

Wild West will cap season

Final Rally America event Dec. 2; Reno postponed

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GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. — Rally America announced that the Reno Rally taking place in Reno, Nev., on Dec. 1 and 2 has been postponed. Rally America has asked Wild West to be the final race of the 2006 National Championship series.

"It's really too bad we had to replace the Reno Rally at this time," said J.B. Niday, managing director for Rally America. "The event chairman, David Hackett, is developing the event and Rally America looks forward to a Reno

event in the future."

"It is important to Rally America that all our events are successful. When Wild West was forced to reschedule, the opportunity presented itself to take some pressure off the Reno event and give it more time to develop. I am encouraging them put on a regional rally in early 2007."

The Wild West Rally was originally scheduled for Sept. 9 and 10. It was postponed due to extreme forest fire danger and is now rescheduled for Dec. 2 and 3 in Olympia.

"The Wild West was a National Championship event for many years and they organize some of the best events in the country," Niday said. "This will be a great place to conclude the race for the Rally America 2006 National Championship."

Rally America will now have two rallies in the Pacific Northwest, as the Oregon Trail rally was already Round no. 3 of the series in April. The Wild West Rally will provide breathtaking views on challenging mountainous stages for all participants.

2006: A great season for Solo

Another season has gone by. I hope you had as much fun as I did. We had eight events in the Fordahl Motorsports Championship series. We put on a beginners' school as part of the Jim's Detail Shop Novice program. We held two practice days and a practice ProSolo. We also hosted the Packwood ProSolo and the Packwood National Tour. As you can see it was a busy year. We would like to thank Fordahl Motorsports and Jim's Detail Shop for their support. Of course, the best way to thank them is to patronize them.

This year's event all went well. We had some rain at a few of them, the timing lights were hit a few times, but no cars had major damage and no one was hurt. I can tell you that I had a lot of fun this year. There were a lot of good battles for the season championships, with most not fully decided until the last event. The closest race was decided by .024 points, which is about .012 seconds cumulatively over the year. We averaged more than 105 competitors for Fordahl Motorsports' season championships at each event. Overall attendance was about the same as last year.

On the national front, we had about 50 people go to nationals this year. We had one ProSolo season champion, Joe Goeke in BS. We had six Solo National champions, Kristi Brown in HSL, Jodi Fordahl in ESL, Kevin Dietz in CS, Shelbi Zigler in

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CSL, Anna Goeke in BSL and Angela Mofett in SM2L. As a group, we took home many trophies.

I would also like to thank the people who really made the year happen, not all of whom can be mentioned here. Among them are our chairs and specialty chiefs.

The schedule and the event chairs are:

April 2, Bremerton, Jackie McInnes and Erika Cowen

April 22 and 23, Packwood, Jake Nygaard and Shalyn Morrow

May 28, Bremerton, Karl Coleman and Amy Olson

Novice school, Jackie McInnes

June 17, Packwood ProSolo, Alan Dahl

June 18, Packwood, Jake Nygaard and Shalyn Morrow

July 8 and 9, Packwood, Brett Wilson and Enrique Garcia

July 23, Bremerton, Karl Coleman and Amy Olson

Aug. 5 and 6, Packwood ProSolo, Alan Dahl

Aug. 12 and 13, Packwood NT, Keith Brown and Jerry Lamb

Sept. 3, Bremerton, Aaron Pailthorp

Oct. 15, Bremerton, Shelbi Zigler and

Kevin Dietz

Our specialty chiefs:

Timing: Glenn Austin and Enrique Garcia

Course: David Lewis

Waivers: Erika Cowan, Tim Irwin and Joe Flores

Scoring: Jodi Fordahl

Workers: Keith and Kristi Brown

Equipment: Brian Norton

Registration: Jason Spore and Dick Willy

Tech: Abe Douglass

Grid: Trevor McDermott and Glen Hernandez

Novice Chair: Jackie McInnes

Trophies: Amy Olson

Core workers not mentioned above include Gretchen Everett, Jodi Fordahl LouAnn Christensen, Dick Willy, Bud Bohrer, Val Korry and Mike and Carol Leuty. We also couldn't have events without our safety stewards: Karl Coleman, Bob Forsberg, Mike Leuty, Carol Leuty, Scott Miller, Val Korry, Mark McCooey, Craig Anderson, Dick Willy, Kathryn Hansen and Scott West.

If you would like to help out and you are not sure how you could, let us know. We'll find something for you. We are always looking for new blood. A good way to meet us is to show up at a meeting. They are always held on the second Tuesday of the month.