

The Very Last Coast To Coast Event... Ever



As I was hosing down my car tonight and watching all the rocks and sand accumulated from the recent Coast to Coast 2004 event collect under the car, I suddenly realized that we mainland rallyists are contributing to the slow disappearance of Vancouver Island. I feverishly scraped together the bits of earth together into a rough facsimile of the real thing and reflected upon the massive environmental impact our sport has.

Through the miracle of the Internet, I scientifically calculated the weight of Vancouver Island to be approximately 5,589,937,013,760,006 pounds (5 quadrillion pounds), give or take a few.

If you take this number, and divide it by 5 (5 pounds of rocks and sand per car), divide by 10 (10 rallyists from the mainland at each event), and divide by 2 (2 Island gravel events per year), you will get 55,899,370,137,600 (55 trillion), which is the number of years that it will take before the entire island has been transported over to the mainland in the various nooks and crannies of our cars.

My humble prediction is as follows: Coast to Coast in the year 55,899,370,139,604 (abbreviated C2C '04 – what a coincidence!) shall therefore be the last Coast to Coast event ever. Organizers should also be aware that there will be a limited remaining dry land surface to choose from, so that year's route may not be as interesting as in previous years. Competitors should be advised to bring flotation equipment along with their standard fire extinguisher, triangle, and first aid kit as the possibility of being swept away by the ocean shall be ever present.

Rallyists should not mourn the loss of Coast to Coast from the BC TSD Championship calendar, for by this time, I shall have accumulated an amount of rock and sand in my driveway sufficiently large to host an entire ecosystem replete with animals, trees, loggers, and of course forestry roads. I will generously invite all competitors to my house for the next year's rally, the name of which shall be determined in the future.

Note: It has been brought to my attention (by myself) that Vancouver Island rallyists will help compensate for this slow disappearance because they will bring back mainland rocks and sand to the Island. However, given their fewer relative numbers, they will be fighting a losing battle.