

2023 Regional Director Report

Rallysport Ontario (RSO)

CARS regional sanctioning body for all rally activities within the Ontario Region

The 2023 AGM was held virtually again this year and seems to be the way CARS will manage the AGM for the foreseeable future. The AGM was well attended by our region's clubs. Great level of participation in the follow up meetings that really set off a great season of Rally in all disciplines.

Region Rally Activity

The season offered up lots of rally opportunities filled with close competition in all disciplines. Our events host teams from Ontario, Quebec and the US. Ontario region is host to 8 CARS affiliated clubs for 2023, putting on a number of TSD events, Rallycross, Regional and National performance rally events this season.

The Ontario Road Rally Championship consisted of 8 events again this year hosted by TAC, KWRC, and PMSC. In addition to the championship events, KWRC continues to host SNATR nav rally series.

Collectively KWRC, PMSC, and MLRC put on 13 Rallycross events, including one invitational event on this season's calendar, some were rescheduled due to weather but the vast majority were well subscribed. As we know Rallycross competition is a proven and natural stepping stone into Performance Rally so the efforts of these clubs to consistently host well organized and well attended events is a true gift for our region. The region's Rally Sprint series remains dormant again this year, hopefully we will see activity here in the future.

The Ontario Performance Rally Championship consisted of 5 events, PMSC/KWRC and MLRC hosted the only two standalone events of the 5, the 3 others were National piggy back events. The OPRC supported by Ontario Motor Sales, Clarington Hyundai, Clarington KIA, Durham Harley-Davidson, and Marigold Ford Lincoln, hosted 41 teams from Ontario, Quebec, and the US, 26 of which competed in 2 or more of the 5 events.

The penultimate round of the 2023 CRC hosted by MLRC, delivered the Lincoln Electric Rally of the Tall Pines and did not disappoint. The roads were amazing, but conditions proved to be challenging again this year. The event saw some great battles throughout the field with 19 regional starters and 9 finishers.

With the immense amount of work that gets poured into rally in the Ontario region its no wonder that we are able to put on a heck of a platter full of events in every discipline for enthusiasts to enjoy.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that make these events possible.

2024 is shaping up to be a great year of rally with a lot of truly positive change coming on the horizon from CARS.

Respectfully Submitted

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