

Report from the 2016 Regional Rally Director

It was my honour to serve the RSO community as the Region Rally Director for the past 3 years. It was a most interesting position to hold as it often meant trying to serve two masters with differing priorities. While I wasn't able to accomplish all that I wanted, I can honestly say that I am proud of what I did accomplish and the balance in representation I maintained.

The other RSO Directors will, no doubt, apprise us of the state of RSO activities through 2016. The monthly reports I provided to the board that appear in the meeting minutes, as well as a perusal of the CARS meeting minutes, will present the national body's activities. Rather than repeat what is readily available, I decided to present my activities for the 2016 Rally season.

As the Region Rally Director, it was my duty to review regulations, safety plans, and issue permits for all rally activities in Ontario as well as issue Rally Sprint licences. To that end, I have reviewed plans and issued permits for 21 navigational events (3 in 2017), 10 Rally Cross events (2 in 2017), 2 Rally Sprints, 6 performance rallies, and 2 test days. Add to that, issuing 14 Rally Sprint Licences.

There were 11 RSO meetings (including the AGM) and 15 CARS meetings. Most of these were via conference call, although 4 involved full or part day meeting.

On a personal level, I organized one performance rally and one navigational rally. Adding to this, there were volunteer activities at 9 rallies and one ice race. As I look back, it was a very full year.

There were some personal initiatives that went unaccomplished. There is much more that can and I believe must be done for the sport by future participants. There are no easy answers and no silver bullet.

In closing, I'd like to thank the Ontario rally community for placing their faith in me for the past 3 years. I sincerely wish both the new and returning RSO board members and all other members of our sport meaningful accomplishments, success, and happiness through 2017.

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