



Antione L'Estage and Nathalie Richard finished second overall in a Hyundai Tiburon.

Pacific Forest Rally 2006

Late summer weather ideal

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MERRITT, B.C. — The West Coast Rally Association presented their 2006 Pacific Forest Rally, a CARS National Rally, running through the forestry roads, ranchland trails and city streets of Merritt, in BC's Country Music Capitol Oct. 12-15.

PFR has been around in various forms since the 1960s. Revived eight years ago, and celebrating six years in Merritt, this would be Round 5 of the 2006 Canadian Rally Championship.

Our two Course Opening cars managed to Recce the new stages enroute to

Merritt on Friday morning. Thynne Mountain and Brook Creek Stages are new to BC rallying, even overlooked by the TSD rallies. We can be certain they will be included in future events, with gentle rises and falls, high-speed straights through the trees, reminiscent of Finland albeit with smaller jumps. Also on our Recce was the familiar Comstock Stage parallel to the Coquihalla Highway. Ron Sorem and Max Vaysburd (Car 0), and Lee Sorenson and Casey Woodrum (Car 00) made a few notes then proceeded to the start, for last-minute instructions before heading out to the night stages.

Weather couldn't have been better, perhaps less dust, but certainly no rain. Competition was expected to be high, with a very tight possibility that the