



Midnight TSD Rally #1

The following is a point form outline of a Novice driver's first gravel TSD rally ever. Enjoy!

1. bumper sticker: "when racing gets tough, they call it rally"
 - a. I believe it now after running my first offroad tsd
2. 6 regularities (stages) on logging roads
 - a. 15-50 km each (can be ~1 hr of continuous racing)
 - b. many hidden checkpoints (no stopping for them)
 - c. It got dark in regularity 2
 - d. Sections w/ fog (intentional)
3. close calls
 - a. all at night; may have been avoided if we had aux lamps
 - b. going sideways toward long log
 - c. going sideways toward concrete bridge
 - i. route book indicated "rough entrance" which we didn't understand until after the fact
 - d. going sideways toward downhill exposure
 - i. my nav Martin later told me this one made him nervous
 - ii. we were going faster than in the above 2 close calls: about 80kph into the turn
4. noise
 - a. gravel tires are super loud on pavement
 - b. wheel-churned rocks hitting wheel wells and under carriage are deafening; we had to shout to be heard (no helmets, unlike stage rally)
5. car
 - a. lost left rear spring perch in regularity 1
 - b. <deleted~ visual>
 - c. Lower perch got pushed to bottom of stock shock; apparently it wasn't welded but rather held up by bumps/notches
 - d. Tilt steering wheel lever would lose its locking position on big bumps/potholes so I had to repeatedly relock it to prevent the wheel from sitting on my lap
 - e. Brutal beating/bouncing on suspension (near stock)
 - f. Cosmetic damage



- i. Luckily I put mudflaps in front
 - ii. Without them in back, part of the plastic bumper underside is now just white plastic
 - iii. Some undercarriage dents
6. results
 - a. we were DFLast of 14 teams cuz we got lost and screwed up 3 of 6 regularities
 - b. to me it was a victory for us to finish the rally and drive home!
 - c. aux lamps would've helped us a lot; most cars had them
 - d. some were stage rally teams
 - e. some teams knew these logging roads well
7. conclusion
 - a. definitely "brisk"
 - i. '10% slower than posted limits' is misleading, especially if a turn was missed and time must be made up
 - ii. Average people would not want to drive anywhere near the speeds in the route book
 - iii. driver should have motorsport experience to reduce risk
 - b. fun!
 - c. challenging: the toughest event I've ever raced
 - d. scenic (when it was daylight)
 - e. easy to get lost in some spots
 - f. team sport
 - i. nav is at least as important as driver
8. other offroad tsd rallies
 - a. I heard that totem and thunderbird are even tougher, with snow, mud and big rocks to deal with.



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Driver- Car 13

Place	Car#	Names	City	Car	Class	Leg 1	Leg 2	Total
1	1	Carroll, RJ/Carroll, Ren	Kamloops	04 Subaru WRX	U	5	11	16*
2	2	Webb, Gary/Kisela John	Mohave Valley/Seattle	95 Subaru Legacy	U	5	11	16
3	3	Chung, Martin/Monasch, Christa	Richmond/New Westm	95 Subaru Impreza	C	5	34	39
4	6	Ban, Stephen/Peake, Chris	Vancouver/Port Moody	02 Subaru WRX	N	44	48	92
5	4	Bain, Jeff/Toffler, Michelle	Victoria	86 Subaru GL10	C	36	71	107
6	7	Perret, Steve/Hansen, Kathryn	Bellingham/Friday Hbr	86 Subaru GL10	P	85	297	382
7	11	Glade, Matthew/Boothroyd, Kevin	New Westm/Vancouver	84 Toyota Tercel	N	56	410	466
8	14	Geelen, John/Adie, Pete	Prince George/Campbell R	90 Ford Festiva	N	260	319	579
9	8	Blakely, Chris/Pinter, Ian	Renton/Univ Place	92 VW GTI	C	219	808	1027
10	12	Young, Jay/Young, Alyse	Sooke	89 Honda Civic	N	476	949	1425
11	9	Kelt, Tagg/Clark, Kevin	Victoria/Nanaimo	82 Toyota Corolla	N	471	1106	1577
12	10	Percival, Tyson/Pierce, Lyndsey	Victoria	91 Subaru Legacy	C	760	1228	1988
13	15	Maydaniuk, Ken/Kemp, Terri	Kamloops	04 Subaru WRX	U	797	1250	2047
14	13	Nguyen, An/Raska, Martin	Burnaby/Vancouver	95 Eagle Talon	N	1250	1311	2561
DNS	5	McCrimmon, Chris/Raimondo, Steve	Victoria/Nanaimo	92 Honda Civic	C	DNS	DNS	DNS

* Car #1 had 16 "zeros" and Car #2 had 8 "zeros" therefore, Car #1 was declared the winner as per the BC Championship Regulations.