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Subaru Captures 11th Canadian Rally Championship

Manufacturer Title at Rocky Mountain Rally

- Subaru's 11th Canadian Rally Championship (CRC) manufacturer title places the brand at the forefront of the series as being tied with most marque championships since the series' inception 58 years ago.
- Subaru Rally Team Canada (SRTC) won seven of eight stages at Rocky Mountain Rally to win the event by 4 minutes and 28 seconds.
- The win for SRTC at Rocky Mountain Rally also clinched the CRC driver and co-driver championships for Antoine L'Estage and Alan Ockwell, respectively.

(MISSISSAUGA) — Subaru Canada, Inc. (SCI) is thrilled to announce that after the fifth Canadian Rally Championship (CRC) national event of the season, Rocky Mountain Rally in Invermere, B.C., Subaru Rally Team Canada (SRTC) has clinched the manufacturer's title for an 11th time. This now ties Subaru for most CRC marque titles in history, placing the brand at the forefront of one of the most gruelling and extreme motorsports. Finishing at the top of the podium after the two-day event (October 31 and November 1), SRTC held a strong 4 minute and 28 second lead after very rough conditions were experienced throughout the weekend. To end the rally, the event organizers were forced to cancel the final three stages due to extreme weather and a blizzard rolling through the mountains of Invermere. The win also clinches the CRC driver and co-driver championships for Antoine L'Estage and Alan Ockwell, respectively.

Every rally event has its fair share of obstacles to overcome and it seemed that SRTC started off with their first obstacle of the event on the first stage. The team experienced a driveline issue that cause the vehicle to run in two-wheel drive. At first service the Rocket Rally Racing crew quickly fixed the encountered issue and the team was back on the road to win the remaining stages. As weather conditions worsened near the end of the first day, event organized canceled one of the stages and decided to rerun a different stage for a third pass, making for tricky road conditions.

The second day of the rally continued with unfortunate weather conditions that made for extremely dangerous roads. After much deliberation the final three stages of the event were cancelled, ending the rally with SRTC at the top of the podium for the second time in the span of a week.

“Winning the Canadian Rally Championship manufacturer title for a record tying eleventh time solidifies our strength in rally motorsport and is a testament to the durability, quality and reliability of our vehicles,” said Shiro Ohta, chairman, president and CEO of Subaru Canada, Inc. “The Subaru WRX STI has a pedigree for being a champion and I’d like to thank and congratulate Antoine L’Estage and Alan Ockwell for bringing the manufacturer title back to Subaru for an 11th time.”

“Winning Subaru the manufacturer championship is so meaningful because it is a great group of passionate people that continue to propel our amazing results throughout the season,” said Antoine L’Estage, SRTC driver. “It is a great moment for the team. It is my eighth driver’s championship and the first one with the Subaru team. We are really happy with the results!”

SRTC clinched the 2015 CRC manufacturer championship after winning four of five events out of the season thus far. The season finale will take place November 27 and 28 in Bancroft, ON at Rally of the Tall Pines.

2015 Rocky Mountain Rally Results			
Position	Driver / Co-Driver	Vehicle	Time
1	Antoine L’Estage / Alan Ockwell	2015 Subaru WRX STI	1:13:27.7
2	Hardy Schmidtke / John Hall	2005 Mitsubishi Evo	1:17:55.6

3	Boris Djordjevic / Chris Kremer	2008 Mitsubishi Evo	1:21:13.3
4	Josh Shewchuk / Adam Vokes	2008 Subaru WRX STI	1:23:21.7
5	Stu Ford / Robin Chapelski	2006 Subaru WRX	1:26:01.2
6	Justin Bayliff / Christine Bayliff	2007 Mitsubishi Evo	1:26:20.4
7	Vilnis Dimpers / Liga Kotane	2005 Mitsubishi Evo	1:27:40.6
8	Eric Grochowski / Bill Dubreil	1987 Toyota Corolla GTS	1:31:28.1
9	Voytek Stywryszko / Spencer Armstrong	1986 Toyota Corolla	1:37:25.7
10	Taisto Heinonen / Leanne Junnila	2000 Subaru Impreza 2.5RS	1:37:28.9

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