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PERCE NEIGE RALLY A GO!

The Canadian Association of Rallysport is proud to announce that the 2010 edition of the Rallye Perce Neige will go ahead as planned on February 4-7 of next year in Maniwaki, Quebec.

Earlier this month, the event's organizers had indicated a number of issues had forced the organizing committee to reassess their ability to conduct a successful event in 2010. These ranged from items such as a lack of workers to financial shortfalls. Once the problem became apparent, several people within the Canadian Association of Rallysport began working to find solutions.

“A lot of hard work has gone on behind the scenes since the cancellation announcement was made. A number of individuals and clubs have volunteered their time to ensure the event would continue,” said CARS president, Tom McGeer. “This kind of camaraderie is exactly what makes rally such a great sport and I am particularly impressed with the number of offers of support that continue to come in,” he added. The organizer of the event has decided that, with the extra resources, the Rallye Perce Neige will be able to go ahead.

The coordinator of the event will remain as Denyse Moisan. Joining her as assistant coordinator will be Terry Epp, while the Clerk of the Course will be Ross Wood. Both Terry and Ross will also lead the efforts to define the route for the event. With over 100 years of rally experience amongst the three principal committee members, the event will be well served.

Also stepping up to help with the event are both the Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) and the Club Auto Sport Defi Inc (CASDI). These two clubs have offered to staff and operate a number of the special stages.

“Having these clubs offer the manpower needed to ensure stages are run safely is a huge help,” said McGeer. “Getting enough workers to this event has always been a challenge and this offer takes away one of the main problems for 2010.”

Further event information, including Supplementary Regulations, will be available shortly. In the meantime, mark your calendars on February 4-7 to be in Maniwaki, Quebec for the premiere winter event in North American rallying!

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