

IRC's 2008 Rally School is a continuation of our annual tradition. It consists of training in TSD procedures, car preparation, tips for safety and achieving good results when rally on both pavement and gravel in Time Speed Distance events. The sample trial rally follows the BC TSD Rally Regulations as well as the CARS General Competition Rules, and is sanctioned by CARS and RPM. These Rules can be found at www.rallybc.com or obtained by contacting the IRC Rally Director Glyn Trafford at grafford@shaw.ca or (250) 246-8282.

This is a daytime event in a classroom setting, followed by an actual short pavement rally. We will follow that rally with performance rally information and tips.

On Sunday, rally school entrants will be able to enter the Tsunami TSD Rally at no additional charge. Before that rally, we will again go over performance procedures. The Saturday sample rally starts in early-afternoon, and the roads will be approximately (2%) gravel and (98%) paved with a total distance of about 20km.

Competitors will be given a route book as part of the course, and be able to practice their calculations there. The route book will have distances and speeds in both imperial and metric units, but all measurements were taken in metric and converted. Distances were taken to thousandths and rounded to hundredths.

Scoring:

This is a sample trial rally only, and not competitive. Although we will score entrants, so they can see their results, there will not be any "winner".

The rally will consist of only one leg ending back at the classroom. The distance between gas opportunities will not exceed 10 kilometers.

The Leg will be separated into several Regularities and Transits. Regularities are sections in which hidden controls will record the time each competitor passes; and Transits will be untimed sections where competitors pass free of controls. Controls will not be placed within 200m of the beginning or end of a Regularity; nor will they be placed within 200m of a STOP or YIELD sign or a TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

Standard procedure is to drive by controls without stopping. The control officer will record the time of passing to the second. Slowing down excessively or stopping just before and within sight of a control may be considered balking; and the control officer may choose to record the time the competitor slowed excessively or stopped.

Although timing is to the second, each control will have a penalty free zone one second each side of perfect time. A penalty of one point per second beyond this zone is assessed at each control.

Your goal should be to follow the average speeds given and stay on time, in order to achieve the lowest score possible. The greatest number of zeros, followed by ones, etc, will break ties. The speeds will always be at least 10% below the posted limit; and Transit sections allow ample time to reach the other end without exceeding the speed limit. The maximum penalty for any given checkpoint is 300 points (5 minutes) to a maximum of 600 points over any single Regularity. Controls will be in place until all entrants have passed or until 5 minutes after the scheduled arrival time of the last car not seen, whichever comes first.

Exceptions to the scoring: Competitors who come upon an accident scene are expected to render aid if possible. The time and mileage of any incidents and time lost should be recorded and presented to the organizer(s) in writing on the form provided in the route book. From this point, the competitors shall carry on as if on proper time and <u>not</u> make up time within that Regularity. There may be opportunity to get back on time during the following Transit. Competitors will be scored at this new time for the remainder of the Regularity unless the incident did not occur as presented. For more information, see Appendix C of the BC TSD Rally Regulations.

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

- 1. Written permission of the owner of each vehicle entered is required for use of the vehicle in this rally, and there is a section in the entry form for this.
- 2. In the case where a competitor is stranded but not injured or in any danger, rally traffic should be waved past.

Classes - Novice only.

Required Equipment:

Vehicles must meet legal road worthiness standards and shall have the following:

- proper safety belts for all people in the vehicle
- working horn, lights, windshield wipers, exhaust system, brakes
- safe tires including spare(s)
- windshield
- a roll bar in open cars

As this is a sample trial rally, and not competitive in any way, shape, or form, the normally required first aid kit, triangles, and fire extinguisher are not deemed necessary.

Recommended Equipment:

- jack, tire wrench, tow rope
- pen, highlighter, clipboard, accurate digital timepiece, calculator*
- appropriate navigational equipment for the class you might normally enter
- sense of adventure and enthusiasm!

Officials:

Organizer, registration: Glyn Trafford (250) 246-8282 gtrafford@shaw.ca

Instructors: Michelle Mah & Roy Lima

Route Master, scoring: Bart Vogelzang (250) 732-4232 bk-g@shaw.ca

Accommodations:

Because this school involves two days, Saturday and Sunday, some may wish to get accommodations:

There is no rally 'deal' but you can find accommodation information here:

http://www.thunderbirdmotorinn.ca

Rally School location:

Cowichan Community Center

Event Schedule

Saturday May 3 Close of Entries

NOTE: We MUST have at least 10 entries paid & 'in hand' or the event risks cancellation.

Saturday May 10, 2008

- 8:30 – Registration

- 10:30 - coffee break

- 12:30 - lunch break

- 1:30 - sample trial rally

- 3:45 - Intro to performance rally

- 5:00 - Finish

- 6:00 – no-host dinner and get together with instructors and other rallyists

Fees and Discounts:

Entry Fee: \$75 per person for the weekend, includes membership in IRC for 2008 and entry to Tsunami Rally on Sunday.

IRC rules require that anyone entering an IRC event be a member of a CARS affiliated club, or be resident outside of Canada. Membership in IRC 2008 will be completed (free) at registration.

Please send NAME, EMAIL, PHONE #, with payment to:

Glyn Trafford, Registrar IRC – Rally School PO Box 454, Duncan, BC Canada V9L 3X8

Do NOT ask for an entry form. You will learn how to fill one out at the school.

Please mail only your name, email address and phone number, with cheque or money order, to the Registrar. Cheques are to be made payable to <u>Island Rallysport Club.</u>

Special Note for Entrants and Workers

The Tsunami Rally has a dual purpose this year. The start and finish controls of at least two sections (regularities) will be conducted just like a performance rally, in order to provide training for start and finish workers, and also to show those who have entered the event, how the timing card system works in performance events. Please note, your timing within the regularities will not be affected. You WILL find a difference in the start procedures. Your start time will be set by the control crew, and will NOT be set by an notation in the route book provided. The time given in the route book will be the time you are to arrive at the start location, not the actual time you start. Any calculations you do will need to take into account this start procedure. Workers in this rally will be given worker credits towards the Island Series 2008. You will also need to come to a full stop, at the finish workers' STOP sign, so they can practice the finish procedures. There will be minimal delay, but you are not being timed there, as timing will be done as normally, by control workers in the middle of the timed regularity.

*The instructor will contact each entrant beforehand, to explain which type of calculator is the best to acquire.