

2011 Big White Winter Rally
Competitor's Bulletin #1

Event Dining

An early buffet breakfast (0630 start) has been arranged at Carver's, Inn at Big White, for both Friday and Saturday mornings to ensure competitors and volunteers can get fed before heading out for the day. The cost is \$13.95 for all you can eat buffet.

Resort Opening

Big White Ski Resort is opening December 1st. Competitors can extend their reservations to Thursday night.

Rally Service Park

Teams can park at service whenever they arrive at the resort. There is ample space and teams can select their spots on a first come, first serve basis. Non enclosed trailers that are not needed at service can be left in the first separate parking area on the right when you enter the Happy Valley Day Lot. Please see the website for a schematic of the service area. Contact service captain Craig Ross (xrossrally@gmail.com / 250 869 7677) if you have any particular needs or questions. If there is not enough space or if rearrangement is needed Craig will make changes after recce on Friday.

To get to the service area, drive up Big White road and make the right onto Happy Valley road, following signs for Happy Valley Day Lot. You will see a separate lot soon after this junction where trailers can be stored. The service park entry control and refueling is an immediate right as soon as you enter the big day lot. It is the back 1/3 of the day lot from the entry of the lot to the dumpsters in the middle. Do not park close to the day lodge, as this space is needed for resort parking and snowX course.

Please see the service area schematic on the event website for more information.

Recce Update

Logging is extremely active at the end of the Black Forest and Gem Lake stages this year. These industrial users have requested that we use business band radio to notify them of oncoming traffic. As a result, **recce will be entirely by convoy**. Please do everything in your capacity to keep relations with these users civil. They have been very accommodating and we will be sharing the roads with many large, loaded trucks on Friday.

The convoy will be lead by the clerk of the course, Keith Morison, at a reasonable pace. There will be a recce course closing car equipped with radio as well. Teams should allow approximately 30 seconds between cars so that they are not travelling too close together.

Passing is discouraged, but since teams will recce at different paces, please pull aside to allow teams behind you to proceed unimpeded on wider sections.

Gem Lake will be recce in one direction at a time. All the teams must be accounted for at the bottom before the convoy can turn around and proceed in the opposite direction. If you miss the start of the first Gem Lake stage you will miss your first pass of both directions.

This is still a young event and we appreciate the patience of all the competitors as we try and make recce simple and effective for both new and experienced teams. Please be considerate and follow the instructions of the recce marshals and course cars. Please arrive early to get in line for the recce convoy, and work it out amongst yourselves to find an order that is suitable for everyone, with more experienced teams in the front and newer teams at the back.

Super Special

We have changed the format of the Happy Valley Super Special dramatically this year. It will be an easy to follow plowed course. It will be the last stage you recce. A diagram of the course will be provided at registration.

Turnaround Stages

Gem Lake is run as a turn-around stage. Note that there is no in-control for the return stage. You will be called in by marshals and assigned a start time for the stage. The transit time given in the schedule is only advisory, you will not be expected to check in or declare an arrival time. Pay attention to the stage start.

Once Car 0 leaves the start the first car on the road should expect to be called to the start in about 20 minutes.

Competitors may re-order themselves at turnarounds without penalty as long as everyone is in agreement. Simply present yourselves to the start in the desired order. In the case of disagreement cars will be sent out in the order they arrived at the finish control.

Podium

After checking into the final MTC, the top three overall cars and top three two wheel drive cars will be directed to the front of Happy Valley Day Lodge for champagne splash and podium photos. If the results are in doubt or need further scrutiny the possible podium cars will be directed to the podium location while the results are clarified.

Rocket Rally 'Studless is Faster Award'

Please see the event website for details regarding this award. Run studless tires for the whole event and you are eligible to win Yokohama AO34s. Thanks to Rocket Rally for their support of the Big White Winter Rally.

No Services Reminder

Services and supplies are limited at the resort and there is **NO FUEL** available on site. Remember to bring all the fuel you require for recce and rally with you to avoid having to return to Kelowna for more. Big White is a WINTER Stage Rally; please come prepared for cold weather and snow. Please carry winter gear in your car to keep warm just in case you are stuck on stage.

Prize Funds

We are building prize funds for a Spirit of Rally Award and for 2wd. Please contact Brad (breibin@gmail.com) and encourage any supporters of rally you know to do the same. Jars will also be available at registration for cash contributions.

Volunteer Prizes

Our rally volunteers spend a full day outside in the winter so that we can put on this event. Any contributions to the volunteer prize pool or packages, such as team shirts, rally tokens, or other products or discounts, is much appreciated. Please contact Jennifer@rallybc.com if you are able to contribute or bring your items to registration.

Social Networking

The twitter hashtag for this event is #BWWR. Cell coverage is available at service and out on some of the stages, and competitors are encouraged to document their experiences of the rally. Big White Winter Rally is a young event and we are relying on word of mouth to help it grow.

Food Bank Donation

We are collecting food bank donations at the awards dinner. The Central Okanagan Search and rescue, which supports the Big White Winter Rally, does a Christmas food drive every year, and we would like to make a significant contribution as a thank you for this support. Please bring a non perishable food item to the awards banquet.