



2023 President's Report

Canadian Association of Rally Sport (CARS)

Another good year comes to an end. Record entries in many events, good fights, great stories, new faces everywhere, new people in schools, in cross-rally and in regional events. Nearly a full year for our new series manager, also another new face for the organizer's representative. A strong beam of light shines on our future.

But, at the time of writing this report, the season is not over. Nature will have again bested Pacific Forest Rally. As a result, there will be a reorganized calendar for 2024. We wish its organizers the very best to overcome the hard times.

With reasonable decisions, we have been able to keep a balanced budget to face any hardship. The decision to hold again the coming AGM virtually, allows us, as well as all the clubs, to save a lot. Let's wish for the next one to be in person, to everyone's delight.

Our project to relaunch our social media program also shows good payback by immensely improving our exposure. Our link to GDS has been strengthened again this year and we get excellent support. Let's hope the best is yet to come.

As usual, I also want to thank for their innumerable efforts, in my name and on behalf of CARS, all the competitors, organizers, stewards, member clubs, volunteers, as well as the members of the CARS extended board with whom I get the chance to work nearly every day all year long. This sport is on the move, thanks to you. Hat off to all of you!

There are still challenges to overcome. If you think you can help, don't be shy, let us know!

The president is elected every year by the regional directors for a one-year term. 2023 marks for me the end of my second term. I sincerely believe that it is in the best interest of the sport to have a turnover at various functions to get the best out of everyone. It was a real pleasure to travel this road with you. A new president will be elected just before the next AGM.

To the pleasure of seeing you again!

Jean-François Guité

CARS President

CARS Rule changes and projects in 2023

Bulletin 2023-01 Update Section 12 Section 12 updated to incorporate FIA Rally pyramid.

Bulletin 2023-02 Update 20.13 rules Had confusion around intent of 20.13...

Bulletin 2023-03 Classic Rally Championship Implement Classic Rally Championship.

Bulletin 2023-04 Medical self-declaration form and ROV tire.

Logbook fees share change to the log book and new build inspection fee schedule document. To reflect board position that 40% of fees should go to the applicable region. Policy updated.

2024 rule book is updated with all 2023 updates and ready for publication.

Standardizing opportunities process help by organizer's rep David Brassard and SM Yannick Lefebvre committee.

AGM procedures review.

FINANCES

We achieve a balanced budget in 2023. We provide quarterly financial reports to the CARS board.

The CARS organization in 2023

The CARS organization is made up of many people who volunteer countless hours for the benefit of sport and all its participants. I want to thank you all, because the pleasure we have driving in the forest would not be possible without your help. Of course, this also applies to our event's organizers and our hundreds of volunteers.

Thank you all.

Directors Elected 2023

CARS Regional Director – Atlantic Region Motor Sports: Mal Swann

CARS Regional Director and Vice President – Rallye Sport Québec: François East

CARS Regional Director – Rally Sport Ontario: Warren Haywood

CARS Regional Director – Rally West and Secretary / Treasurer: Chris Kremer

CARS Regional Director – Rally Pacific Motorsport Region: Martin Burnley

Members of the 2023 extended Board

CRC Series Manager: Yannick Lefebvre

CARS Office Manager: Debbie Dyer

Organizers' Representative: Ross Wood / David Brassard

Technical Director: Graham Bruce

Competitor Representative: André Leblanc

Support roles

Translator: Pierre Racine

Medical Advisors: Kelsey Holt

Statistician: Debbie Dyer

Rulebook: John Hall

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Philippe Côté

BGilles Lacroix

Mal Swann

Todd Patola

JF Guité

Martin Loveridge

Daphne Sleight

Philippe Corbeil

Anik Barrette

Tom Burgess

Marcel-Paul Raymond

Nicki Lachapelle

Alan Perry

Dave Sharp