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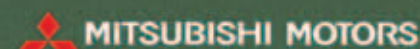
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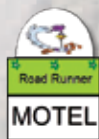
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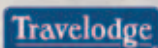


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# Welcome Rally Fans

## ORGANIZER'S MESSAGE



**W**elcome to the the Pacific Forest Rally 2010, round five of the Canadian Rally Championship. We're thrilled to be back in Merritt again, which has been a great host to this event since 2002.

Merritt is a fantastic community to host our event, with all of the community and business involvement. We extend our most sincere gratitude to Mayor Susan Roline and the city council for their continued support of our events.

We would like to thank Canadian Tire for allowing us to use their property as a venue for the service area on Friday and Saturday. We would also like to thank the Best Western - Nicola Inn as this is the 8th year they have hosted our event as the official hotel of the Pacific Forest Rally.

As always, a thank you needs to go to all the businesses that support our event with advertising and sponsorships. Please support those who support rallying. This rally would not exist in Merritt without the dedicated efforts and cooperation from the Chamber of Commerce, all the local businesses, ranchers, local government agencies, local media, Tolko and Aspen Planers.

Volunteers are the life-blood of the sport. It's amazing to see everyone giving of their time and talents to make this event happen. Some are local, and some come thousands of kilometers to help out. Take a moment to shake the hand of a volunteer and thank them for



making this event a success.

This year's Canadian Rally Championship is being presented by Subaru, and will be broadcast in English on TSN and in French on RDS. Airdates will be posted at [pacificforestrally.com](http://pacificforestrally.com) after the rally.

Rallying is a lot of fun to watch, but it can also be dangerous. We're happy to bring it to you, but with fun also come responsibility from you, the spectator.

Please make sure you read all of the spectator cautions in this guide and abide by all rally officials' instructions. They are not there to ruin your fun, but to ensure your well-being and that everyone goes home safely after the event.

Have fun and enjoy the show!

**Paul Westwick**, Coordinator, Pacific Forest Rally



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

To all Participants of Pacific Forest Rally...

**Welcome to Merritt, the Country Music Capital of Canada!**



**O**n 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 that 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.



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# PIAA Eco Challenge

## Getting the best time from the least fuel



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In recognition of the need to promote fuel conservation, the PIAA 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 PIAA Eco Challenge pay no fee, but must place two supplied PIAA 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.

PIAA will award a prize to the top team in the 2011 PIAA Eco Challenge and the winner will be announced during the post-event banquet.

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# Spectator Venue Map

## BEST VANTAGE POINTS

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The forest spectator locations are remote and do not have services such as toilets or concessions, so make sure to plan ahead. Bring in everything you need, and leave nothing behind.

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30:

Come to the Canadian Tire location, 2761 Forksdale Ave., between 1pm and 4pm to see all the cars and meet competitors. The cars will start from here at 5:30pm.

#### **"ACTIVE MOUNTAIN" Super Special:**

From Merritt: proceed south along Voght Street. After crossing a small bridge, keep to the Right (don't drive into Tolko Yard) and then turn Left onto Middy Valley Road. Approx. 0.8km from the start of Middy Valley Road, continue straight ahead where road turns into gravel. From there, follow signs to spectator area(s). There is a slight hike to the best vantage point in the park. This is private property—please take away all garbage.

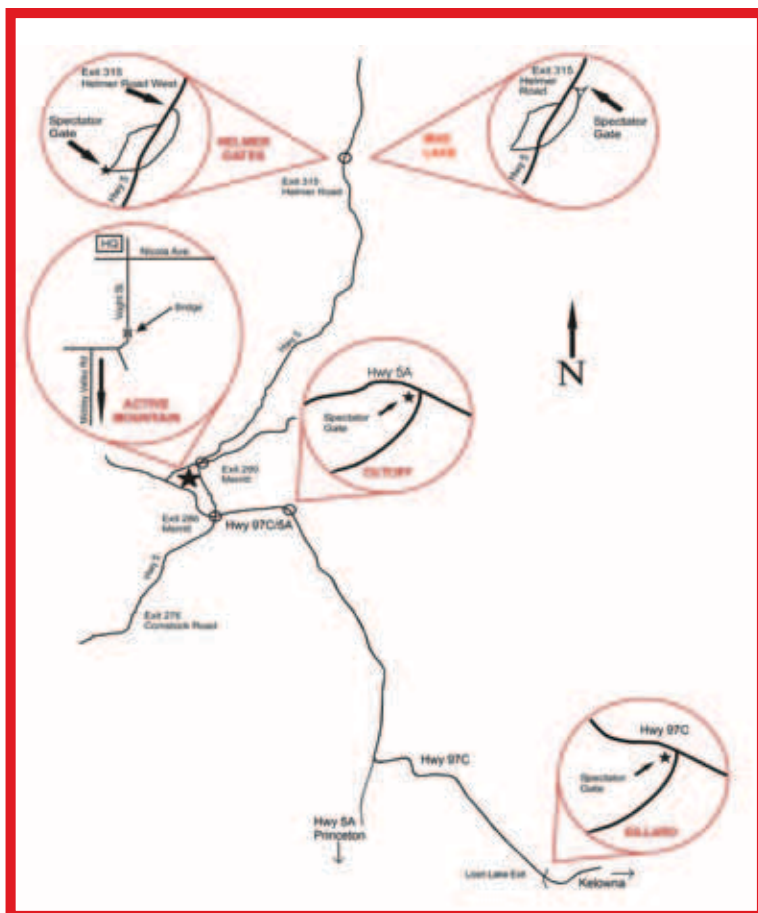
*Open from 5pm to 7:30pm. Cars pass twice: 5:45pm and 6:30pm.*

#### **"CUTOFF ROAD" Night Special:**

From Merritt or Vancouver: take Highway 97C heading East from the junction with Highway 5 (Exit 286). At the top of the hill, approx. 8km east of Exit 286, turn Right and follow the signs. The parking is about 500m down this road.

From Kelowna: take Highway 97C heading West towards Merritt, 8km before Merritt, just after the "Trucks Brake Check", turn Left and follow signs. The parking is about 500m down this road.

*Open from 8pm to 10pm. Bring flashlights and wear warm bright clothing. Cars pass twice: 8:30pm and 9:30pm.*



### SATURDAY OCTOBER 1:

Come to the Canadian Tire location, 2761 Forksdale Ave., between 8am and 9:30am to see all the cars and meet competitors. Throughout the day, the competitors will return here for their service breaks.

#### **"DILLARD" Forest Special:**

From Merritt: proceed along Hwy 97C, east towards Kelowna. Take the Loon Lake exit (about 38km from the junction with Hwy 5). Turn Right at the end of the exit, onto the gravel road called Shrimpton Creek. Follow the spectator signs down this road for 13km, keeping Right at 1.5km, and keeping Right again at 9.5km. The start of the stage is at the 13km mark. From here, marshals will direct you to drive into the stage 500m to a hairpin junction, where there is plenty of parking. Access will be closed 30 minutes before the cars are due—you should plan to stay for both passes.

*Access is open between 9am and 10:20am. Cars pass twice: 10:50am and 11:45am.*

#### **"MAB LAKE" Forest Special:**

From Merritt: proceed along Hwy 5 northbound. Take Exit 315 (Helmer Road) and turn Left at the T-junction, then follow marshals' directions. The main spectator point is a 1km drive into the stage. If access is closed when you arrive, there is still viewing available from this location, but the best access is from the main spectator point. There will be vehicle access in and out between each run of the stage.

*Open from 2pm to 5:30pm. Cars pass twice: 2:30pm and 4:30pm.*

#### **"HELMER LAKE" Forest Special:**

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 through the gate and follow marshals' 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 from here.

*Open from 5:30pm to 8pm. Cars pass twice: 6:10pm and 7:10pm.*



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# Sponsors Support Entrants

## SUBARU

This year, Subaru marks its 20th consecutive year of participation in the Canadian Rally Championship (CRC) and its 13th anniversary as a major series sponsors.

Subaru's many years of encouragement and support to rally competitors has resulted in phenomenal growth in the number of Subaru vehicles competing in rallies across Canada—beginning with only a few participants in the late 1990s and growing to nearly 50 Subaru teams contesting the National Championship each year.

In 1996, Subaru introduced a contingency pro-

gram 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. In the last year, more than \$60,000 was given through the program to provide help for all levels of drivers and co-drivers.

The Subaru contingency program consists of the following:

### Six-Star Prize Program

Awards the top six Subaru finishers in every CRC national series event, regardless of their overall rally finish.

### Super-Six Star Prize Program

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

### Start Line Fund

Cash award to every Subaru entry that starts a CRC national rally, but places outside the top six Subaru entries.

### President's Trophy

Recognizes the top Subaru overall in the CRC series.

### Year-end Canadian Champions Award

Subaru teams winning the Canadian Championship in Open or P4 classes receive additional cash prizes.

### 2011 Rally Rebate Program

Canadian Association of Rally Sport (CARS) members and associated rally club members receive \$750 off the purchase or lease of any new Subaru.

### Volunteer Prizes

Subaru-related merchandise provided for distribution to event volunteers at the organizer's discretion. [www.subaru.ca](http://www.subaru.ca).

## MITSUBISHI

The Mitsubishi rally support program provides several levels of support for eligible Mitsubishi competitors, plus additional merit-based rewards and recognition.

### Travel Support Contingency

Funds to assist Mitsubishi competitors to take part in CRC events by underwriting a portion of their travel costs.

### Event Entry Contingency

Provides funds to Mitsubishi competitors to take part in designated Canadian event by subsidizing event entry fees.

### Event Cash Awards Contingency

Results-based rewards program that recognizes success in both AWD and 2-WD competition.

### Mitsubishi Cup

Cash payout and award to the highest ranking Canadian AWD and 2-WD Mitsubishi driver at the conclusion of the six-event CRC.

### Participation Incentive

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### VIP Pricing Program

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## YOKOHAMA

This year marks the 14th year Yokohama Tire has been a major sponsor of the CRC.

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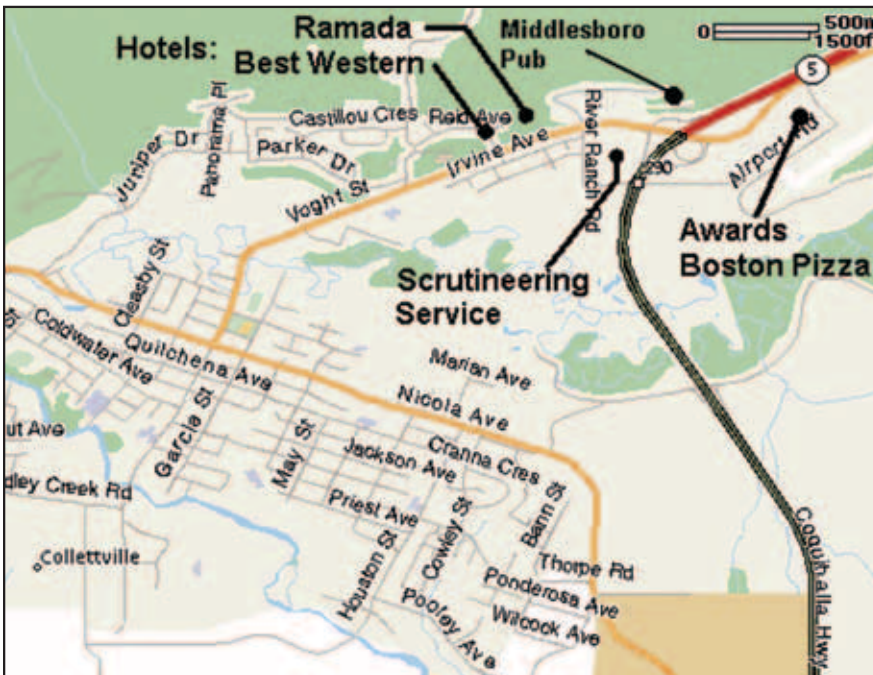
# Schedule of Events & Venues

## FRIDAY, September 30

8am – 11am	Registration – Best Western, Nicola Inn
1pm – 4pm	Scrutineering and Parc Expose – Canadian Tire
1pm – 10pm	Service Park Open to Public – Canadian Tire
5:30pm	Ceremonial Start – Canadian Tire
5pm – 7:30pm	Spectator Point – Active Mountain Super Special (Refer to Spectator map)
8pm – 10pm	Spectator Point – “Cutoff” Night Special (Refer to Spectator map)

## SATURDAY, October 1

8am – 8pm	Service Park Open to Public – Canadian Tire
9:30am – 12:30pm	Spectator Point – Dillard Forest Special (Refer to Spectator map)
2pm – 5:30pm	Spectator Point – Mab Lake Forest Special (Refer to Spectator Map)
5:30pm – 8pm	Spectator Point – Helmer Gates Forest Special (Refer to Spectator Map)
Approx 8pm	Podium Champagne Splash – Canadian Tire



## WARNING!

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 or 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



WARNING MOTORSPORTS CAN BE  
**DANGEROUS**

### Please Protect:

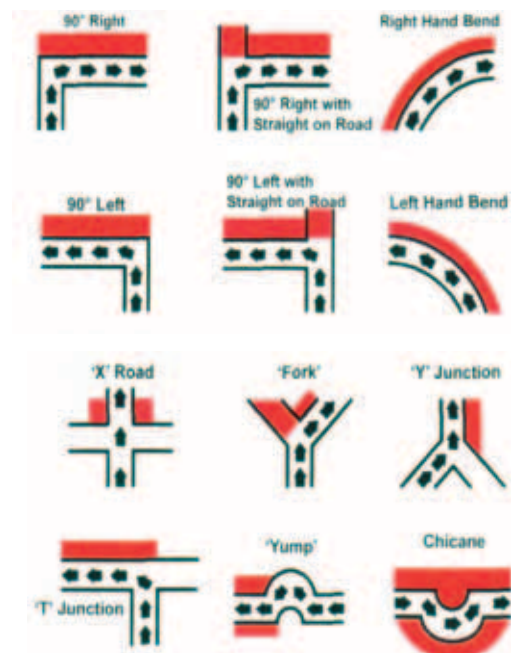
- ! Yourself
- ! Others around you
- ! The stage route
- ! Rallying
- ! Motorsports

## 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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**Team: BLADERUNNER RACING**

**Vehicle:** 2000 Ford Focus ZX3

**Drivetrain:** FWD

**Class:** Gr2

**Engine:** 2.0L Zetec

**Driver, City, Prov:** Michael Koloff, Calgary, Alberta

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Bryan Lord, Cochrane, Alberta

**Website:** www.mikethepilot.com

**Profile:** Mike is a commercial helicopter pilot flying a wide variety of missions in northern BC. He flies Bell 206 JetRangers, Bell 205 Huey, Eurocopter Dauphins, and Eurocopter Astars. His resume includes film/tv work, forest fire fighting, heavy-lift, precision long-lining, wildlife capture, and much more. Previously he was a truck driver and heavy equipment operator. He bought the Ford Focus 2 years ago and days before the 2010 Cochrane Winter Rally found Co-driver/navigator Bryan Lord.

In their first ever rally Mike and Bryan managed a respectable second in class (group 2) finish and it was clear that this is a team with potential.

**Sponsors:** Qwest Helicopters Inc. (Fort Nelson, BC.)



**Team Name: CRAZYLEO CAN-JAM RALLY TEAM**

**Vehicle:** 2007 Subaru Beast

**Drivetrain:** AWD

**Class:** Open

**Engine:** A fast one

**Driver, City, Prov:** CrazyLeo Ulrichich, Toronto, ON

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Martin Brady, Ireland

**Website:** www.crazyleo.net, www.canjammotorsports.com

**Profile:** Growing up as a kid, Leo would be mesmerized by watching rally greats Colin McRae, Marcus Gronholm, and Tommi Makinen, driving their rally cars through forest roads with reckless abandon. He dreamed one day that he too, could do the same and be a "World Rally Champion". While attending school

his passion for rallying would be rejuvenated after a freak accident found himself getting his STi streetcar towed to Can-Jam Motorsports. Once there, his enthusiasm for rallying would continue to grow with each visit to repair his car. His childhood dreams could now become a reality.

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**Team Name: DV8 RACING**

**Vehicle:** 2002 Subaru WRX

**Drivetrain:** AWD

**Class:** Open

**Engine:** 2.5L Turbo

**Driver, City, Prov:** Taylor Nelson, Edmonton AB

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Remington Edwards, Edmonton AB

**Profile:** This is our second season and starting to get the hang of this sport

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**Team: EP RACING**

**Vehicle:** Subaru wrx wagon

**Drivetrain:** AWD

**Class:** PGT

**Driver, City, Prov:** Eric Pehota, Pemberton, BC Canada

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Richard Doucet, Pemberton, BC Canada

**Website:** whistlerjetboating.com

**Profile:** PFR 2011 will mark one year of racing for Eric and Richard. The first year was an exciting and intense learning curve. Last year we were very pleased with our results at PFR, finishing all stages with no mechanical or no offroads.

We competed in most of the Western Regional Events with a mixed bag of results.

Our team had a strong event going in the Cochrane Rally, third overall but blew up our motor with 1 1/2 stages remaining.

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**Team: FLASHPOINT RALLY**

**Vehicle:** 2002 Subaru WRX STI

**Drivetrain:** AWD

**Class:** Open

**Engine:** 2.5L Turbo

**Driver, City, Prov:** Graham Bruce Calgary, AB

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Forest Fyrberg Calgary, AB

**Profile:** Graham is a regular on the Western Canadian Championship and in 2010 he finished third overall in the Western Canadian Championship.

Forest is new to rally in Western Canada but, won the Canadian and North American Production Championship in 2004.

So far this year the pair have finished 6th overall at Rocky Mountain Rally and 3rd overall on Cochrane Rally. The team is looking to add PFR to the list of solid finishes.

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**Team Name: HARDYBOY RACING**

**Vehicle:** 2002 Subaru WRX

**Drivetrain:** AWD

**Class:** Open

**Engine:** 2.0

**Driver, City, Prov:** Hardy Schmidtke - Cochrane, Alberta

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** John Hall - Sherwood Park, Alberta

**Profile:** After winning the Western Canadian Rally Championship in 2010, Hardy Schmidtke is again teamed up with John Hall. The 2011 season started at Cochrane with a DNF, after an off, early in the rally. At The Rocky Mountain Rally in May, Hardy & John came back in a new car to take a 1st regional podium finish.

Now it's the Pacific Forest Rally and all of the great stage roads that the Merritt area has to offer. The team is expecting a lot of tough competition but will be fighting hard for another top regional finish.





## Best of Luck To All Competitors

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### Team: HUMMEL RALLY

**Vehicle:** 1987 VW Golf

**Drivetrain:** FWD

**Class:** P-Sport

**Engine:** 1.8l 8V

**Driver, City, Prov:** Matt Bobyn, Calgary AB

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Dan Bobyn, Calgary AB

**Website:** www.HummelRally.com

**Profile:** Two years in the making Hummel Rally and their 1987 VW Golf has emerged from the depths of the garage; rising slowly from piles of discarded zip ties, paint cans and scraped knuckles the black and yellow vehicle, affectionately nicknamed 'The Bumblebee' is ready for the next installment of stage rally.

The father and son team of Dan and Matt Bobyn are excited not only for the chance to drive new roads, but to improve in every aspect that they can.

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### Team: ISLAND STORM RALLY TEAM

**Vehicle:** 1995 Subaru Impreza

**Drivetrain:** AWD

**Class:** Open

**Engine:** 2.2 Legacy Turbo

**Driver, City, Prov:** Shane Anderson, Malahat BC

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Mike Dibblee, Victoria BC

**Website:** www.mwdesigns.ca/ISRally/index.html

**Profile:** With cancellation of DooWops and Mountain Trials rallies, it's been a slow year for the Island Storm team so we're hoping to be able to shake off some of the rust and post some good stage times at this year's PFR!

Thanks in advance to all the volunteers and organizers for all their time and effort.

**Sponsors:** MWDesigns Inc, Affordable Auto Repair



### Team: JFOS RALLY RACING

**Vehicle:** 1991 VW Golf GTI

**Drivetrain:** Fwd

**Class:** Production Sport

**Engine:** 2L 16Valve

**Driver, City, Prov:** Jeremy Foster, Calgary Alberta

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Chris Kremer, Calgary Alberta

**Website:** www.jfosrallyracing.com

**Profile:** Chris and Jeremy are excited for their first running of Pacific Forrest Rally after missing it last year following a big off at RMR. The team's strategy has always been to finish every event, focusing on improving and having fun every time out. Good results have come from this, a third place 2wd finish in the national category at a very challenging RMR this past May. As well the team finished first in western Canada in the production sport class last year, a great way to end their first season in stage rally.

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### Team: LIMIT RALLYSport

**Vehicle:** 1994 Acura Integra

**Drivetrain:** 2WD

**Class:** Group 2

**Engine:** B18

**Driver, City, Prov:** Kevin Aartsen, White Rock, B.C.

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Marcus Hoffert, White Rock, B.C.

**Website:** limitrally.wordpress.com

**Profile:** This will be our first National event after successfully completing our first 2 regional events. We will be at the limit and pushing hard to take our class win as well as overall in 2WD.

**Sponsors:** If you are interested in sponsoring our team please contact us directly.



### Team: MAX RIDDLE

**Vehicle:** 2007 SUBARU STI

**Driver, City, Prov:** Max Riddle, Vancouver BC

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Aaron Neumann, Anmore BC

**Profile:** Max Riddle burst into the rally scene in December 2010 at the Big White Rally in Kelowna, BC, Winning his first-ever rally event there. From there he was hooked.

In his first season of rallying, Max has had success in the USA at Oregon and Olympus (First place in regional, 5th overall). He has also been competing in regional events in Western Canada, as well as in the complete 2011 CRC National Schedule.

Max is paired with co-driver Aaron Neumann, A three-time Western Canadian Rally Champion. Aaron has been influential in Max's early success and development.

Max is backed by Rocket Rally Racing of Squamish BC, who built and maintains Max's Car. Pat Richard mentors the young driver in his young career.

At 20 years young, Max Riddle's rally career is one to watch!

**Sponsors:** Northern Escape Heli-Skiing, Rocket Rally Racing



### Team Name: NUTSHELL RACING

**Vehicle:** Subaru Impreza STI

**Drivetrain:** AWD

**Class:** Production GT

**Engine:** 2500 cc Turbo

**Driver, City, Prov:** Azam Deen, Calgary, AB

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Tracy Manspeaker, Arlington, WA USA

**Profiles:** AZAM DEEN

**Kenya – East Africa:** Rallied between 2000 to 2003. Built and raced buggies in rally x between 2000 to 2003

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TRACY MANSPEAKE has been co-driving since 2006 and was Rally America NW Regional PGT Co-driver Champion in 2008. The team is looking forward to taking on the challenge that is Pacific Forest Rally.

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**Team: PLATINUM MITSUBISHI**

**Vehicle:** Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart

**Drive train and Engine:** FWD, 2.4 turbo

**Class:** Nat/Reg:gr5

**Engine:** 4cyl, 2400cc Mivec, turbocharged, 305hp, 380 ft/lbs

**Driver, City, Prov:** Zebe Szweczyk, Calgary, Alberta

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Shabir Haji Calgary, AB

**Profile:** Zebe began his rallying career in 1999. First victory came in 2000 in the Pacific Forest Rally. 2006 - Gr. 5 Canadian Rally Champion. 2008 - 6th overall in the Drivers' Championship. 2nd in the Mitsubishi Cup. 2009 - Gr. 5 Canadian Rally Champion. 2009 - 2WD North American Rally Champion. 2011 – Rocky Mountain Rally – 1st Grp 5. Best result in a Canadian National Rally - 3rd overall 2008 Rocky Mountain Rally.

Co-Driver - Shabir Haji with over 15 years of rallying experience mostly in East Africa. 1998 to 2002 – Several Victories in the Kenyan National Rally Championship, co-driving for Glen Edmunds in a works Ralliart Mitsubishi built for World Champion Tommi Makinen. 2000 & 2001 - Classified 2nd in the Kenyan National Rally Navigator's Championship. 2000 – Safari Rally - Co-drove with Lassi Lampi as test drivers for Tommi Makinen. Total of 5 WRC events entered (Safari Rally). 2010 – Chair & Organiser on Record – Rocky Mountain Rally. 6th Overall Kananaskis Rally – Western Regional Event. 2011 – 1st Grp 5, 2nd in Grp 2. Car Specification

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**Team: RALLY4LIFE**

**Vehicle:** 2004 Subaru STI

**Drivetrain:** Turbo AWD

**Class:** Open

**Engine:** 2.5 litre

**Driver, City, Prov:** Mark Jennings-Bates

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Jennifer Daly

**Website:** www.markjenningsbates.com

**Profile:** Mark and Jennifer have some unfinished business to attend to at this year's event. After a thrilling battle throughout the Friday evening and Saturday last year, their event was cruelly terminated due to a turbo oil line fire only 10 kilometres from the end of the event while they were sitting in 2nd place in the Regional event. With some modifications to the car, the duo expects to be challenging for a podium spot once more at this year's event and is looking forward to competing against some of the best drivers in Canada on some of the best rally stages in Canada.

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**Team: ROSHAMBO RACING**

**Vehicle:** 2007 Subaru WRX STI

**Drivetrain:** AWD

**Class:** Open

**Engine:** 2.35 Liter, Turbocharged

**Driver, City, Prov:** Dan Brown, Portland, Oregon

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Billy Irvin, Puyallup, WA

**Website:** www.rosamboracing.com

**Profile:** Dan has been rallying for eight years, and this is his first trip to race in Canada. This is also the first time that Dan and Billy have teamed up. The team is looking forward to seeing some new roads and meeting new friends in Canada.

**Sponsors:** TSS Fab, PIAA, Chase Race



**Team: ROCKET RALLY RACING**

**Vehicle:** 2002 Subaru WRX

**Drivetrain:** AWD

**Class:** Open

**Engine:** Stock 2.0L WRX

**Driver, City, Prov:** Onur Tezcan, Squamish, BC

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Angela Cosner, Springville, PA

**Website:** www.facebook.com/onur.tezcan.55

www.rocketrally.com www.AngelaCosner.com

**Profile:** Profile: Onur has always finished on the podium in his career except when mechanical issues have forced retirement.

This will be Onur's second National event of his career. He finished second overall in the 2009 WCRC in a PGT car in his first year of competition. He was also the overall winner of the inaugural Big White Snow Rally in 2009 in a PGT car.

Sitting to Onur's right is Angela Cosner of Springville, PA. At the age of 21 and competing for a bit over a year, Angela, has an impressive 14 rallies under her belt, and experience from working with "Crazy Leo". This will be the duo's first event together.

Look for a surprising pace for this event as the team will be using their new Rocket Rally powered Open Class Impreza.

**Sponsors:** ROCKET RALLY RACING



**Team: ROCKSTAR ROYAL GROUP**

**Vehicle:** Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X

**Drivetrain:** 4WD

**Class:** Open

**Engine:** Turbo

**Driver, City, Prov:** Antoine L'Estage, St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Qc

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Nathalie Richard, Halifax, NS

**Website:** antoinelestage.com, nathalierichard.com

**Profile:** In 2010, Antoine L'Estage and Nathalie Richard did the unprecedented by winning the Canadian, North American and Rally America championships as well as an X Games bronze medal for Antoine.



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Three weeks ago at the Rallye Defi, Antoine and Nathalie clinched the 2011 North American Rally Cup making it Antoine's 4th and Nathalie's 7th. More impressively, the win at the last round of the Canadian Rally Championship was this team's seventh series victory in a row, an amazing feat for this privateer team in their Rockstar Royal Group Mitsubishi Evo X.

Antoine and Nathalie have been victorious at the Pacific Forest Rally four times, which is a record for this event.

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**Team: SEMENUK RACING**

**Vehicle:** 2002 Subaru WRX

**Drivetrain:** STi 6 speed

**Class:** PGT

**Engine:** 2.0L turbocharged Subaru flat four

**Driver, City, Prov:** Brandon Semenuk

Squamish, British Columbia

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Adam Vokes

Red Deer, Alberta

**Profile:** Semenuk Racing is excited to be back in action, having debuted at the Big White Winter Rally in 2010. Comprised of Brandon Semenuk and Adam Vokes, the pair managed to be leading their first rally together into its penultimate stage, with a slippery downhill section ending their contest of the event.

For 2011, a rebuilt car with an upgraded STi drivetrain has the team ready to push hard against the national teams at the Pacific Forest Rally.



**Team: SCOTT TRINDER**

**Vehicle:** 1995 WRX RA

**Drivetrain:** 4x4

**Class:** OPEN

**Engine:** 2L Turbo

**Driver, City, Prov:** Scott Trinder

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Bob Trinder / Bill Westhead

**Website:** [www.rmtcontracting.com/rsport](http://www.rmtcontracting.com/rsport)

**Profile:** RSport Rally's Scott Trinder and Bob Trinder – Canada's 2002/2005 Western Canadian Rally Championship winning team is looking forward to a competitive run at this year's event.

The RSport Rally team finished last year's event in 4th and placed 3rd overall in 2009 – the top privateer team behind Subaru Canada and Mitsubishi Canada!

"This year our strategy is to challenge for a spot on the podium!" said Scott.

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**Team: SUBARU RALLY TEAM CANADA**

**Vehicle:** SUBARU WRX STi

**Class:** Open

**Driver, City, Prov:** Patrick Richard, Squamish, British Columbia

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** TBA

**Website:** Profile: Merritt is the 'home' rally for Patrick Richard, of Squamish BC. Having won Pacific Forest Rally three times in his long career in the CRC series, he is no stranger to the stage roads.

Pat is focused on a podium finish to keep SUBARU in a good place for the Manufacturer's Championship title for 2011, a title he intends to help SUBARU obtain once again this year.

With recent performance enhancements to the SUBARU RALLY TEAM CANADA car, and the hardest working service crew in the series backing him up, Pat and SUBARU RALLY TEAM CANADA are looking forward to a good battle at the 2011 Pacific Forest Rally.

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**Team: THISSIDEUPMOTORSPORTS**

**Vehicle:** 2004 Subaru STi

**Drivetrain:** 2.5 Turbo 6-speed

**Class:** Open

**Driver, City, Prov:** Mike Goodwin, Aurora, Oregon

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Martin Burnley, Winfield, BC

**Website:** [ThisSideUpMotorsports.com](http://ThisSideUpMotorsports.com)

**Profile:** In their second season of racing together, the Goodwin/Burnley team has stepped up into Open class this year with their newly built Subaru STi. They have had a solid season, with consistent finishes in Western Regional events in both the US and Canada.

The team is excited to be returning to the great Merritt roads. The mix of fast flowing and tight technical stages really suits the team's style. In addition, the night stages are always exciting both to drive and for the spectators. Mike and Martin will be pushing to place well and hope to give the fans a good show.

**Sponsors:** Carl's Alignment (Vancouver, Wash), Salem Subaru (Salem, Ore)



**Team: ZEDRIL RALLYSport**

**Vehicle:** 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer ES 4B12

**Drivetrain:** 5-Speed FWD

**Class:** Group 5

**Engine:** 2009 Mitsubishi 4B12 (MIVEC) Naturally Aspirated 2.4L with 168chp

**Driver, City, Prov:** Jan Zedril, Winnipeg, MB

**Co-driver, City, Prov:** Jody Zedril, Winnipeg, MB

**Website:** <http://www.zedrilrallysport.com>

**Profile:** Although only in their 5th year of competition, the brothers have amassed an impressive list of accomplishments including the 2007/2008 Canadian, North American, US Rally America Production and 2009/2010 Canadian 2wd championship titles. Following a decisive 2wd win at Rallye Defi in Quebec just three weeks ago, the defending 2wd national champions are looking to wrap-up the title once again at the Pacific Forest Rally. Although the event marks their 38th start with (26) class wins to date, the brothers know the competition will be tough and plan to do whatever it takes to eek out another win for Mitsubishi. "This has been another incredible year for us and the ever increasing level of confidence in our descriptive stage notes and our ability behind the wheel has definitely played a large part in our success this season. Many thanks to each of our partners/sponsors for their continued support and to the throngs of fans/spectators for the passion they bring to this amazing sport."

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# Never Too Young to Rally

## Spotlight on 20-year-old Max Riddle

**V**ancouver's Max Riddle began his official racing career in 2006 at age 15, placing third in the Stars of Karting finale. From karting, Riddle proceeded to the Skip Barber Western series in 2008 as well as competing in four races for the Atlanta Motorsports Group.

In 2010, Riddle won his first-ever rally event at Kelowna's Big White Rally 2010.

His first U.S. rally event was Olympus 2011, round three of the Rally America National Championship in which he placed 8th overall and 1st in the event's John Nagel Regional.

In this year's Rallye Baie Des Chaleurs, round 3 of the Canadian Rally Championship, Riddle achieved a 5th overall standing and was the only driver in the top-five standing to have never won a national rally outright. The other members of that tough Quebec field were David Higgins, a US champion; Antoine L'Estage, a Canadian and US champion; Ramana Lagemann, ex-factory driver for Subaru USA; and Travis Hansen, Rally America national points leader at the time.

North American multi-year rally champion Patrick Richard, and his Squamish, BC-based Rocket Rally Racing Company, built Riddle's competition car. In addition, Rocket Rally maintains and provides services for Riddle's vehicle at all events.

Richard's mentorship has been instrumental in Riddle's success this year. Riddle's seat time has included multiple monthly testing sessions plus invaluable driving tips from the senior driver, who continues to prepare this young up-and-comer for greater success.

Another key component in Riddle's success is co-driver Aaron Neumann, a three time Western Canadian Rally Champion.

The pair won the Cochrane Winter Rally in March this year, competing in their 2007 Subaru STI.

### Max Riddle's non-rally racing experience: 2008

- Competed in 4 SCCA pro Playboy Mazda MX-5 cup races for Atlanta Motorsports Group
- Started testing Gram-Am GS Porsche for BGB / C-max racing at end of season.

### Skip Barber 2008

- Western series opener F2000 race 1, 3rd place
- Western series F2000 race 2, 2nd place
- Western series F2000 race 3, 1st place
- Western series opener Mazda Speed MX-5 challenge race 1, 1st place

- Western series Mazda Speed MX-5 challenge race 3, 1st place
- Western series Mazda Speed MX-5 challenge race 4, 1st place.

### Karting 2007

- competed in stars of karting Tag sr and Tag ICC.

### Karting 2006

- Stars of Karting finale 3rd place tag sr
- Canadian National championship 3rd place Rotax Jr awarded spot on Team Canada to race in the Rotax world final in Portugal.

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**NAVIGATIONAL RALLIES**, also known as TSD or Time Speed Distance Rallies, are navigational challenges where teams are given routes to follow

and average speeds to maintain. While the speeds are below the posted limit the roads used are usually still a challenge for both the driver and navigator. TSDs are often a gateway to rallying but the top level competition can be really intense. First aid kits, emergency triangles and fire extinguishers are normally all that are required. Serious competitors will consider skid-plates, driving lights, rally computers (specific TSD computers are available), map lights and specialized tires.

**RALLY CROSS** events are excellent events to get comfortable driving a car at its limit on loose surfaces. Typically held on open and flat areas, the speeds are slow, compared to stage roads, and normally safe. Car preparation is normally limited to removing loose items and making sure the car is mechanically sound. Again, at the top level competition can get serious and preparation will include lightening the car, improved suspension, specialized tires and race seats. Safety equipment is limited to a helmet meeting CARS standards for RallyCross.

**RALLY SPRINT** events are a stepping stone to performance rallies. Car safety and preparation rules match those of performance rally. Some driver equipment requirements are relaxed but CARS does recommend using all of the performance rally safety equipment if possible. Rallysprint events are made up of stages less than 3km in length with an average speed slower than 80km/h. Only one car can be on a stage at a time.

**REGIONAL RALLY** events are the first level of performance rally events that require specific licensing and

full safety equipment as listed in the National Rally Regulations. Regional events and championships are normally strongly contested and offer tight competition. The level of equipment is generally more modest than is found at the highest level in the National Championship but the cars are fully prepared performance rally cars. Total stage distance is less than you'll find at a national and regional organisers tend to stay away from long stages.

There are three regional championships in Canada, the Championnat de Rallye du Québec, the Ontario Performance Rally Championship and the Western Canada Rally Championship.

**NATIONAL RALLY** events require an enhanced competition license and bring the best in the country together to compete on the stages. Stage distances are longer and schedules can be less 'friendly' and more time consuming than regional events.

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