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of a burned out taillight, which was easily fixed. The reception we had from everyone was overwhelming. From the most experienced rally driver to other novices, such as ourselves, we were received with open arms. The novice session was very informative. The details of scoring etc. were most helpful although we had just three goals. One, to not end up in the ditch or worse, two, not get too lost, and three, to finish.

The concept of time speed distance rallying is quite simple. We found that its practice, and this is what it will take is practice, is not so easy. Bouncing along at 72 km per hour trying to key numbers into a calculator and record times from a stop watch while your son is doing his level best to turn his father's hair even more grey is not, repeat not, so easy.

It became obvious early on that the stiff suspension and solid front axle of the jeep meant that we weren't able to keep up the track speeds suggested by the route directions. OK, no big deal, we didn't expect to be competitive anyway. Lets have some fun and enjoy the experience and camaraderie. The start of each section was an



Car 26— Rogi Young
& Rene Paulin

opportunity to share experiences from the previous section with the other participants as we waited for our starting time. We weren't the only ones enjoying ourselves!

The two days of rally driving are just a blur. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, depending on the steepness of the banks on either side of the vehicle, the navigator doesn't see much of the terrain through which the Rally passes. The occasional missed turn (navigator error) and unexpected slide would liven things up a bit but by and large Paul did a commendable job of driving. He honed his winter driving skills considerably and I must say, to, that Dad deported himself well. No stomach incidents or hysterics to report, despite Paul's best efforts.

We are, as you might expect, planning on entering our next rally. Anyone who has rallied knows how infectious it can be. At the end of the Rally, Paul was asked how we did. Paul replied, "We had a blast!" Paul's inquisitor said, "That's the best answer I've heard yet." Thanks to all who made Totem 2005 such a memorable event.

Al Todd
Navigator— Car 25

(Final results of this event are available on www.RallyBC.com)

2006 First Aid Course Info

The Island Rallysport Club has contracted the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Duncan to put on a course for IRC members, and non-members, who would like to get the Standard First Aid Enhanced 2 day course.

The course will be February 4 & 5, from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. including 2 coffee breaks and a 1 hour lunch break. The regular cost of this course is \$125+GST=\$133.75

We require 10 people in the course in order to conduct it. There will be a 10% discount. $\$125 - 10\% = \112.50 Add GST \$7.87 for a total of only **\$120.37**.

As a further benefit, you will get a \$20 rebate towards your 2006 IRC membership fees.

Anyone planning on entering any performance rally events will need this Certificate in order to get their Regional license. You will need to do some pre-reading assignments before the course, and Glyn has the manuals for this. He will hand out the manual when he receives the \$120.37 fee.

Please contact Glyn at (250)246-8282 or gtrafford@shaw.ca as soon as possible.

