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This has been a challenging year for BC's forests, with a province-wide state of emergency declared due to the extreme forest fire danger, recreational closures in many areas. At last, the autumn weather is cooling off and lowering the danger - otherwise we would not be able to have our fun out in the woods!

It is worth remembering, however, that the danger is not completely gone, so please be extremely careful out in the woods.

Merritt has been our host for PFR since 2002, and we are always very appreciative of the support of local businesses, City of Merritt and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as the forest companies, ranches and government officials who allow us to continue with this fun and challenging event.

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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 and 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.

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

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Subaru’s New Program Supports Grassroots Enthusiasm

At the end of the 2017 Canadian Rally Championship (CRC) season, the Subaru Rally Team Canada (SRTC) announced that it would no longer participate competitively. However, Subaru Canada is continuing its support as presenting sponsor of the 2018 CRC season and has announced an enhanced involvement in the form of an all-new rally purchase program and an improved contingency program.

“This is far from the end of Subaru’s involvement in rally in Canada,” said Yasushi Enami, president, chairman and CEO Subaru Canada. “With a record 13 Manufacturer’s championships, rally has really shown the strong attributes of the Subaru products under the most extreme conditions. We look forward to helping the sport continue to grow.”

Intended to strengthen the sport in Canada, the programs will provide financial support to current and aspiring rally participants in Canada.

“With such a rich rally history, we wanted to find a way to support enthusiasts at the grassroots level,” said Enami. “We think these two programs will do exactly that by encouraging more people to get involved in the sport in Canada — and helping them keep at it.”

Rally Purchase Program
Open to Canadian residents holding current, valid CRC licences, the all-new Subaru Canada Rally Car Purchase Rebate Program is intended to provide current and aspiring participants with a rebate on any new Subaru vehicle for rally use.

Approved applicants to the program will be provided with a one-time rebate of up to $10,000 off the purchase price of any new 2017 model year or newer Subaru vehicle.

The vehicle must be purchased through an authorized Canadian Subaru dealer, and it must be converted to rally specifications as per the CRC guidelines.

Effective April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, the rally purchase program is designed to bring even more competitors into Canadian rally competition. For more information, log on to the CRC website.

Subaru Rally Contingency
For the 2018 season, any registered Subaru participants will be eligible for payouts for simply starting a national CRC event.

Additional payouts will also be awarded for the top six Subaru finishers in every CRC event regardless of their overall finish, as well as every Subaru that finishes in the Top 6 overall.

Subaru Canada will also provide payouts at the end of the 2018 CRC season for the top Subaru drivers. Administered by the Canadian Association of Rally Sport (CARS), the official sanctioning body of the CRC, the optional contingency program is open to all Subaru entries regardless of home country. To register, log on to the CARS website.

Launched in 1957, the CRC is Canada’s longest-running national motorsport series. The championship comprises seven rounds, three in B.C., one in Ontario and three in Quebec. Subaru Canada has supported the CRC officially since 1998, first as a Title Sponsor and more recently as a Presenting Sponsor.

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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 5:00pm to 5:45pm, then from 7:00pm to 7:45pm. Cars pass twice: 6:20pm and 8:20pm
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, over the cattleguard, then turn right and continue for 2km to the spectator parking at Kirby Road.
Travel time from Merritt: 25 minutes

“SPIUS” Forest Special:
Access from 3:00pm to 3:30pm, then from 5:00pm to 5:15pm. Cars pass twice: 4:30pm and 6:00pm
From Merritt: proceed along Hwy 5 southbound. Take Exit 256 (Coldwater Road) and turn left at the T-junction. After about 2.5km, turn left onto Gillis Road, cross a small bridge and turn left up the hill on the gravel road, then keep right at the first cattleguard. Continue for another 7km, until you see the 7km post on your right. Wait here for directions from marshals. The viewing area is another 2km into the stage, and requires crossing a small ditch to park - not suitable for lowered vehicles.
Travel time from SPIUS spectator: 30 minutes
Travel time from Merritt: 40 minutes

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14
“HELMER LAKE” Forest Special:
Access from 9:00am to 9:45am, then closed until 12 noon. Cars pass twice: 10:00am and 11:15am.
See directions for Helmer above.

“COMSTOCK” Forest Special:
Access from 12:30pm to 1:00pm. Cars pass twice: 1:20pm and 2:20pm
From Merritt: proceed along Hwy 5 southbound. Take Exit 276 (Comstock Road) and turn left at the T-junction. Continue under the highway then straight ahead, then follow marshal's directions to park.
Travel time from COMSTOCK spectator: 30 minutes
Travel time from Merritt: 15 minutes

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
The forest spectator locations are remote and do not have services such as toilets or concessions, so make sure to plan ahead.
Obey rally marshals instructions and please read safety instructions at pacificforestrally.com
Events Schedule and Venue Locations

**THURSDAY, September 27**
9am – noon  Registration Best Western Plus
noon – 5pm  Recce
5pm – 8pm  Scrutineering

**FRIDAY, September 28**
8am – 11am  Registration – Best Western Plus
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, September 29**
8am – 7pm  Service Park Open to the Public – Wagon West Travel Plaza.
See Venue Map
9:30am – noon  Spectator Point – Helmer Lake Special.
See Spectator Map
1pm – 3pm  Spectator Point – Comstock Special.
See Spectator Map
4pm – 7pm  Spectator Point – Spius Special.
See Spectator Map
Approx. 9pm  End of Rally. Winners Podium at Best Western Plus.
Banquet at Boston Pizza.
See Venue Map
**Team: Cuddy Motorsports**  
**Vehicle:** 2004 Subaru WRX  
**Drivetrain:** AWD  
**Class:** Production  
**Engine:** 2L turbo  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Ryan Cuddy, Calgary, AB  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Peter Brook, Lethbridge, AB  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/cuddymotorsports/  
**Photo Credit:** Shawn Bishop  
**Profile:** We are currently in the process of building an Open 4wd rally car. Unfortunately we will not be able to complete it on time for PFR 2018; we hope to have it ready later in the fall. Until then we will be competing in our production car. This car will be available for rent/sale soon, inquire if interested. We are looking forward to competing at PFR 2018 this year, as I didn’t have a chance to get out there in 2017. Its a tight competition at the moment in the production 4wd class, currently we are tied in 2nd place in the Western Canada Rally Championship; the last three events of the season are going to prove to be tough, and the battles with the other teams should be awesome.  

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**Team: AK Racing**  
**Vehicle:** 2015 Ford Fiesta  
**Drivetrain:** 2WD  
**Class:**  
**Engine:** 1.6 L Turbo  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Alex Kouzmin, Surrey, BC  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Matt Martin Chilliwack, BC  
**Photo Credit:** Shawn Bishop  
**Profile:** 2017 PFR last year wasn’t finished due to a broken rear suspension in 2005 Mini Cooper which was the only rally Mini in Western Canada. Mini didn’t take rocky gravel roads too well and just became dedicated tarmac racing car in Kelowna. Now AK Racing Team is back rallying 2015 turbo charged Ford Fiesta. Driver and Co-driver are both BC residents and very exited to be back in one of the favorite rallies in Canada.  

**Sponsors:** Action Tire Surrey, BC, Binaka Auto repair

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**Team: Fat Tail Racing**  
**Vehicle:** 2015 Subaru WRX  
**Drivetrain:** AWD  
**Class:** P4wd  
**Engine:** 2.0L  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Nicholas Spencer, Lethbridge AB  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** David Ma, Calgary AB  
**Photo Credit:** Nick Spencer  
**Profile:** Nick and David are looking forward to competing again in beautiful Merritt BC. The 2015 wrx is in production class and this may be the last year the team competes in production.  

**Sponsors:** Nova 3 Labs, Great North Performance, Reflex Supplements

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**Team: FL4T FOUR Motorsports**  
**Vehicle:** 2004 Subaru WRX  
**Drivetrain:** AWD  
**Class:** P4WD  
**Engine:** EJ205  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Brandon Liang, Camrose, AB  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Michael Szewczyk, Calgary, AB  
**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/FL4TFOUR  
**Photo Credit:** Eric Schofhauser – Schofhauser Media  
**Profile:** FL4T FOUR Motorsports returns to the picturesque Nicola Valley for one of their favourite events on the calendar – the Pacific Forest Rally. With some major upgrades to the car since their last rally back in May, the young team hopes for a strong result. FL4T Four

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**Team: Clark Rally Empire**  
**Vehicle:** BMW X3Ti  
**Drivetrain:** Rear Wheel Drive  
**Class:** Open 2WD  
**Engine:** 3.2L inline 6 Ecoboost  
**Driver, City, State:** Dave Clark, Yakima, Washington  
**Co-driver, State:** Jamie Willetts, Calgary, Alberta  
**Profile:** They pretend to know what they’re doing but Dave doesn’t listen to Jamie. He’s too preoccupied with his hot sauce and coffee endeavors to listen to his nonsense. Jamie is too busy trying to keep track of Dave to have any idea what’s going on. It’s amazing that they’ve actually finished a rally. Sometimes they go fast and spray champagne. The main goal for this team is to get sideways because that’s winning at life.  

**Sponsors:** Lakeview Automotive, Shifting Motorcycle School, Cuddy Motorsports.

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**Team: EP Racing**  
**Vehicle:** 2002 WRX Wagon  
**Drivetrain:** AWD  
**Class:** Production 4WD  
**Engine:** 2.0 L turbo  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Eric Pehota, Pemberton, BC  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Jennifer Daly, Okanagan, BC  
**Photo Credit:** Aaron Kathman  
**Profile:** After an excellent result at Rocky in the spring, despite an ailing transmission, EP Racing is thrilled to be competing again on the scenic Merritt stages. The team has been hard at work improving their classic  

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**Do not approach the dangerous spots.**
FOUR would like to thank all their sponsors, as well as the organizing team for putting the event together. Stop by the tent to grab a poster and say hi!

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**Team: Frontech Racing**  
**Vehicle:** Mitsubishi Evo x  
**Drivetrain:** 4wd  
**Class:** Open  
**Engine:** Open  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Boris Djordjevic, Edmonton, AB  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Martin Bournley, Edmonton, AB  
**Website:** Frontechracing.com  
**Profile:** After the quick on SS 2 in 2017 Frontech Racing team is aiming at the highest step on the podium. Familiarity with the Merritt roads, high speed configuration and good car will allow for a good showing in this tough event.

**Sponsors:** Mitsubishi Canada, Hella Usa, Dmack Tires, Frontech Solutions Inc

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**Team: Kamunen Racing**  
**Vehicle:** 2000 Subaru 2.5RS  
**Drivetrain:** 4WD  
**Class:** P4WD  
**Engine:** 2.5L stock non-turbo  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Leanne Junnila, Calgary AB  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Eric Grochowski, Calgary AB  
**Photo Credit:** John Groo, 2018  
**Profile:** One of the most experienced drivers in Canada, Eric Grochowski, and one of the most experienced co-drivers in North America, Leanne Junnila..... are swapping seats for the 2018 Pacific Forest Rally!! While Eric has some experience co-driving this will be Leanne’s first time in the driver’s seat after 16 years in the sport. Don’t expect any blazing stage times though, as her main goal is just to stay on the road and the rally car she will be driving has been dubbed the ‘Slowbaru’. Either way the team plans to have a wildly fun weekend!

**Sponsors:** Thanks to Team O’Neil, Savage Dave Rally, and Team Way She Goes for your support in making this possible!

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**Team: JGVNR Rally Team**  
**Vehicle:** 2004 Subaru WRX  
**Drivetrain:** AWD  
**Class:** Open  
**Engine:** 2L Turbo (EJ205)  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Roger Sieber, Fort McMurray, AB  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Garrett Mealing, Coldstream, BC  
**Website:** @jgvnr.rally.team  
**Profile:** Returning for the 7th time to PFR, achieving our first national stage win at this event last year, we are looking forward to adding a few more this year. Our car has also finished this event 7 times, ranging from 4th overall to on the roof. Come check us out on the stages and service park, usually using precision tooling such as big hammers and pry bars. This is our favorite event of the year with its spectacular roads, spectators, organizers and volunteers.

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**Team: No Limit Rally Sport**  
**Vehicle:** 1994 Acura Integra  
**Drivetrain:** FWD  
**Class:** Open 2wd  
**Engine:** 4cyl, 1.8L  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Ken Wawryk, Vancouver, BC  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Chris Kremer, Calgary, AB  
**Website / Facebook:** Facebook - No Limit Rally Sport  
**Photo Credit:** Jason Nugent Photography  
**Profile:** After a disappointing end to PFR 2017, Ken is back and ready to show this event what he’s made of. Coming back this year as a national competitor, Ken has teamed up with a new co-driver. Chris brings 8 years of experience to the team. First teaming up at Rocky Mountain rally this year, they gained some valuable experience together. Now both members feel that they are ready to have some fun on the technical and challenging roads that PFR offers.

Don't stand at places with no escape way in case of emergency.
Team: Mad Thrasher Motorsports
Vehicle: 2006 Toyota Yaris
Drivetrain: 2WD
Class: 2WD Production
Engine: 1.5L L4 DOHC 16-valve
Driver, City, Prov: Bryan Palsson, Abbotsford, BC
Co-driver, City, Prov: Andrew Andrus, White Rock, BC
Profile: This Toyota will not quit. Bryan Palsson & Andrew Andrus team up to tackle the Pacific Forest Rally. This being our first event we plan on givin’er. Having such a great rally community has been motivating to push ourselves to achieve our dreams of competing.

Photo Credit: Andrew Andrus

Team: PRM Racing Team
Vehicle: 2007 Subaru Impreza STI
Drivetrain: AWD
Class: O4WD
Driver, City, Prov: Krystian Ostrowski, Calgary AB
Co-driver, City, Prov: Chris Galecki, Calgary AB
Facebook: facebook.com/PolishRallyMafia
Profile: Krystian and Chris started rallying as a team in 2010 and never missed PFR since then. Looking forward to drive the spectacular roads in scenic Nicola Valley. Safe and fun event to all of our competitors, volunteers and spectators. See you in Merritt!
Sponsors: Kamco Interiors, Cracovia Deli, Kuksshop

Photo Credit: Peter MacDonald/CDNRally

Team: Rocket Rally
Vehicle: 2016 Subaru Crosstrek
Drivetrain: 4WD
Class: O4WD
Engine: 4 cylinder Turbo
Driver, City, Prov: Brandon Semenuk, Squamish, BC
Co-driver, City, Prov: John Hall, Sherwood Park, AB
Photo Credit/Permission: CRC
Profile: The Pacific Forest Rally is a favorite of the team who are once again looking forward to a really good rally in Merritt. In 2017 Brandon & John finished 2nd overall.

Team: Rally Syndicate (Cronus Rally)
Vehicle: 2015 Ford Fiesta R2
Drivetrain: 2WD
Class: Open 2wd
Engine: 2L – 4cyl Naturally Aspirated
Driver, City, Prov: Wim van der Poel, Bragg Creek, AB
Co-driver, City, Prov: Bryan Lord, Cochrane, AB
Website / Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CronusRally
Photo Credit: Danny Bujold
Profile: Rally Syndicate (Cronus Rally) is looking forward to the incredible roads that make up the Pacific Forest Rally every year. Along with Merritt’s hospitality and support for PFR, this makes it a must attend event. Wim, Bryan and the Rally Syndicate crew have moved into the 2wd category with a new car for the 2018 season challenging the full CRC Championship.
Sponsors: Gulf Lubricants

Team: WFR Rally Team
Vehicle: 2004 Subaru WRX
Drivetrain: AWD
Class: P4WD
Engine: 2L Turbo
Driver, City, Prov: Chris Braun, Calgary, AB
Co-driver, City, Prov: Keith Morison, Calgary, AB
Website / Facebook: facebook.com/WFRRT/
Photo Credit: Louren Sansregret
Profile: WFR Rally’s return to the Pacific Forest Rally sees driver Chris Braun teaming up with veteran co-driver Keith Morison. The goal for the team is simply to drive cleanly and have fun on the amazing stages the event has to offer. Braun and Morison have developed a strong relationship in the past as Course Car driver and Clerk of the Course, respectively, but this is the first time they will team up in competition.

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On The Cover (Clockwise)
JGVNR Rally. Roger Sieber: 2004 Subaru WRX
Seven Stars Trevor Harding: 2017 Impreza STI
Rocket Rally Brandon Semenuk: 2016 Crosstrek

Credits: Team photographers.
**Team: KRR Kamloops Race and Rally**

**Vehicle:** 1971 Datsun 1200  
**Drivetrain:** RWD  
**Class:** 02WD  
**Engine:** Nissan SR20 2 ltr 16v  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Nick Wood, Kamloops, BC  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Tiffany MacDonald, Monte Lake, BC  

**Photo Credit:** Rallysport.ca – Shawn Bishop  
**Profile:** After a 3rd place National Podium at the 2017 Pacific Forest Rally, we are back with some weight taken out of the car and all the new car gremlins worked out. With our new co-driver Tiffany MacDonald, the KRR team are hoping for great results at this year’s event.  

**Sponsors:** Westsyde Service, Parallel Welding & Machine, and KRR Kamloops race and rally.

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**Team: WAY SHE GOES**

**Vehicle:** 2012 Ford Fiesta R2  
**Drivetrain:** 2wd  
**Class:** Open Open 2wd  
**Engine:** 4cyl Turbo  
**Driver, City, Prov:** Jason Bailey, Vancouver, BC  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Shayne Peterson, Maple Ridge, BC  

**Photo Credit:** Danny Bujold  
**Profile:** John and Bill are looking forward to the Western debut of the Fiesta ST (R 1.5) at PFR. Having spent several seasons campaigning John’s very well know, and popular 1973 Corolla, the change to driving the wheels at the other end of the car, with fuel injection and even a turbo will be entertaining for all.

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**Team: Rally Syndicate (Canary Racing)**

**Vehicle:** 2015 Fiesta ST  
**Drivetrain:** 2 WD  
**Class:** Prod 2WD  
**Engine:** 1.6 L- 4cyl Turbo  
**Driver, City, Prov:** John Munroe, Calgary, Alberta  
**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Bill Dubreuil, Crawford Bay, BC  

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**Eco Challenge**

Getting the best time from the least fuel

In recognition of the need to promote fuel conservation, the Eco Challenge Award was introduced in 2007. The award is given to the team that gets the best time from the least fuel. It is open to national and regional teams, based on their total scores from Saturday’s stages, multiplied by the amount of fuel they consume. This rewards teams who manage their resource the most responsibly while still having great fun behind the wheel.

Teams who registered for the Eco Challenge pay no fee, but must place two supplied decals prominently on the vehicle. At the start on Saturday, each participating team’s gas tank is filled and a seal affixed to the fuel filler. At each refuelling stop and at the final MTC, the seal is inspected, broken to refuel and a new seal affixed. The team’s fuel cans are weighted before and after the refuelling and this weight is recorded as a measure of the fuel added.

The fuel zone marshals will be judges of fact for checking seals, weight of fuel added and verifying that the tank is full at the finish.

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**Official PFR Service Park**  
See the Rally Cars, Meet the Drivers Sept 28 & 29.

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**Rally HQ, Best Western Plus,**  
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Trevor Harding lives for rally. A former Irish national rallying champion from Tipperary, the wiry Harding drives as fast as he talks, with a hard-charging style reminiscent of his rally hero, Colin McRae.

McRae is one of three names the Irishman carries on his helmet, and Harding speaks respectfully of the first time he met Subaru's iconic rally legend, before running against him at the famous Moll's Gap stage in County Kerry, Ireland.

"It's not that I'm superstitious at all," said Harding. "[It's] just that I've always had the best success in my career with a Subaru. Now I've got the right kind of car again."

The car in question is sure to be a fan favourite when it debuts at this year's Pacific Forest Rally, September 28 & 29 on the back roads of Merritt, B.C. A world-rally blue GC8-chassis Impreza, it's been built to open class specification and fitted with a 22B-style widebody kit by RKT motorsports out of New York state. It's a shape that any Subaru fan will immediately recognize, the best of the Impreza STI breed, and a tribute to the golden age of WRC.

Today, on a closed forestry road north of Mission, BC, there are no spectators, only trees and gravel. Fifteen minutes after unloading the Impreza STI, the forest rings to the deafening crack-crack-crack of anti-lag and the bright-blue rally car goes spearing out into the woods, surfing a wave of gravel. Stones clatter off the thick skid-plating, the sequential gearbox fills the stripped-out cabin with metallic whine and the machine slides through a hairpin between exposed rock and steep drop-off. Harding hauls on the handbrake, yanks the sequential shifter for a quick downshift, and the machine slides through a hairpin between exposed rock and steep drop-off.

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"It's not that I'm superstitious at all," said Harding. "[It's] just that I've always had the best success in my career with a Subaru. Now I've got the right kind of car again."

The car in question is sure to be a fan favourite when it debuts at this year's Pacific Forest Rally, September 28 & 29 on the back roads of Merritt, B.C. A world-rally blue GC8-chassis Impreza, it's been built to open class specification and fitted with a 22B-style widebody kit by RKT motorsports out of New York state. It's a shape that any Subaru fan will immediately recognize, the best of the Impreza STI breed, and a tribute to the golden age of WRC.

Harding will also rent rally cars, with instruction included, and builds them to sell. "I started building rally cars because I couldn't really find what I wanted here," said Harding. "Then when I had some success in the Legacy, someone made me an offer I couldn't refuse, and it was on to the next one. At home [in Ireland] I was always robbing Peter to pay Paul to get into the next car and so I had the chance to drive some pure class machines. Even an ex-McRae N555!"

However, all of it—the day job, the instruction, the rally-car flipping—is all just the hustle required to chase the passion. Canadian rally is unique in that it exists outside the mainstream of public view, but is surprisingly accessible when compared to conventional motorsports. Competing in something like Porsche's GT3 Cup is a huge investment, limited to gentleman racers and those with significant corporate backing. Rally belongs to the scrappers, the grassroots battlers, the ones who won't stop chasing the dream.

Few other sports put such emphasis on driver skill, especially on the snow stages. A fast car is important, but more important is the ability to control a car that's hurtling along a serpentine ribbon of gravel, with unyielding trees whipping past your window and chunks of rock just waiting to claw out some vital suspension component.

Then there's just how much fun it is. If road-racing is chess, then rally is surfing. It's riding the edge, trusting your luck, catching the slides, anticipating the unexpected as best you can and then closing out the day with a bunch of like-minded lunatics, deep in the woods around a campfire.

"Once you've tasted champagne sprayed while standing on the hood," said Harding, grinning. "It's hard to go back."

But it's not just about chasing victory. Rally isn't the trophies on the shelf, it's the pursuit, the drive to see how far you can push yourself. For drivers like Trevor Harding, rallying isn't just what you look to achieve, it's a way of life.

Is your Rally Gear Legit?

By Shawn Bishop

Over the fast five years, the FIA—the governing body of motorsport for all role users across the world—has ramped up its drive to eliminate counterfeit products from motorsport by working closely with safety equipment manufacturers and National Sporting Authorities (ASNs) to find solutions.

The most significant measure to-date has been the introduction of a standardized labelling system, which comprises a hologram and a universal label template. These labels give drivers and scrutineering officials the ability to identify original products and eliminate fake ones. Since counterfeit racing gear has been found for sale on some online websites, it is important to know what to look for when purchasing from an online site.

**Following are some ways in which to confirm the equipment is legitimate to ensure your safety and protection:**

- Look for the FIA hologram label. Since 2013, all FIA-approved gear is required to have the label on the item (see photo);
- Look for poor manufacturing including stitching, material, logos, labels—anything that appears different;
- If the product price seems too good to be true, it most likely is.

**Products requiring the FIA hologram:**

- Race Seats
- Safety Harnesses
- Frontal Head Restraints
- FIA Standard Helmets – and the visor
  - Drivers apparel including shoes, gloves, underwear and race suits.
  - For links to more photos and videos go to rallysport.ca/blog.

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Bringing the WRC to Canada

By Keith Morison, Director – Rally Promoter Association of Canada

For decades, the idea of bringing back a championship round of the World Rally Championship (WRC) to Canada has been floated. In February of this year, the Rally Promoter Association of Canada (RPAC) was formed as a working group that will investigate doing just that.

There is no doubt that hosting a round of the WRC is a massive undertaking. These events have thousands of volunteers and will typically host more than 100,000 spectators. The scale of the project dwarfs not only any current round of the Canadian Rally Championship (CRC), but would involve more effort than the entire CRC combined. The biggest differences will be in the marketing, spectator and ceremonial aspects of the event.

The success of a WRC event will depend greatly on the support generated from the North American Rally Community. RPAC decided to sell memberships to the public to measure popular support for the project. While membership sales have been slow, the popular support seen through social media and traditional media exposure has been encouraging. Not surprisingly, we’ve recognized that the path forward will rely heavily on corporate sponsorships and we will be shifting our focus towards building those partnerships as we move forward.

The way forward is a lot more than finding roads, a service park and getting some friends together to run a rally. In the last six months there has been preliminary discussions with the WRC and tourism agencies. We’ve gotten a handle on the marketing properties and, more importantly, the value of the global exposure the WRC gets. This gives us a good overview of the possibilities and now we need to take a much closer look at where we need to go.

Immediately following the Pacific Forest Rally in Merritt, several RPAC board members will be travelling to the Dayinsure Wales Rally GB at their own expense. The trip will involve observing all aspects of the event operation, getting several perspectives on the challenge an event of this scale presents and meeting with key representatives of the FIA and WRC Promoter for detail talks on what a WRC round truly involves.

The next six months will help paint a clear picture of the challenges and possibilities. We will build a better understanding of what it really takes, start exploring the many new relationships needed and continue to check the pulse of popular support for the project.

My instinct tells me that we do have a future hosting a regular WRC event and the achievement of this challenge will bring a strength and unity to the sport in Canada. It won’t be an easy goal to reach, but what good goal is?

You can support RPAC’s efforts by becoming a member at rallypromoter.ca.

Keith Morison is a founding director with the Rally Promoter Association of Canada and a recognized leader in the rally community. Morison is an active organizer of the Rocky Mountain Rally and the Big White Winter Rally, both rounds of the Canadian Rally Championship. He has also served on the CARS Board of Directors and volunteered as the Marketing Manager for the Canadian Rally Championship. He has also competed in rally as both a driver and more commonly as a co-driver.

Manufacturer’s Standings 2018

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2018 Canadian Rally Championship Top 10 Standings after 4 rounds

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When the current-generation Subaru WRX and Subaru WRX STI debuted last year, enthusiasts recognized that the best had gotten better. The two were already considered purebred performance cars around the world — a series of refinements made them even more prodigious.

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