

Pacific Forest Rally

Day 1 - I headed up to the Yokohama Pacific Forest Rally in Merritt BC on Friday October 14th, 2005 after school. I pulled in around 1600hrs and headed straight down to the parc expose to check out the cars at the Canadian Tire. It was a good chance to check out all the cool cars and mingle a bit with the teams before heading out to work. From there, it was checking in at the volunteer office and the hotel. At this point it was pretty much time to head straight out on to the stage for a stage start. On Friday night I was working the start of Comstock North. This stage starts just off the Coquihalla Highway, a little south of Merritt, and head back towards town on the Comstock roads. By this time it was starting to get dark and the first cars were arriving. The cars ran through our start 3 times that night. It was also on this stage that Patrick Richard had car trouble and was unable to finish the event. In between the Comstock stages, the teams also ran the in-town stage in downtown Merritt and the Princeton Cut-off stages. That about wraps up the first night. At the end of day 1 Antoine L'estage in his Hyundai Tiburon was leading, with Matt Iorio second and Vancouver's Scott Trinder sitting in third.

Day 2 - Day 2 started off with a great fundraiser breakfast at the Merritt Civic Centre. The breakfast was to raise money to help buy the Merritt fire department a jaws-of-life and was put on by the Lions Club and Tim Horton's. From there, it was off to the Active Mountain Raceway (AMR) for the first spectator stage of the day. AMR is the future site of the new laguna-seca style race course being built in Merritt, but for right now, the nice dirt roads worked great again this year for the rally cars to rip around close enough to town for a bunch of spectators to come enjoy the fun! Between the AMR stages, the teams ran the classic Helmer road as well. And from there it was over to the



Car 9- Gord Olsen & Todd Patola
Pacific Forest Rally 2005
Merritt, BC



of the winners of the 2005 Yokohama Pacific Forest Rally. When it was all said and done, Antoine L'estage was able to secure the victory, with Matt Iorio second and a third to Pemberton driver Norm Leblanc. After those ceremonies were over, it was off to the banquet to share stories and enjoy some good roast beef and pasta salad. I had a great time at the Yokohama Pacific Forest Rally and suggest that, if you haven't had the chance to check out a stage rally as a volunteer, to do so when the next rally is in BC as you won't be disappointed!

For full Yokohama Pacific Forest results and information check out www.PacificForestRally.com or www.RallyBC.com

Shawn Edstrom
WCRA's 2005 Volunteer of the Year

Crossword

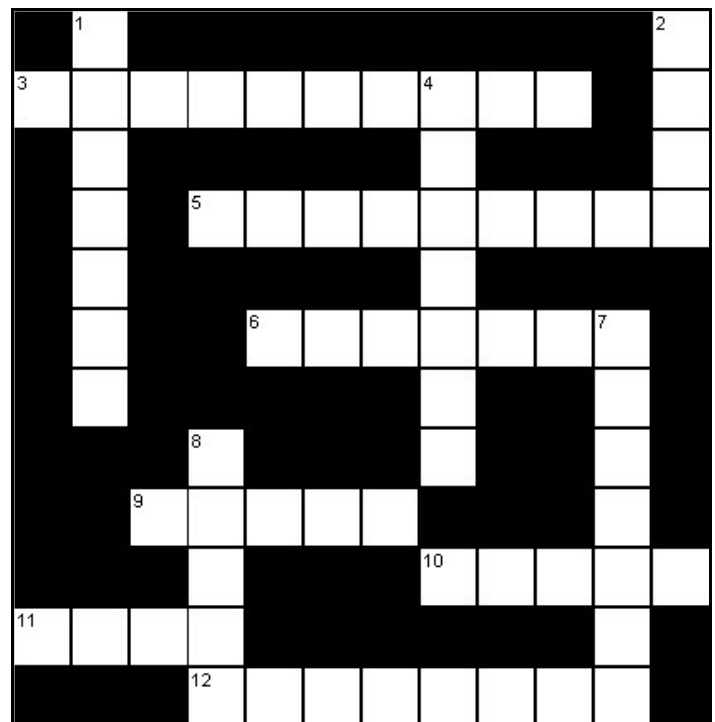
All answers are words
printed somewhere in this
issue.

Across

3. Location of 2006 Rally-X Series
5. Board of Directors
6. Name of this publication pt. 1
9. 2 day gravel IRC event
10. Name of this publication pt. 2
11. The "T" in TSD
12. Longest consecutive running TSD in BC

Down

1. "P" in PFR
2. Name of IRC's performance event
4. Name of Island Series event #3
7. Regularities and these form a Leg
8. WCRA event held in November



A Moment of Silence.



**Michael "Beef"
Park
1966-2005**



**Richard Burns
1971-2005**