

Hope Regularity. Smooth and 72 kmh for the early part of the route, slowing for an acute left, and for hairpins and exposures. The 31.27-km regularity was an interesting twisting climb through the forest and scenic drop to the highway.

Kamloops was the fuel and lunch stop, allowing teams to gossip and relax, while workers prepared to leap-frog ahead and reset for their next regularity. Checkpoint crews either followed the transit past Pinantan Lake into the 48.6-km Loakin-Bear Regularity, or followed the Trans Canada Highway to intercept the rally. Midway into the regularity, one CP crew, entering from the TCH, and Car 1 played follow-the-leader to their location, fortunately the CP crew arrived just in time.

The final test of Day One took the cars south from Turtle Valley along the China Creek Regularity, 58.79 kms to Falkland, and the transit into Vernon.

Impressing the entire field, Satch Carlson and Russ Kraushaar, in the 1969 Saab Sonett, led at Vernon with 10 points, followed by a tie, at 16, with brothers Lee and Rod Sorenson, and father-son Peter and Timothy Ryce. The little red Sonett had dislodged a bolt in the suspension causing a scary tendency to turn without driver input, although they managed to outdrive everyone.

Day Two started from Vernon, south then east, climbing into fresh snow. Beaver Lake Regularity quickly changed from bare pavement to snow-covered gravel, followed by deep snow, broken only by the early checkpoint crews. Several tight hairpins greeted the rally in the deep snow sections, followed by a twisting descent toward Lumby, ending at 52.55 kms in bare gravel.

The rally traveled north through Trinity Valley Regularity, sparsely covered by snow, but with some "interesting" icy corners in the shaded sections. Speeds varied from the early 72 kmh, down to 60 to finish its 36-km run.

Competitors and checkpointers alike met at the fuel stop in Falkland, where rally cars had a few minutes to relax and workers just enough time to gas and go to their next locations.

Twig Creek Regularity covered 55.59 kms: Wet gravel, then frozen snow-covered gravel, with hairpins, along Monte Creek FSR, continuing under light snowfall, through muddy roads into Douglas Ranch.

The final regularity of the rally had been a topic of discussion for much of



**The father-son team of Peter and Timothy Ryce in a Mazda 323GTX finished second overall to Carlson and Kraushaar by seven seconds. The Ryces won the Unlimited class with 20 seconds.**

both days. Minnie Lake Regularity has been a favorite in all types of conditions. One year, nearly dry roads and fairly rough. The next, wet with big water splashes, and in many cases frozen, presenting smooth level ice sections, connecting undulating snowy roads. The 2007 version of the mini lakes proved too doubtful for completion. The last regularity was scrubbed and the rally transited to Merritt.

Satch and Russ accumulated only 3 points, holding their overall, first Historic lead at 13. The Ryces fought the clock, taking only 4 points, for 20, and first Unlimited, second overall. The Sorensons held off the rest of the field at 10, finishing in second Unlimited, third overall with 26. Taking first Calculator, eighth overall were Josh Keatly and Leanne Junnila with 51, holding off Martin Chung and Christa Monasch by one, for second Calculator, ninth overall. Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen took first Paper with 118. James and Cindy Allison (Alberta) took first Novice with 255.

Thunderbird 2007 covered 792.25 kms (492.28 miles), scored 49 checkpoints in 16 hours 40 minutes. Forty-six cars officially finished.

*Complete results and photos at [www.rallybc.com](http://www.rallybc.com).*

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