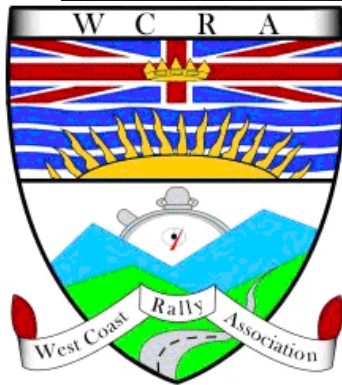




Presents  
Heart of Darkness  
Sept 27-28 2008  
Cache Cr-Merritt



Presented by the West Coast Rally Association

### **Event Details**

Heart of Darkness is round 4 of 5 in the BC Rally Championship. The rally follows the current BC Rally Regulations, which are posted on <http://www.rallybc.com>. The rally runs on straight-forward instructions. In addition to the route instructions, maps will be provided. The rally will be about 500km long, entirely within the province of BC, and will start with an odometer check section of approximately 20km. Roads will be about 20% clear pavement, 80% gravel. Instructions are provided in both km and miles, but the official measurements and calculations are based on the km figures.

## **Required equipment**

1 self-supporting, reflective warning triangle (30cm per side), first aid kit (minimum contents defined by the BC rally regulations, available at [www.rallybc.com](http://www.rallybc.com)), 5BC fire extinguisher, open cars require a roll bar. Additional lights on the front should meet legal requirements as to type and mounting height; and must be wired to the high beam lights such that the additional lights turn off when switching to low beam. Fog lights may be wired independently.

## **Recommended equipment**

Map light, driving lights, warm clothing, tow rope, snacks, and caffeinated beverages. Maximum distance between gas stops is 250km (150mi) but remember that many cars get worse mileage on gravel roads. The sweep vehicle will have 4 wheel drive and a winch, but may not always be able to extract wayward cars from the BC scenery. Drivers are asked always to drive with their headlights on and to be particularly courteous to traffic not connected with the rally. The rally will be divided into a number of legs, each leg ending with a meal stop or gas break. Each leg is divided into Transit stages and Regularity stages. Transit stages give a stage time that is adequate for completing the stage well within speed limits. Your time will not be recorded in these stages. Regularity stages list specific average speeds, which are below the posted speed limits, which you must maintain in each part of the stage. Your timing in these stages determines your score. Timing controls will be in regularity stages only, at various unannounced locations, and will not be placed near stop signs or busy intersections. Cars may not slow down excessively within sight of a timing control. At the control official's discretion the time may be recorded early when that happens. 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.

Your timing in these stages determines your score. Each control will have a penalty free zone one second each side of perfect time. A penalty of 1 point per second beyond this zone is assessed at each control. 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 section. Control officials will remain in place at least until all remaining cars are beyond 10 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 aid if necessary (e.g. in case of injury.) After rendering aid, the competitor should record the mileage in the section, and the time when they stopped as well as the time they restarted, and give a written declaration of this to a rally official or the event steward. Scoring adjustments will be made in such cases, and the crew should not try to regain the lost time until they reach a sufficiently long break (e.g. gas stop.) Declarations of time lost will also be considered for organizers' errors which make official time unattainable and other discretionary safety concerns. In the case where a competitor is stuck, but not injured or in any danger, they should wave rally traffic past and await the assistance of the sweep truck.

## **Other Notes**

The rally will be passing through “quiet zones”. These zones require that all accessory lighting is turned off, and all excess vehicle noise must be stopped until you have cleared the “quiet zone”. These areas might include ranches or residential areas, and since the rally will be passing through in the middle of the night, we need to respect the surrounding areas.

## **Classes**

**For this BC TSD Championship event, the following classes and definitions shall be used:**

**Paper:** No calculators, rally tables or accessory odometers.

**Calculator:** Accessory odometers, non-programmable calculating devices that are not driven by a wheel.

**Unlimited:** Unlimited equipment.

**Novice:** neither team member having entered more than 3 TSD rallies prior to the start of the competition year and navigation equipment to conform to calculator class.

**Historic:** Vehicles manufactured 25 years prior to December 31st of the year preceding the current competition year as per the date stated on the vehicle registration. For this year, that means that any vehicle manufactured before December 31st, 1982 will qualify. Equipment in this class is unlimited.

## **Officials of the Event**

**Route Master and Competitor Liaison:** Nicki Beverley ([nicki@rallybc.com](mailto:nicki@rallybc.com))  
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**Steward:** Paul Westwick ([paul@rallybc.com](mailto:paul@rallybc.com))

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Web Site: [www.desertinn.ca](http://www.desertinn.ca)

### **Merritt, B.C.**

Best Western Nicola Inn

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Merritt B.C.

V0K2B0

Phone:(250)378-4253

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1492 Cariboo Hwy

Cache Creek, BC

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Phone: (250) 457 9705

Toll Free: 1-888-552-2529

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Merritt B.C.

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## Schedule

Sept 21st	Midnight	Last day for early entries Preliminary Start Order Available-All entries after this point will start with the next available car number
Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	4pm- 7pm	Registration and Technical Inspection at the Bear's Claw Inn, Cache Creek B.C.
	6:30pm-8pm	Novice Meeting
	8:30pm	Drivers Meeting
	9:00pm	First Car Out
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:30am	Approx First Car In at finish- Husky Station Restaurant- Merritt- Results to be posted as soon as possible thereafter.

## Fees

**Entry Fee: \$90 (\$90 US)** for entries received before midnight September 21st 2008. **\$100 (\$100 US)** for late entries. Members of BC rally clubs are eligible for a \$5 (\$5 US) discount each (i.e. \$10 off if both are members). **Please make cheques payable to West Coast Rally Association.**

Please send entry forms and payment to:

**Dennis Wende, Registrar HOD**

**2065 Alpine Court, Coquitlam, BC V3J 2K7**

**Maximum entries accepted:** 30. Any entries received above the maximum will be notified by phone and held on a waiting list. If entering late, please confirm by phone. Entry fee cheques may be post dated up to the close of early entries (September 21st 2008), or current dated, for the entry to be accepted.

## Useful Links

**West Coast Rally Association**

<http://www.rallybc.com>

**BC Highways Road Reports**

<http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/bchighways/roadreports/roadreports.htm>

**Environment Canada Weather Reports**

[http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/forecast/canada/bc\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/forecast/canada/bc_e.html)

**World Rally Sport**

<http://www.worldrallysport.com/>

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