

2017 REGIONAL RALLY DIRECTOR REPORT

My first year as regional rally director has been educational, challenging, and rewarding. I've learned a lot and will take these skills to help improve my service this year. Jumping into this role was made easier with the help of the past regional rally director Peter Watt, thank you. The RSO board are a group of very dedicated people, each of whom eat, breath and sleep rally. I'm very proud to be a part of this team. And thanks has to be given to the large group of volunteers who make this sport happen.

Part of my role as regional rally director is to sit on the CARS board of directors. I've tried my best to portray and support RSO's interests in all aspects of rally in Canada and the rules/regulations that we operate under. We have had some successes this year; our efforts were successful in keeping electronic rally tracking open to the discretion of the region/event. This will help avoid additional event costs. Additionally at the CARS level, I sit on the CARS Technical rules committee. In this role I am able to help ensure the rules keep us safe, while trying not to increase costs significantly and ensure minimal impact on the fleet of rally cars in Ontario.

I've found in the past that CARS receives very little input from the sport in relation to rules changes. In an attempt to increase input from the RSO community, this past fall I started emailing CARS communications (bulletins, rule changes, etc) directly to the competitors and by posting on Facebook. This has been quite successful and I will continue to do this through 2018. If anyone would like to be added to my mailing list please send me your email address.

Another duty of the regional rally director is issuing event permits. I try my best to process all requests as quickly as possible. The application process is not too difficult but trying to navigate through the various forms for a new organizer can be time consuming. I'm here to help out when needed.

On a personal note, I hope to compete more this year at performance events, rallysprint, rallycross and as always volunteer at any event I can.

If there is anything I can do to improve my performance in this role or help out the sport in any other way, please let me know. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as regional rally director.

Thank You,
Darryl Malone