aid if possible. In such cases, the competitor should record the time and mileage in the regularity. The time lost as a result should be given, as a written declaration to the rally organizer. 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, which make official time unattainable, and other discretionary safety concerns. For more information see Appendix C of the BC Regional Rally Regulations.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded for overall position and according to following classes:

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| Novice: | Neither team member having entered more than 3 TSD rallies prior to the start of the competition year, and navigation equipment limited to calculator class or less. |
| 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 prior to December 31, 1974 as per the date stated on the vehicle registration. Navigation equipment must conform to Calculator class. |
| Historic Equipped: | Vehicles manufactured prior to December 31, 1974 as per the date stated on the vehicle registration. Navigation equipment is unlimited. Historic Equipped cars will be scored as Unlimited in the championship. |

Sponsorship details are still being finalized. The organizers reserve the right to upgrade entries to the next class if less than 2 vehicles are entered, for the purpose of event awards only. Championship scoring is still by the class you enter. Entries will be limited to a maximum of 30 vehicles.

Officials of the Event

Rally Master: Adrienne Lang (250) 413-7118, adrienne@rallybc.com

Co-Organizer: Budd Stanley (604) 467-4746 budd@rallybc.com

Registrar: Dennis Wende (604) 931-8681 dennis@rallybc.com

Steward: TBA

Event Schedule

Wednesday, April 21st, 2004 (midnight)

Close of early entries.

Saturday May 1st, 2004

Rally HQ: Banquet Room @ the Best Western Nicola Inn, 4025 Walters Street, Merritt, BC

7:00 pm Novice Driver's Meeting

8:00 pm Late registration and Tech Inspection opens

10:00 pm Registration closes and Tech Inspection closes

10:30 pm Driver's Meeting

11:01 pm First car out

Sunday May 2nd, 2004

9:00 am ETA of First car in @ Niki's Restaurant in Merritt
Provisional Scores will be posted as they become available.

The Best Western Nicola Inn is also offering rooms for \$69.00 + taxes, double occupancy, just mention the Heart of Darkness Rally. Late checkout times can be arranged.
Reservations 1-800-663-2830

Directions to the start location:

The Best Western Nicola Inn is on Walters St, near the north end of Merritt. From the south, traveling north on Route 5, take the second Merritt exit, and turn left at the T junction onto Voght. From the north, traveling south on Route 5, take the first Merritt exit and proceed south along Voght. Turn right on Walters St. about 800m from the exit, then the Best Western Nicola Inn is on your left.

Entry Fees and Discounts:

Entry fee: \$80 for entries received before April 21, 2004
\$90 for entries received after April 21, 2004
\$10 discount for current members of either IRC or WCRA
Please make cheques payable to "West Coast Rally Association"
and mail to: **Heart of Darkness Rally, 2065 Alpine Court, Coquitlam, BC V3J 2K7**

