



**Clarke Bayles and Maralyn Hope finished first in Novice with 117 points.**

Thompson River.

Loakin Bear regularity climbed quickly in the snow, then meandered along the plateau. Nearly every pull-out or cattleguard brought a check-point for 17 km, then speed change down to 36 km/h for the waiting hairpins, dropping to the river and the town of Chase, after 24 km.

Rally and CP crews parted ways again. CP crews heading east on the highway while the rally climbed back into the hills for the 36-km Skimikin regularity, a bit more twisty route to Tappen before a transit through Salmon Arm to Enderby.

Just 10 km east of Enderby the rally turned south for 32 km Trinity

Valley regularity and a mix of gravel and snow, becoming deep snow, then back to gravel dropping down to Lumby.

South of Lumby, the Beaver Lake regularity was the longest of the day, at nearly 53 km, in 1 hour 28 seconds, and presented a twisty climb at 55km/h then narrowing and tight at 45 km/h. Opening up on the mainline, speeds are back to 60 km/h. Toward Deer Lake, passing Beaver Lake, slower now in deeper, less-traveled snow, then the snowplow! Good or bad depending on tire choice and skill levels, but the track was wider and smoother. End of section just short of Highway 97 in Winfield, then into Kelowna for the finish of Day One.

Thunderbird presented 27 scored controls on Saturday — apparently too few for the Unlimited cars. Four teams tied with 2 points, and two of those tied with most zeroes. There were seven cars under 11 seconds, including two Historic Saabs. Wildlife sightings included coyote, wolf, deer and moose (on pre-run — just “size 10” fresh footprints at our CP location). The wildlife Saturday night at



**Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen took first in Paper with 165 points.**