

## Rally Report 2021

This is my first year as Rally Director so you might see things that have overlapped with items that you have seen in the past; hopefully you will not see any gaps. The most notable feature of 2021, of course, was the loss of our last Rally Director. Jeannie was a force of nature whom we all will miss. More later.

Everybody is surely sick of hearing organizers cancelling events as a direct result of their inability to obtain the approval of municipal health authorities. This is coming to an end although restrictions on crowds, attendance and other activities remain. RSO and the other regions are negotiating with their provincial health authorities. The covid environment has evolved and it seems the provincial health people have the time and incentive to investigate the issues for rally in more depth. They are not saying "yes;" they seem to be saying "We are really concerned with specifically this issue and that issue."

Of the Nationals, five have run, with Big White expected, for a total of six of eight. Four RSO Regionals have run, two as part of Tall Pines. One Ottawa team has done well in the Regionals: Laurens Wit and Jon Cox TSDs started to be run beginning around mid-year. Our club began to organize two events, one to the east and one to the west. Both were aborted: one due to health issues, one due to technical issues. Both have substantial completions available for future utilization.

Several Rally Cross events were held in Ontario and RSO planned a Rally Sprint series of three events. Ultimately two were held. OSCC was the on-site Covid marshal for the Rally Sprint series to ensure that all provincial regulations were upheld and more importantly that the virus was not transmitted. Besides teaching rally driving, co-driving and organizing, we also taught and learnt covid management as the overall covid marshal (not always on-site) is a senior provincial covid trainer, Justin Fitzpatrick. There were several successful Ottawa competitors in this series. Drivers included: Chris Krepeski and Vince Landreville, Co-Drivers included: Colin Wolfson, Roxanne Landreville and Julie Papineau.

As a final note, kudos to KWRC; they have gone back to the future to provide TSD, at least to navigators. They organized three table-top rallies over the past winter. These are just what the name implies. Historically these events were offered on specified maps with paper instructions. They are now offered online. The route book and maps are on a URL. Roger Sanderson and Dennis Wharton put these on and were happy with the entry.

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