

Region 2 Rally and Covid-19 March 17, 2020

After much thought and deliberation, it has been decided to cancel our Region 2 Rally scheduled for this May 21 to May 24 in Kingston, Ontario Canada. We believe it to be in the best interest of all our members that we do so.

The reasons are everywhere...in our media, in messages and directives from our Governments and health agencies. We cannot in good conscience or practice continue with plans to bring 200+ people from all over Ontario and the US, to congregate in close quarters, no matter how much we want to be brave and carry on.

That would not be prudent or the right thing to do, especially under the uncertainties of these circumstances and across an international border. No one wants to get ill or possibly quarantined, especially away from home and perhaps without health insurance coverage. All are things that, unfortunately, needed to be considered.

We are working with the Campground on cancellation and refunds. Please, **DO NOT CONTACT THE CAMPGROUND AT THIS TIME.** We want to be sure of the procedure they want us to follow. I do not want to overwhelm them with your telephone calls. It is a stressful time for them as well. I will let you know, hopefully in the next days, when a refund procedure will be in place.

The same goes for your Rally registration fees and trolley tour fees. Our US and Canadian Rally Registrars are working on a refund procedure and we will communicate

those details as soon as possible as well. I am asking for your patience in these matters. Please rest assured you will be refunded, in a timely manner.

There is plenty of disappointment to go around. Especially with the news this morning that the 2020 International Rally scheduled for June in Colorado has been cancelled. But we are resilient by our nature and we will put the disappointments aside. Let's take care of ourselves, our families and loved ones. Let us offer words of encouragement and hope to each other. We are wonderful neighbors, the USA and Canada, two of the greatest nations on Earth occupied by the smartest and innovative of mind. We will prevail.

I look forward to seeing you down the road soon and hopefully at the 2021 Region 2 Rally...in Kingston!

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