

Annual The Car Zero Report



2018

The RallySport Ontario Board of Directors continued its work through the year without too much drama (yah!). The directors with all their respective expertise - Warren in Performance, Darin in Nav, David keeping the books, Darryl making sure our views are heard at CARS, and Kelly holding the whole thing together as Secretary – made sure that all the various events ran as they should.

The RSO affiliated clubs are strong in their own rights, putting on well run events. The entry levels in navigational rally remain fairly steady, but performance events continuing to decline. Rally sprint shows strong competitor interest, with 3 events in 2019 being fully subscribed (thanks Paul!). Rally cross support is strong, with two more clubs putting on events.

A steward's school was held in October, with 15 people working with Alasdair Robertson to understand the nuances of the role as it pertains to rally. It's likely that not all will be stewards, but the information is beneficial to anyone involved in the sport. We hope to hold a codrivers' school this spring.

Rally Promoter Association of Canada, a CARS affiliated club, is moving cautiously forward, working with various clubs and government agencies to have a WRC winter event in Canada. WRC is very interested in this happening, as they are looking for a second winter event in their schedule. Should this come about, it would take the combined efforts of all the Ontario and Quebec clubs to make it happen. RPAC has been working toward a 2023 timeline – WRC would like it a year earlier. There is a very significant amount of work to be done yet before anything is definite, but what seemed like a dream a year ago is now a definite possibility.

In January 2020, RallySport Ontario will be hosting the CARS annual general meeting in Ottawa.

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Time to move on. Having completed three terms as President of RallySport Ontario, the time for fresh ideas and new initiatives has come. It has been an enjoyable period, having been able to work with the other dedicated members of the Board. Each one strives to do what's best for the sport. So, a sincere thank you to current and past RSO Board members, club presidents and club members for their dedication, and their support and input over the past six years. Special thanks to Ross and Martin for bringing their thoughts and ideas to the table. My best wishes to the new president, whoever it might be; you have my continued support in this crazy sport we all love.

Bruce Leonard
President
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