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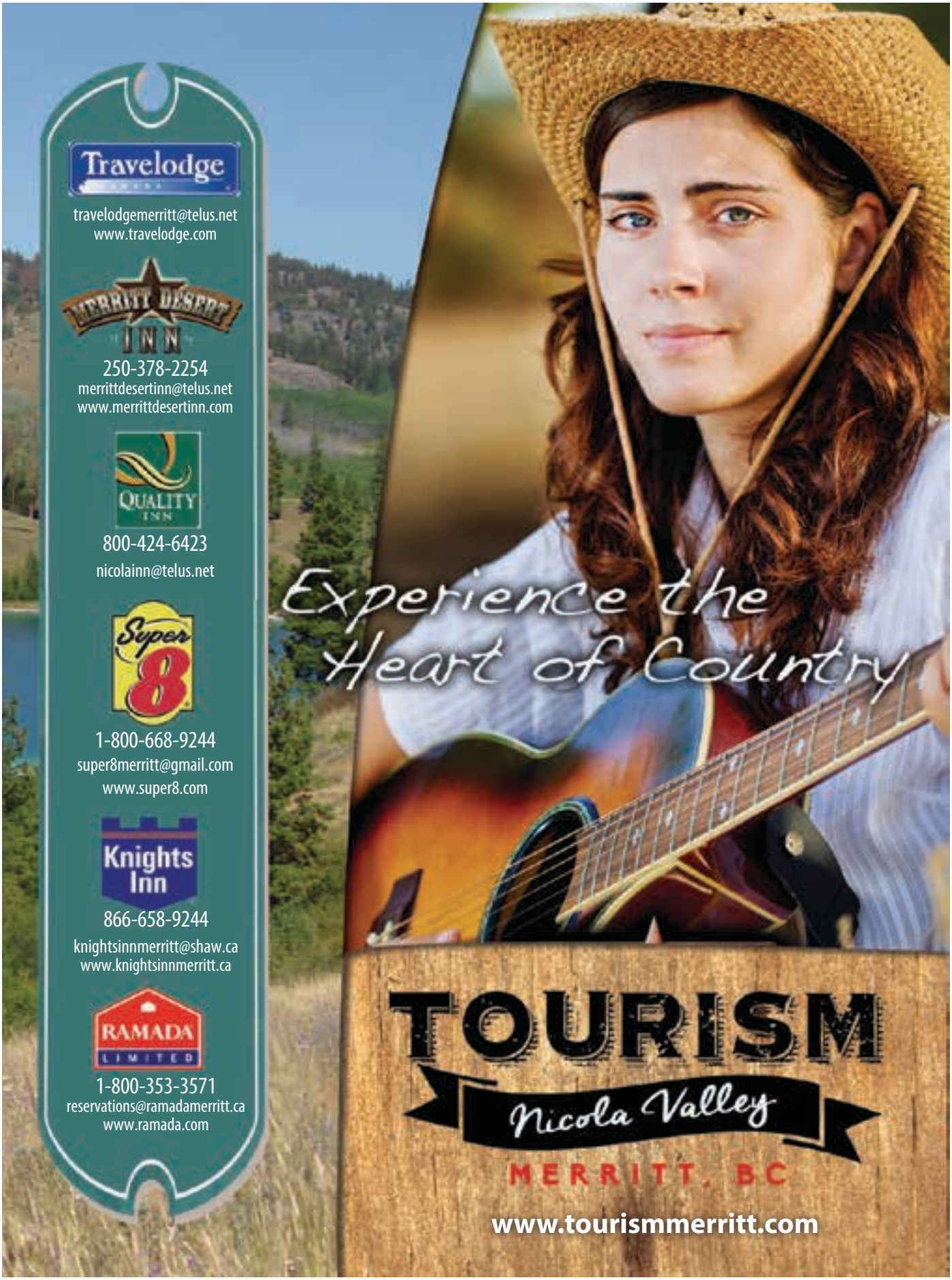
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Welcome Rally Fans

ORGANIZERS' MESSAGE

Welcome to Merritt and the Nicola Valley, home of the 2015 Pacific Forest Rally (PFR), round 4 of the Canadian Rally Championship.

Many changes have been made to the PFR since it first appeared in Merritt in 2002, however the support of local businesses, City of Merritt and Chamber of Commerce has kept this event's roots strong.

All organizers, competitors and event attendees want to offer a sincere thank-you to the people of Merritt for allowing us to bring this exciting motorsport event to the beautiful Nicola Valley, one of the most challenging rally venues in Canada.

PFR has grown strong relationships with local businesses such as Wagon West Travel Plaza, Ramada Limited Merritt Hotel, and the Quality Inn during many years of hosting the event. Also, thank you to Tolko, Aspen Planers Ltd., numerous local ranches and government agencies that work closely with our team to make it all possible.

Increased media coverage this year will allow you to follow the Canadian Rally Championship series, including PFR, with online video, Facebook and Twitter plus TV broadcasts on TSN and RDS networks.

It is always amazing to see everyone giving their time, talents and enthusiasm to make PFR happen, especially the many volunteers who provide assistance in so many ways. Thank you to all our talented volunteers.

Rallying is a lot of fun to watch but can also be dangerous, so please be safe and responsible for your well-being.

Co-event organizer Paul Westwick

Mayor's Message

To all Participants of Pacific Forest Rally... Welcome to Merritt, the Country Music Capital of Canada!

On behalf of the City of Merritt and all its residents and businesses, I hope you will enjoy everything our community has to offer during your stay. From our "Lake a Day", hiking and biking trails, three great Nicola Valley golf courses to our City Centre to take in the "Walk of Stars" and the mural project which depicts many of the great music artists that have performed here over the years. The exciting new Hall of Honour is now open for your viewing. We also have a Heritage Building tour that starts out at the Baillie House info centre.

Whatever you have time to take in during your stay, we hope you find it memorable to share with family and friends.

Council and I wish you a safe fun weekend in our surrounding hills and we look forward to your return.

Neil Menard, Mayor, City of Merritt

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! Yourself
! Others around you
! The stage route
! Rallying
! Motorsports

Despite the organizers taking precautions - accidents can happen. In respect of these - you are present at your own risk.

Don't:
! Stand on the stage road
! Stand below the level of the road
! Stand in front of arrows or signs
! Stand in Prohibited Areas
! Stand or sit on or near log piles, walls of fences
! Sit close to the edge of the road
! Block escape routes
! Be distracted
! Destroy the trees or bushes
! Play games with your safety or that of the drivers
! Remove Stage signs or arrows
! Be the one that Stops the stage

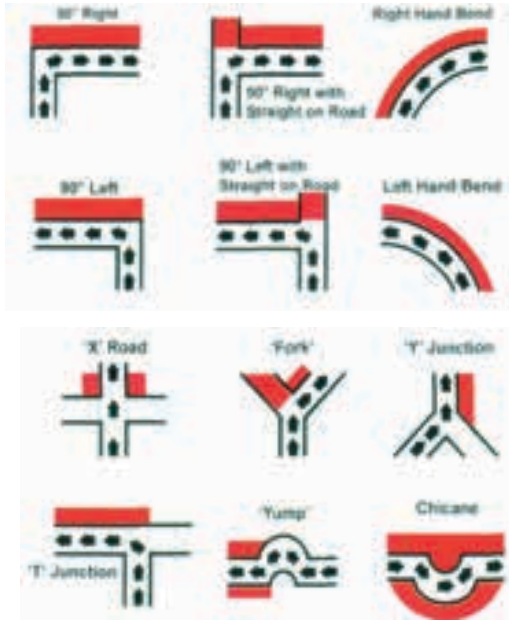
Always:
! Expect the unexpected
! Listen for approaching cars
! Remain Alert
! Leave yourself room to move quickly
! Try to keep behind something solid
! Remove all garbage with you
! Keep children under supervision
! Keep dogs on a lead
! Do as the Marshals ask
! Help the Marshals to run a safe stage

Be Sure That:
! The unexpected can happen
! If you ignore Marshals' instructions the stage will be stopped

READ THIS!

Spectator Safety NO-GO Area

Study the Diagrams: All the **RED AREAS** are **'NO GO.'** Being near these could cause delays or cancellation of the stage.



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Subaru Supports PFR Entrants

This year marks the 24th consecutive year of participation in the Canadian Rally Championship (CRC) and the 16th year as a major series sponsor.

Maxime Poirier Photo

In 1996 Subaru introduced a contingency program to help support all Subaru competitors. Since then, the program has been open to all Subaru vehicles entered in any of the six events within the national portion of the CRC series, regardless of home country.

The contingency program consists of the following

SIX – STAR PROGRAM

This program awards the top Subaru finishers in every CRC national series event, regardless of their overall rally finish.

First - $1,000down to sixth –place at $500.

SUPER-SIX STAR PRIZE PROGRAM

This program awards an additional $1,000 to every Subaru entry that finishes in the top six overall at any CRC national event.

STARTLINE FUND

Cash award to every Subaru entry that starts a CRC national rally, but places outside the top six Subaru entries. Payout is $250 to each Subaru starter.

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

This program recognizes the top Subaru overall in the CRC series. First place receives $3,000. Second and third place Subaru finishers receive $2,000 and $1,000 awards.

YEAR-END CANADIAN CHAMPIONS AWARD

The Subaru Driver who wins the Canadian Championship in production 4WD receives an additional cash prize of $1,500.

VOLUNTEER PRIZES

Subaru related merchandise is provided for distribution to event volunteers at the organizer's discretion.

Best Vantage Points

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Come Downtown to Granite Avenue between 4:30 and 5:30pm to see the cars and meet the drivers as they prepare for the Ceremonial Start at 5:30pm.

"HELMER LAKE" Forest Special: Access from 5:15 pm to 5:45 pm, then closed until 8:15 pm. Cars pass twice: 6:20 pm and 7:30 pm. Follow marshal's directions on where to park.

From Merritt: proceed along Hwy 5 northbound. Take Exit 315 (Helmer Road) and turn right at the T-junction, proceed under the highway to the west side, then proceed straight ahead trough the gate and follow marshal's directions to park in the open area on your right, just past the gate. There is good viewing 100m from the parking area, but the best viewing area is about a 900m walk into the stage.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

"DILLARD" Forest Special: Access from 9:00am to 9:45am, then closed until 11:45am. Cars pass twice: 10:20am and 11:15pm.

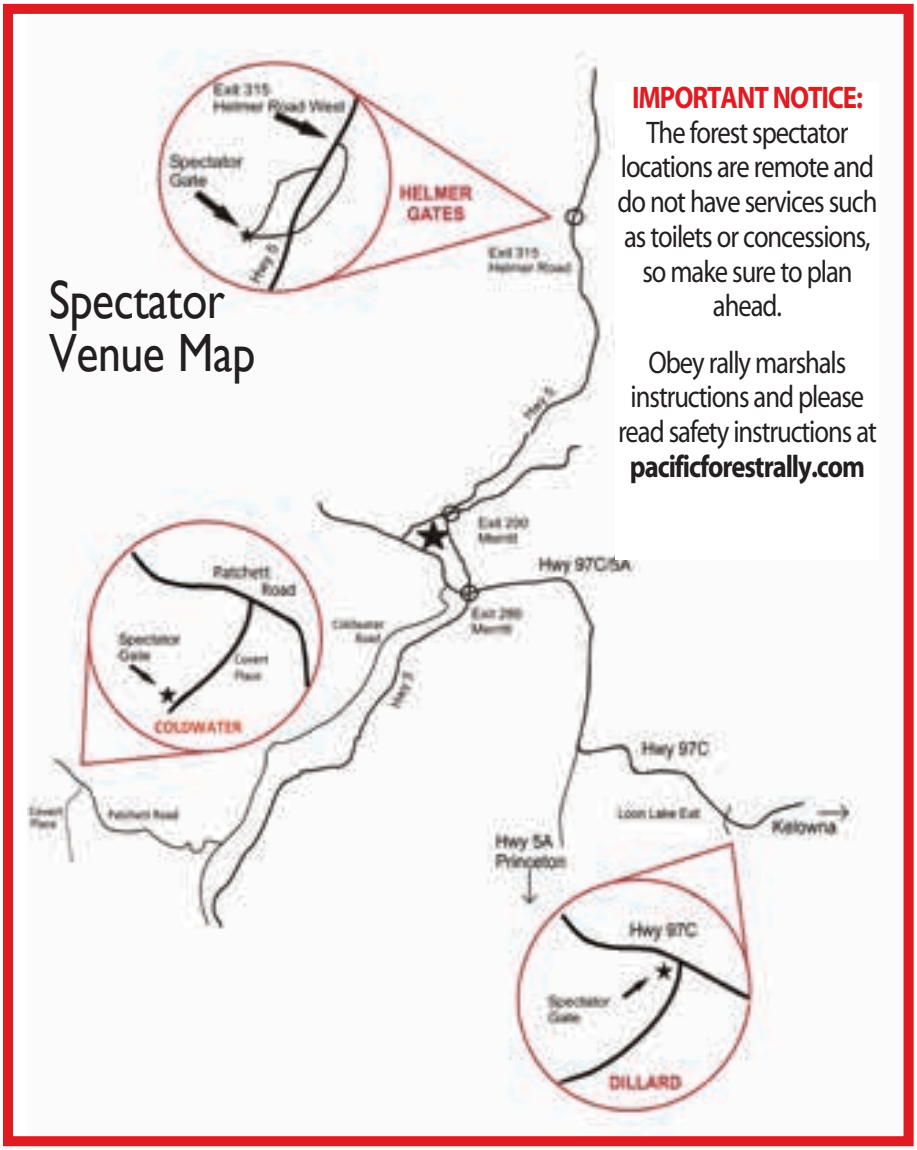
From Merritt: proceed along Hwy 97C, east towards Kelowna. Take the Loon Lake exit (about 38 kilometres from the junction with Hwy 5A). Turn Right at the end of the exit onto the gravel road called Shrimpton Creek. Follow the spectator signs down this road for 13 kilometres, keeping Right at 1.5 kilometres, and keeping Right again at 9.5 kilometres. The start of the stage is at the 13-kilometre mark. From here, marshals will direct you to drive into the stage 2 kilometres to a hair-pin junction where there is plenty of parking. Plan to stay for both passes.

"COLDWATER" Super Special: Access from 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm, then closed until 3:30 pm, Cars pass twice: 2:00 pm and 2:50 pm

From Dillard spectator: return to Merritt along Hwy 97C. When you reach the junction with Hwy 5, continue straight for 1.2km, then turn left onto Coldwater Road and join the route below.

From Service: Take Hwy 5 south. Take Exit 286, and turn left at the T-junction, towards Merritt. After 1.2km, turn Left onto Coldwater Road. 18km down Coldwater Road, turn Right onto Patchett Road. After 8km, turn Left onto Covert Place. Follow the signs to Coldwater Ranch and look for the Spectator Gate on your Right.

"HELMER LAKE" Forest Special: Access from 5:15 pm to 5:45 pm, then closed until 8:15 pm. Cars pass twice: 6:20 pm and 7:30 pm. Follow marshal's directions on where to park. See Helmer Lake Sat section (this page) for directions.



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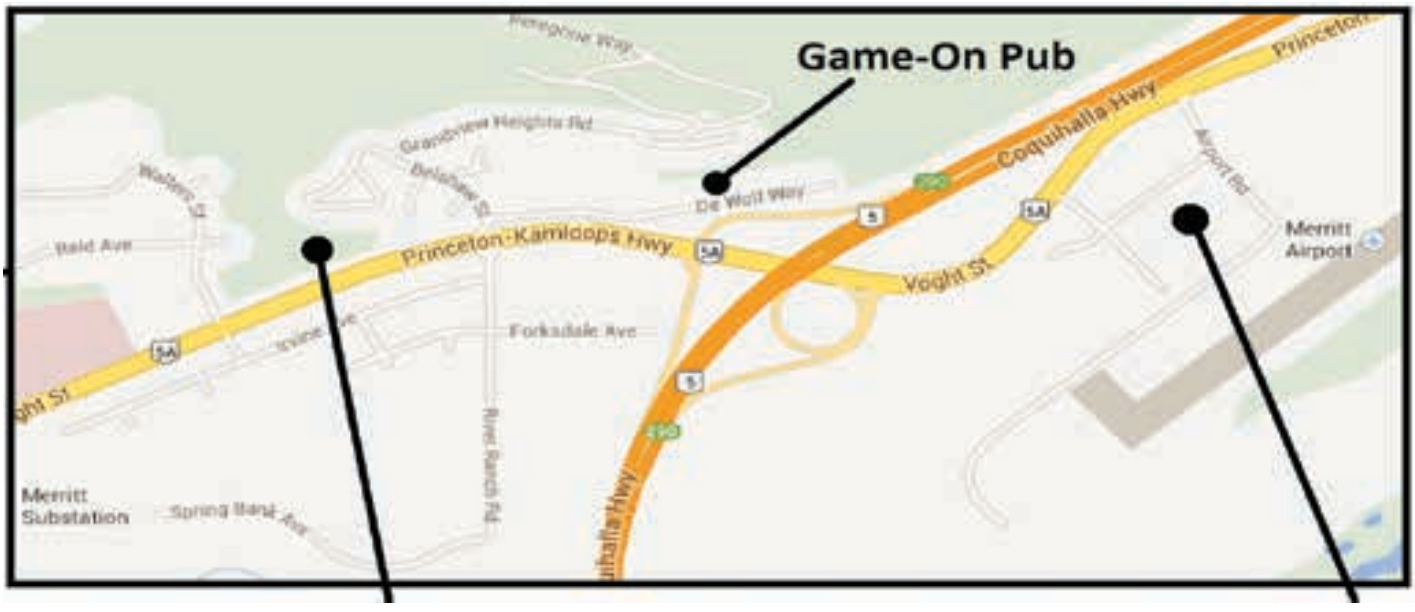


Registration Ramada Inn **Service**

THURSDAY, October 22

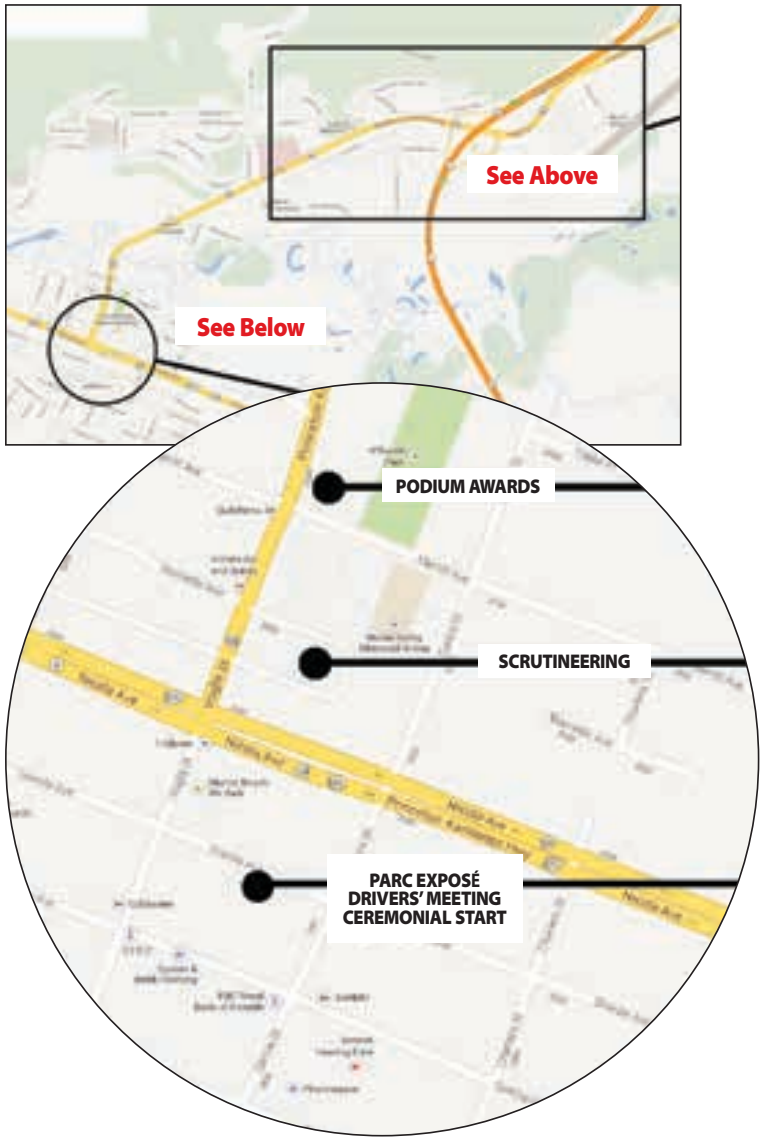
9am – noon	Registration – Ramada Inn
Noon – 6pm	Recce
6pm – 9pm	Scrutineering

FRIDAY, October 23

8am – 11am	Registration – Ramada Inn
9am – 12:30pm	Recce
1pm – 10:30pm	Service Park Open to Public – Wagon West Travel Plaza
4:30pm-5:30pm	Car Display – Granite Avenue
5:30pm	Ceremonial Start – Granite Avenue
5:30pm – 9pm	Spectator Point – Helmer Lake Night Special, Refer to Spectator map

SATURDAY, October 24

8am – 7pm	Service Park Open to the Public – Wagon West Travel Plaza. See Venue Map
9am – noon	Spectator Point – Dillard Forest Special. See Spectator Map
12:30pm – 3pm	Spectator Point – Coldwater Super Special. **See Spectator** Map
5:30pm – 8:30pm	Spectator Point – Helmer Lake Forest Special. See Spectator Map
Approx. 9pm	End of Rally. Winners Podium at Desert Inn. See Venue Map



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- Showers

Team: BXR POWER RALLY SPORT

Vehicle: 2006 Subaru WRX

Drivetrain: AWD

Class: Open 4WD

Driver, City, Prov/state: Stu Ford, BC

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Robin Chapelsky, AB

Profile: BXRPWR is back, more experienced and ready for revenge. Ford and new co-driver Chapelsky are looking for redemption in the new car. This Kamloops/ Edmonton team is looking forward to our 'home' rally - Pacific Forest Rally 2015! Thank you to all our great sponsors, family & friends, and especially the volunteers! Please like us on Facebook: BXR PWR Rally Sport! Welcome fans & spectators!

Sponsors: Dale's Auto Service, J. Ford & Sons, Nightshift, Protex, Underwraps Advertising Solutions, Metalmorphasis Fabrication, TriplePhiveAuto, Baja North.

Team: CRT RALLY TEAM

Vehicle: Mitsubishi Evo VIII

Drivetrain: AWD

Class: Production 4WD

Engine: 2.0L Turbo 4G63

Driver, City, Prov/state: Vilnis Dimpers, Calgary, AB

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Liga Kotane, Calgary, AB

Website: calgaryautomarine.com

Profile: "LVRT did some testing in preparation for Pacific Forest Rally. Vilnis Dimpers/ Liga Kotane enjoyed the handling of Evo VIII, but still need to get used to proper braking distances and shake off some rust, since it has been a while since our last race in Europe. Thanks to CRT, where the car was built and stationed. We are very satisfied with how test day went. See you all at Pacific Forest Rally!"

Team: CRT RALLY TEAM

Vehicle: 2002 Acura RSX Type S

Drivetrain: FWD

Class: O2WD

Engine: 2.0L

Driver, City, Prov/state: Tanveer Deen, Calgary, AB

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Michael Szewczyk, Calgary, AB

Website: calgaryautomarine.com
facebook.com/CRTRallyTeam

Profile: Teaming up for their second Pacific Forest Rally is the youngest team competing in the Canadian Rally Championship, Tanveer (19) and Michael (20). This is the team's second year competing together. They have grown a lot since their first event together and hope to build on last season's success where Tanveer managed to finish second in the O2WD driver's championship in only his first year of competing. The CRT Rally Team has moved to a faster car for this season and hopes to once again fight for a national 2WD podium position. A big thank you goes out to our new sponsor – RV Haulers.

Sponsors: Calgary Auto Marine Services (CAMS), CAMS Rally Tech, RV Haulers, ZZ Construction Ltd.

Team: HARDYBOY RACING

Vehicle: 2005 RKT Evo IX

Drivetrain: 4WD

Class: Open

Engine: 2.0 Liter

Driver, City, Prov/state: Hardy Schmidtke, Cochrane, Alberta.

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: John Hall, Sherwood Park, Alberta.

Profile: Hardy Schmidtke, a 4 time Western Canadian Rally Champion and his long time co-driver John Hall will be competing in the 2015 Pacific Forest Rally in their familiar Blue 2005 RKT Evo IX.

After a busy summer of construction and a bit of a rally drought throughout 2015, Hardy is excited to get back out on the stages for the Pacific Forest Rally.

In the meantime John has been busy competing in all of the Canadian Rally Championship and Rally America events, with a variety of drivers. PFR will be John's 13th event so far this season, having competed in the Lake Superior Performance Rally last weekend.

PFR will be Hardy and John's 31st rally together, first competing at a team in March 2010 at the Cochrane Winter Rally.

Team: HEATH FAMILY RACING

Vehicle: Toyota Yaris

Drivetrain: FWD

Class: Production 2WD

Engine: 1.5 L DOHC WTi

Driver, City, Prov/state: Dan Heath, Vancouver BC

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Holly Heath, Vancouver BC

Profile: This will be Dan and Holly's first time competing together in a stage rally. Holly has already co-drove competed in two stages rallies and Dan's enthusiasm for the sport has grown through spectating and working in a service crew. They competed in their first TSD rally this year at the WCRA Spring Novice Rally in their Mazda Protégé5. Dan and Holly are very thankful to their good friend Larry Louie for letting them take his stage ready Toyota Yaris out to play for PFR. Their goal is to finish, learn, and have fun. Pacific Forest Rally coincides with their first year anniversary so they thought what better way to celebrate than by tearing up some great roads.

Team: HEINONEN RACING

Vehicle: 1986 Corolla

Drivetrain: RWD with independent rear suspension

Class: Group 2

Engine: 6-cyl Supra motor

Driver, City, Prov/state: Taisto Heinonen, Hope, BC, Canada

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Leanne Junnila, Calgary, AB, Canada

Profile: The legend is back!! 'Flying Finn' Taisto is a 5-time Canadian Rally Championship winner and

holds more championship points than any other driver in Canadian History. He has taken a 30 year break from rally and is back to debut his newly built Toyota Corolla, a throwback to the kinds of cars he used to race. This will be his 3rd event with 3-time Canadian 2WD champion co-driver Leanne Junnila, as the pair competed at 2 rallies together in 2013, in 2 different cars, and won their class each time. Let's see what they can do at the 2015 Pacific Forest Rally!

Team: HV RACING

Vehicle: 1990 Eagle Talon

Class: OPEN

Engine: 4G63 : 85% Ethanol : GR Racing Tune

Driver, City, Prov/state: Peter Hunt – West Kelowna BC

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Saul Sharpe – Peachland BC

Website: dirtygirlracing.ca

Profile: The Dirty Duo is driving the Dirty Girl at PFR 2015.

We have tuned the car for E85, since it is a cleaner burning fuel and the way of the future.

The car has a whole new alcohol tune to compliment the many other upgrades we stuffed in to it at HV Racing. Suspension, braking and fuel system were entirely removed and re-fabricated to get through the rest of this season!

Heck, the way things are going we might even get new tires!

Come down and see us, we should be running around like chickens with our heads cut off, but your kids can get a cool temporary tattoo, and remember, there is alcohol, at least in the fuel tank!

Be safe, be fast, and come see us at PFR.

Team: JCB MOTORSPORTS

Vehicle: MITSUBISHI EVOLUTION X

Drivetrain: 4WD

Class: PRODUCTION

Engine: 2LT TURBO

Driver, City, Prov/state: Justin Bayliff, Edmonton, Alberta

Co-Driver, City, Prov/State: Christine Bayliff, Edmonton , Alberta

Profile: Competing in our first Pacific forest rally and in the new car. We are both very excited to see what the country side of merit has to offer but to gain important miles in the new car. Hopefully by the end of the weekend we can put together some competitive times.

Sponsors: ICEIS SAFETY, TATONKA , MODENA – RACING GEARS, FAN PLM

Team: JGVNR RALLY TEAM

Vehicle: 2004 Subaru WRX

Drivetrain: AWD

Class: Open

Engine: 2L Turbo (EJ205)

Driver, City, Prov/state: Roger Sieber, Fort McMurray, AB

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Garrett Mealing, Fort McMurray, AB

Website: facebook.com/JGVNR?ref=hl

Profile: Returning for the 4th time to PFR, ready for all the action this event has to offer. JGVNR Rally Team consists of a few backyard mechanics ready to rip up the spectacular roads in Merritt, BC. After a 1st overall result at the season opener in Cochrane, we're looking to score some more points for the western Canadian championship. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for team updates @ jgvnr.rally.team

Sponsors: Flat Out Design Inc

Team: KAMUNEN RACING

Vehicle: 1987 Toyota Corolla GTS

Drivetrain: Rear wheel drive

Class: Open 2wd

Engine: 4AGE 1600cc 4cyl, 16v, fuel injected

Driver, City, Prov/state: Eric Grochowski, Calgary AB

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: To be determined…

Profile: After a 2 year break from competition, Eric is back in the driver's seat and chasing the Western Canadian Rally Championship for 2wd. Except, this time it's in a rear wheel drive Toyota. The 2008 and 2012 Canadian 2wd champion driver, best known for competing in FWD VWs, has adapted well to the change in driveline and leads the 2wd category for Western Canada after 2 wins this year. However, the competition is stronger than ever, and with usual team co-driver Leanne Junnila out of the car, the Pacific Forest Rally will be a challenging test on some of the best rally roads in the nation.

Special thanks is owed to Kris Schofield for building, tuning, and supporting this awesome rally machine.

Sponsors: Rallysport.ca, Ista Photo

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Team:MPR

Vehicle: Ford Ranger

Drivetrain: RWD

Class: Open 2wd

Driver, City, Prov/state: Matt Pullen, Calgary AB

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: David Ma, Calgary AB

Profile: it's the second rally for the new look Team MPR, and we are looking to capitalize on the solid first event by entering both regional and national portions at PFR.

Sponsors: thanks to Red Dragon IT Ltd and Raven Truck Accessories

Team: RALLY TEAM IRELAND

Vehicle: Mitsubishi Evo 9

Drivetrain: 4x4 Turbo

Class: Super production

Engine: 2.0

Driver, City, Prov/state: Trevor J Harding, Vancouver, BC

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Ray Fitzpatrick, Tipperary Ireland

Website: trevorharding.com

Profile: Irish National Rally Champion. Harding's rally career began in Ireland in 1998. His totally committed and flamboyant driving style has won him numerous championships throughout Ireland and England. Due to the sudden downturn of the Irish economy, funding was stopped and he was forced to end his rally career in 2009. After relocating to Canada, he was able to jump back into the rally scene with his first Canadian debut at the Big White Winter Rally in 2014 where he placed third overall.

Sponsors: Fraser Valley Pre-owned

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Team: REVOLUTIONARY SPORTS TEAM

Vehicle: 2004 Subaru STI

Drivetrain: AWD

Class: Open

Engine: 2.5L Turbo

Driver, City, Prov/state: Sam Albert, Tacoma, Washington

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Michelle Miller, Federal Way, Washington

Website: facebook.com/revolutionarysports

Profile: Coming of a 4th place overall finish at Idaho Rally, the team is looking to maintain their podium spot in the Cascadia International Rally Cup as they approach the final events of the season. Both Sam and Michele are instructors at the DirtFish Rally School in Snoqualmie, Washington and are hoping to put their skills to the test on the unforgiving roads of the Pacific Forest Rally.

Sam began his rally career in 2010 competing in the Atlantic Rally Cup and has raced in various events across the USA and Canada since. This is his first year going for a full championship bid in the Cascadia International Rally Cup.

Michelle, a 3x USA National Autocross Champion, just began competing in rally this fall as a codriver. Although she is no stranger to rally, she is looking to gain more competition experience in the sport.

Sponsors: Turbo By Garrett, Innovative Tuning, DirtFish Rally School, Acme Tavern

Team: ROCKET RALLY RACING

Vehicle: 2002 Subaru WRX

Drivetrain: 6 Speed Synchro

Class: Open4WD

Engine: 2.0L Turbocharged

Driver, City, Prov/state: Kenny Wahl North Vancouver BC

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Aaron Neumann Coquitlam BC

Profile: Kenny is a long time rally fan, with a passion for anything that involves fuel. Normally, you'll find him in the service park working on Antoine L'estage's Subaru Rally Team Canada car, but getting sideways in the forest is what he likes best. Aaron makes for an excellent co-driver, as he is no stranger to being in the driver's seat; before co-driving, Aaron was well known for his skill in a two wheel drive car, regularly beating more powerful cars in the 4WD class.

With enormous amounts of help and support from loved ones, family, friends, and the mentorship of Pat Richard, the pair have made quite a name for themselves in Western Canadian Rally. This is Kenny and Aaron's second outing at PFR, and they aim to better their finish from last year's 4th overall… and have a blast goin' fast!

Sponsors: RENEGADE Diesel Service, Rocket Rally Racing

Team: RRM

Vehicle: 2000 Subaru Impreza 2.5RS

Drivetrain: 4WD

Class: P4WD

Engine: 2.5 N/A

Driver, City, Prov/state: Alex Kouzmin Surrey, BC

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Dylan Couper Vancouver, BC

Profile: Alex started rallying in the USSR in 1978 after retiring from motocross. He has completed over 50 rallies with podium finishes and one National Overall win, he retired from rallying in 1990, but recently started competing again in TSD and Rally-X. This is Alex's third event in 24 years and he is looking forward to competing again.

Dylan has been competing in TSD and Rally-X for a number of years but this is his first stage rally

And he's looking forward to it.

Sponsors: Binaka Auto Repair, Auction Tire.

PFR TV Coverage

Starting October 2015 TSN and RDS will broadcast the Canadian Rally Championship series.

Check you local listings for dates and times.

Team: SUBARU RALLY TEAM CANADA

Vehicle: 2015 Subaru WRX STI

Drivetrain: All-wheel drive

Class: Open

Engine: 2.0 L Boxer

Driver, City, Prov/state: Antoine L'Estage, St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Alan Ockwell, Etobicoke, Ontario

Website: www.rocketrally.com

Profile:

Subaru Rally Team Canada is operated by Squamish, BC-based Rocket Rally. The team is bringing its 2015 Subaru WRX STI to the Pacific Forest Rally, aiming to extend its lead in the 2015 Canadian Rally Championship. 7-time Canadian champion Antoine L'Estage will be commanding the 2015 WRX STI, with Alan Ockwell in the co-driver seat.

Sponsors: Subaru Canada. Rocket Rally. Yokohama Tires. Gulf Lubricants. Vision X Lighting. Crawford Performance.

Team: TBR MOTORSPORTS

Vehicle: 2001 Ford Focus

Drivetrain: FWD

Class: Open 2WD

Engine: DOHC 2.0L

Driver, City, Prov/state: Adam Jones, Calgary, AB

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Peter Brook, Lethbridge, AB

Website: www.facebook.com/TBRmotorsports

Profile: Rallying together for the first time, TBR Motorsports' Adam Jones (Look for his self-titled Hollywood film soon, played by Bradley Cooper), and co-driver Peter Brook, look to bring home a strong finish at PFR. This will be Adam's first time racing in the beautiful Nicola Valley, but fresh off a solid 4th in class at Radium Rally, he hopes the addition of experienced co-driver Peter, will help the team's success. TBR's weapon of choice is a Ford Focus, we assure you it's

bark is worse than it's bite, but it is a strong performing car, and is getting better dialed in the more stage km it runs.

Sponsors: YYC Midnight customs, GTRauto.ca, Ward Tires – High River

Team: TRAVIS' RALLY TEAM

Vehicle: 004 WRX STI

Drivetrain: AWD

Class: AWD

Engine: 2.5L NA

Driver, City, Prov/state: Travis Nease , Redmond, WA

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Corey Salsbery, Vancouver, WA

Website: facebook.com/Travisrallyteam

Profile: This is Travis' first event in Canada and his 3rd stage rally after completing the Oregon Trail Rally and Olympus Rally earlier this year in the Rally America series in the Open Light category. His co-driver Corey is normally a driver and competed last year at this event as a driver. They are in a NA Subaru so it will be difficult to compete with the turbo guys in the AWD classes but both are looking forward to the challenge.

Sponsors: Method Race Wheels

Team: SALT DISTRIBUTORS INC.

Vehicle: 2004 Subaru WRX STI

Drivetrain: 4wd

Class: Open

Engine: 2.5l ej257

Driver, City, Prov/state: Matt Binczewski, Newman Lake, WA

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: John Kesslar, Lethbridge, AB

Website: fishheadperformance.com/

Profile: Matt started at the bottom, driving a 1985 Subaru GL on logging roads at 11 years old. Now he's here and is very excited to be teaming up with John, a giant Canadian Co-driver in boots. Big thanks to the sponsors and all of the organizers for putting together this event. But an even bigger thanks to all the volunteers for giving up their time so we can all go racing. You're the heart and soul of this sport.

John, racing under the Fat Tail Racing team banner, is looking forward to teaming up with Matt for the first time. It is my second year racing/co-driving and my second time attending the amazing PFR event. I am looking forward to all of the hospitality that the City of Merritt offers and want to thank all of the volunteers and organizers for their hard work; fans for their enthusiasm; competitors for their friendly rivalry and comradery; and everyone for their passion for rallying. Without all of you none of this is possible... Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Sponsors: Salt distributors Inc.; Fishhead performance tuning.

Team: SEEHORN RALLY TEAM

Vehicle: 2005 Subaru STI

Drivetrain: AWD

Class: Open AWD

Engine: 2.5L H4 Turbo

Driver, City, Prov/state: Jeff Seehorn, Spokane, WA

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Karen Jankowski, Vancouver, WA

Website: facebook.com/SMRRallyteam

Profile: "Seehorn Rally Team is a new team based out of Spokane, WA. This year has been an exciting year for the team and they are currently leading the Cascadia Cup overall points Championship. The team is pumped to be competing in their first Canadian National and looks forward to turning up dirt north of the border!

Owner/Driver Jeff Seehorn built the team car from the ground up and started into rally in 2014. His career highlights were his first regional overall win this year at the Oregon Trail Rally where he finished third overall in the combined National/Regional results. He did not enter that rally nationally and missed out on all the glory! He's hungry to officially be on a national podium and is excited to compete against Canada's greatest rally teams.

Co-Driver Karen Jankowski (Wagner) is no stranger to Canadian rally events as she ran her first event there in 2009. 6 years later she has competed in more than a dozen events throughout Canada including the CARS championship and Targa Newfoundland. This year she has teamed up with Seehorn Rally Team, scoring a 2nd place at their first event together Idaho Rally (missed 1st by only two seconds). After multiple championships and overall wins, her sights are set on winning the Cascadia Cup and to do that they need a strong finish at Pacific Forest rally "

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Team: SLIP ANGLE RACING

Vehicle: 02 Subaru WRX

Drivetrain: AWD

Class: Production

Engine: 2 liter turbo

Driver, City, Prov/state: Ryan, Cuddy, Geneva, Switzerland

Co-driver, City, Prov/state: Lala Bakstad, Airdrie, Alberta

Website: Cuddys' Rally Journal (facebook)

Profile: Cuddy- Avid racing fan of all kinds, High performance driving instructor, as well as loose surface driving, motorcycle instructor, Rallying is my passion.

We are trying to start a documentary on the sport of rallying from a grass level perspective, stay tuned for more info on facebook,

Lala- Driving instructor for cars and big trucks, newer to Rally but has the hunger to do well.

Sponsors: Royal Purple, Race Keeper, and my wallet.

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Good Advice for Novice Rally Car Enthusiasts

The first item to get is a Canadian Association of Rallysport (CARS) rulebook. This book describes all the requirements for drive/co-driver eligibility, car preparation and car class structures. Available to download at www.carsrally.ca

The second area to pay attention to is your car because the order in which you need to proceed is important.

Here are the top five ways, in order of importance where you should spend your time and money.

SAFETY ITEMS: Buy the best you can afford right from the beginning, starting with the cage, belts and seats. An inexpensive addition is a foot brace for the co-driver.

SUPENSION: Upgrade the suspension components to allow the car to withstand the bangs, bumps and jumps that come with pushing the limits of the car.

BRAKES: Improving the stopping power of the car is the next logical step.

TIRES: From the start buy the tires you can afford. Standard production tires are all you need to start. Later on, you can buy 'cast-offs' from other competitors that have some life left, and this way you can experience the advantage rally tires give an experienced driver.

Aaron Kathman Photo

DRIVETRAIN: The last item you should worry about and this one is the most expensive for the least gain.

Contact your local motorsport shop for more advice on what you need to go rallying. In B.C. and Alberta contact driversedgeautosport.com and rallysport.ca who support and sponsor PFR and rally events in Canada.

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Anatomy Of A Rally Car

What makes this "real car" more real than your daily driver.

MOTOR:
Depending on class, engines are either left stock (prod. classes) or can be modified to produce up to 400 HP (open class).

SAFETY:
The most important modifications are the roll cage and the 5-point harnesses. The roll cage also helps to stiffen the car.

LIGHTING:
High intensity bulbs are used and extra lights mounted on the hood for night-time racing.

SKID PLATING:
Aircraft-grade aluminum and high-density plastic are used to protect the underside from rocks. Without it the underside would quickly be beaten to a pulp.

SUSPENSION:
After safety, this is the most important modification. Oversized dampers and heavier springs are a must for soaking up bumps and providing handling. The car is also raised from stock ride height.

WHEELS:
A rally tire has much stiffer sidewalls and a more aggressive tread than an all-season radial. Stronger rims are also used to avoid flats on the big rocks.

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Rallying for the Cause

PFR partners with Abilitas Foundation

The Abilitas Foundation is pleased to be partnering once again with Pacific Forest Rally (PFR) and the Canadian Rally Championship.

The Abilitas Foundation operates the Cold Water Ranch Lodge, British Columbia's first and only respite facility of its kind for kids and adults living with disabilities.

The facility is a safe and peaceful environment that provides free-of-charge respites for individuals and families living with disabilities, allowing them a much-needed place to rest, recharge and re-connect.

Corporate and other groups can also book a retreat, which supports the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Lodge.

The 800-acre Cold Water Ranch generously donated a section of its ranch land to the Abilitas Foundation on which the Cold Water Ranch Lodge is built. Since opening its doors in October 2013, the response to the Cold Water Ranch Lodge has been tremendous.

The Cold Water Ranch will also be used by PFR for one of its rally stages.

While at the Cold Water Ranch stage of the race, please consider stopping by to view the Lodge and the important part it plays as a welcoming refuge for families and children.

For more information, please visit www.abilitasfoundation.org.

Best of luck, racers!

Eco Challenge

One unique feature of the Pacific Forest Rally is the Eco Challenge, where teams compete to see who can get the best time on the least fuel. Total time is multiplied by total fuel, and lowest score wins. A lot of fun can be had in light, smaller-engined vehicles!

Canadian Rally Championship

National Rally Schedule

Round 4: Oct 23 &24
PACIFIC FOREST RALLY,
Merritt B.C.
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Round 5: Oct 31 & Nov 1.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN,
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Round 6 Final : Nov 27 & 28 .
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Welcome Back Flying Finn!

After a 30-year break, five-time Canadian Rally Champion and 2003 Motorsport Hall of Famer Taisto Heinonen will debut his rebuilt 1986 Toyota Corolla at this year's PFR, Merritt, B.C.

Heinonen racked up 40 victories in Canadian national events during his relatively short career between 1977 and 1982, after which he retired from competition. He currently holds the top position in Lifetime Points and Wins, twice as many as the current Canadian champions.

Heinonen's car control in tough road conditions is legendary and will be a thrill to watch on Merritt's challenging stages at PFR, which he last won way back in 1979.

Legendary Canadian Rally Champion Taisto Heinonen last won PFR in 1979. He will debut his rebuilt 1986 Toyota Corolla with three–time Canadian 2WD Champion, Leanne Junnila.

West Coast Rally Association WCRA/RallyBC
Western Rally Schedule

2015
November 21 & 22
Totem Rally, Cache Creek, B.C.
December 5 & 6
Big White, Big White B.C.

2016
Feb 6-7, **TBird Rally,**
Merritt B.C.
April TBF **Spring Novic Rally,**
Mission B.C.
July TBF **Heart of Darkness Rally,** Merritt B.C.
Aug TBF **Summer Novice Rally,**
Mission B.C.
Oct 1, **PFR,** Merritt B.C.

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2015 Canadian Rally Championship Top 5 Standings
after 3 of 6 rounds.

Overall Drivers	Total Points
1 Antoine L'Estage	.45
2 Joel Leval	.39
3 Karel Carre	.31
4 Sylvain Vincent	.29
5 Jeremy Norris	.23
Co-Drivers	
1 Alan Ockwell	.45
2 Philippe Poirer	.43
3 Stephanie Lewis	.39
4 Anik Barette	.19
5 Dominique Cyr	.17
5 Jean Tremblay	.17
2WD Drivers	
1 Simon Dube	.56
2 Nicholas Laverdiere	.40
3 Chris Greenhouse	.22
4 Dave St Piere	.14
4 Kurt Thiel	.14
5 Simon Lortie	.12
Co-Drivers	
1 Lachang	.39
2 Phil Hall	.22
3 Jean Tremblay	.22
4 Arianne Laverdiere	.18
5 Aron Crescenti	.17

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