



Driver and navigator in a first-generation Toyota MR2 play in the snow.

With a taped-on bumper-cover they completed the second day, earning the “Dead Last But Finished” award.

Car 9, Satch Carlson and Dennis Gunn, had difficulty late Saturday, but not with the road conditions — the hatch kept coming open and depositing bits of luggage on the road. A discussion ensued as to the suspected contents, and at first it was decided to “just write it off” — until the magic word “passport” was uttered and the search was on — reverse course, unaware that, after being ignored by several cars, Car 15 had stopped to retrieve the errant satchel. Eventually, the exchange was made — the first exchange

Later in the night the hatch popped again. The driver recalls that the “exhaust note was a bit louder,” but it couldn’t be readily determined in the dark that anything was missing. Car 15, Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen, to the rescue again, for return to the grateful owner.

Sunday began cold and windy. Alkali Lake Regularity contained 52 kms of

frosty roads, mud, ice and snow — especially in the one big hairpin at 32 kms. In past rallies this corner has collected many cars, with exposures before and after, overlooking the Fraser River. No problems this year.

Exeter Regularity covered 60 kms, where the road was either wall-to-wall ice or deep narrow snow tracks. After teams finished Exeter, the checkpoint convoy streamed into 100 Mile House for a quick gas and go.

Bonaparte Lake Regularity was scheduled to be 92 kms of varying road surfaces familiar to BC rallyists. One of the big trees along the route decided the wind was too much and fell across the road at about km 54 — this became the turn-around point for the event and a detour was picked to get the convoy to Cache Creek. The rally convoy arrived safely, later than scheduled, with scoring completed around 5 p.m.

Congratulations to Eric Horst and Steve Willey, of Rainier Auto Sports Club in the Seattle area, for first overall, with only 8 points, in a 1989 BMW

325iX. Second, to Glenn Wallace, from the Seattle area, and R. Dale Kraushaar from Fountain Hills, Ariz., with 14 points, in a 2004 Subaru Turbo Baja. Third, to Rainier’s Jeff McMillen and Marvin Crippen, taking two points on day two for 24 total, in a 2002 Subaru Impreza WRX. First Calculator, fifth overall, to Martin Chung and Christa Monasch, in a 1995 Subaru Impreza. First Paper, to Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen, in a 1986 Subaru GL-10 Wagon. First Novice, to “locals” Rob and Lucile Anderson, in a 2006 Subaru Impreza STi. First Historic, to William McRae and Dave Harms, in a 1969 VW Beetle. First Historic-Equipped, to Car 17, Mike Palm and Garth Hales, in a ‘74 Super Beetle.

Totem 2006 saw participants from British Columbia, Alberta, Washington, Oregon and two from Arizona.

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