



2024 Rush to ‘Gold Bridge’

(but definitely not going to Gold Bridge)

Entry and Event Information

Aug 22nd to Aug 25th, 2024

Not reading this will cost you money, and enjoyment. Seriously. 2024 is NOT a normal Rush to Gold Bridge. This first paragraph is an important note about these Supplementary Regulations

We’re excited to bring you another Rush to ‘Gold Bridge’ event in 2024, but do want you to read through the attached document carefully. This year’s rush to Gold Bridge is unique, and not like any before it. You really need to read this document in full, or you may find yourself frustrated and disappointed. This is a mixed gravel and tarmac event, with limited route book details and you could get lost! Reading this document before entering ensures you know exactly what you’re getting into. Also - due to our “highlight destination” we’ve had to add a day. We’re starting *Thursday* morning and finishing on Sunday.

Notes about this year:

- Road types are different than previous years
- Unique accommodation details
- Entry fees invoiced after selections
- Unique dining situations
- Online entry form

What is the “Rush to Gold Bridge”?

The Rush to Gold Bridge (R2GB) Classic Car Adventure is our mixed surface, August, 4-day driving event, organized by Classic Car Adventures. The R2GB is a budget-minded driving adventure through the backroads and highways of British Columbia for 1989 and earlier touring and sports cars. This un-scored, non-competitive event explores approximately 1,346 kilometres of driving over four days. A paid entry on the Rush to Gold Bridge in 2024 includes three nights accommodation, three dinners, an event package, finishing lunch and some give-away items for a car of two people. The 2024 event is limited to a maximum entry of just 20 vehicles.

The 2024 Story

The first Rush to Gold Bridge, which *actually went to Gold Bridge*, came about because we had never *been* to Gold Bridge. We always wanted to go, but never seemed to find the time. As we started to plan a “birthday weekend for Dave” in Gold Bridge, we realized that if we wanted to do it...surely other people would as well? And thus, the Rush to Gold Bridge began. Each year the event circles around a particular adventure I’ve always heard about, but have never done. Did you know (for instance) there is a *legal* road that runs right through Sun Peaks ski resort? The look on the mountain bikers faces as classic cars started driving through the bike park was unforgettable. We’ve explored caves on the island, driven past gold mines in the interior, stayed in some of BC’s most historic hotels, and discovered the absolutely best paved driving road in all of British Columbia...which isn’t the Duffy.

Last year we ventured the furthest we’ve ever been, driving the incredibly unique Hwy 20 into (and out of) Bella Coola. The road was incredible, the town fantastic, and the feeling of accomplishment couldn’t have been better.

And so, upon returning from the 2023 Rush to Gold Bridge, I started to think about where the 2024 event should go. It’s taken many months of planning, buying out every accommodation available, but we’re once again hitting the road for “place I’ve always wanted to visit.”

The 2024 Route and “Route-Book”

~~The route for the 2024 R2GB Adventure will remain secret~~ This year much of the route isn’t going to be a secret! We’re departing 100 Mile House on Thursday morning, and heading to the town of Wells for an overnight. Now, You’re probably thinking “I’ve heard of Wells, but why?” Wells is the neighbour to Barkerville, the historic town and heritage park. Day one will take us from 100 mile house to Wells, using 1/2 gravel, and 1/2 pavement for the route.

Last year, as we were departing Bella Coola, the group commented on how they had wished for a little more time to explore the town, one of the hiking trails, or simply enjoy the coffee shop without the need for a travel mug. So, for the 2024 Rush to ~~Gold Bridge~~ Wells, we’re going to try that. Day two of our event has a choice. You can explore a 312km circle route past lakes, mountains, and who-knows-what...or you can grab a ticket to Barkerville, and explore a town before cars were invented. Perhaps you zip into Barkerville for an hour, and then do the loop? Regardless, the choice is yours and you won’t have to pack your bags that morning. We’re returning back to the same accommodations for night two.

Day three will see the group traveling back to 100 mile house, but on a completely different, and all gravel route. These are Rush to Gold Bridge roads that I’ve always wanted to include on an event, and another reason why we’ve extended to a four-day adventure.

For day four, we’ll be doing a primarily gravel route, all the way to Cache Creek for our finish. You should arrive by 12:30pm, and we should be finished lunch and awards by 2:30pm.

The event consists of paved and gravel roads through mountainous terrain, with driving scheduled through daylight hours.

The “Route Book”

Following 2023's “slightly lost in the backcountry” experience, we planned on pre-running the entire route to create a traditional CCA route book for the Rush to Gold Bridge, in an effort to keep entry-fees as reasonable as possible, we won't be pre-running the route. Instead, the route book will be a combination of written instructions and detailed backcountry maps. We'll have a list of which Backroad Mapbooks would be handy to have, and we're also testing three apps for offline-forestry road navigation. Recommended books and apps will be in our “know-before-you-go” email to participants.

Vehicle Acceptance

The Rush to Gold Bridge Adventure is open to sport, touring and classic cars from 1989 and earlier. Sorry, no motorcycles on this event. We have been known to accept a truck or two, and even a couple of ‘retro cars’ made after 1989. If you think you've got a unique vehicle that should qualify, simply send us an entry form or contact us, we'll see if we think it fits with the group. If we're 100% honest, we're not really worried about what car you bring, we're more concerned that you're someone who's up for an adventure.

Forest Fires, Cancellation and Re-Route Risk

Forest fire is a significant risk to our summer events. In the event of a highway closure, or cancellation, CCA will do everything possible to recoup costs and provide refunds wherever possible. Hotel contracts *have changed* following Covid, and typically last-minute cancellations (even in the case of “forest fire closes the road”) are no longer provided with a refund. As such, we'll make an informed decision 14 days prior to the event if we're going ahead or not.

Gravel Quality

We're often asked about quality of the gravel roads before guests wish to enter. For the routes we've chosen, we've done our best to research gravel options that should be relatively smooth and certainly passable by classic cars. **We have not pre-driven the route** and thus could be surprised. In the final two weeks before the event, we post inquiries with our adventure-bike friends to try and get the most accurate assessment of road conditions. Our track record is a little spotty in this regard, but we are improving!

Start and Finish Locations

This year the Rush to Gold Bridge will start in 100 Mile House BC, on Thursday Morning. We'll finish on Sunday at lunch, in Cache Creek.

Hospitality Team

A selection of meals this year on the Rush to Gold Bridge will be hosted by the CCA Culinary team of Rick & Mark. Our remote route means they're taking on more meals for the group this year, which is absolutely fantastic! We always eat incredibly well when they are in charge.

Thursday Night Hotel

Presuming that the majority of our guests will be staying overnight in 100 mile house, we've included the Wednesday night hotel for each entry. If you do not need the Wednesday night accommodation, please indicate it in your application for a reduced entry fee.

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Wells Hotels

Our hotels rooms in Wells are a mixture of historic hotel rooms (some with bathroom-down-the-hall) and hotel rooms which are more like Air BnB's a short walking distance away (550m). Our evening activities will be located at or near the historic hotel. The newly formed D/O rule says that "CCA will make every effort to not have you stay in the 'remote' hotel two years in a row." The problem is, we haven't necessarily recorded who was "down the road" in 2023. Please make a note of this in your 2024 application, if appropriate. While we suspect everyone would prefer their own private bathroom, we can only attempt to accommodate depending on number of applications received. If your entry *requires* a private bathroom, please note it on your application. If we're unable to accommodate, we'll call you before giving your spot to another entry.

The Air BnB-style of accommodations do have more beds available, if you would like to share a cabin with another car. We may be able to reduce your entry fee if this is the case, as we're currently planning on using some of these for "private bathroom" requests. If you'd like to share a cabin with another car, simply note who on your application. If both cars submit each other, we'll put you in a cabin together and reduce your entry fee.

Saturday Night 100 Mile House Hotel

We're back at the Spruce Hill Resort and Spa for Saturday night. Accommodations are planned as private accommodations with private bathroom. There is, however, an opportunity to reduce your entry fee by sharing accommodations (and bathroom) with other cars. Up to three cars can share a cabin, which has the opportunity to reduce your entry fee. Please note accordingly in your application.

Meals

This year your event includes the following meals:

Day 1, Thursday - Dinner

Day 2, Friday - Lunch & Dinner

Day 3, Saturday - Dinner

Day 4, Sunday - Breakfast & Lunch

Meals are a mixture of restaurants, banquet halls, and the CCA Culinary Team

Sunday Finish Lunch

Our event concludes with a traditional Sunday lunch, custom sandwiches and more which you will pre-order with our team. We strive to conclude all event awards by 2pm, but promise they'll be done by 3pm at the latest.

Event Schedule ***Subject to change**

Friday June 28th, 2024

- Supp. regs posted.

Monday July 1st, 2024

- Entry forms posted, entry opens.
- Twenty (20) entries accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Entry forms accepted via our online entry system.

Wednesday August 21st, 2024

- Early Registration open on Thursday Evening. Hours and location to be confirmed.
- Optional dinner plans to be announced

Thursday Aug 22nd, 2024

8:15-8:45am	Registration open for those who missed Thursday evening.
8:45am	All-Participants Meeting & Event Introductions (<i>Mandatory Attendance</i>)
9:15am	Depart Start
5:15pm	Estimated hotel arrival, allowing for lunch, sightseeing & fuel stops during the day
7:00pm	Group Meeting for pre-dinner drinks, dinner, and next day plans

Friday Aug 23rd, 2024

9:00am	Driving groups gather (Driving loop, Barkerville, or mix)
9:15am	Depart Start
4:15pm	Estimated cabin arrival, allowing for lunch, sightseeing & fuel stops during the day
7:00pm	Group Meeting for dinner

Saturday Aug 24th, 2024

8:45am	All-Participants Meeting (<i>Mandatory Attendance</i>)
9:00am	Depart Start
4:15pm	Estimated cabin arrival, allowing for lunch, sightseeing & fuel stops during the day
7:00pm	Group Meeting for dine-around dinner

Sunday Aug 25th, 2024

8:45am	All-Participants Meeting (<i>Mandatory Attendance</i>)
9:00am	Depart Start
1:00pm	Arrive at Finish location with hosted lunch, location to be shared with accepted entrants
3:00pm	Departure

Vehicle Preparation

All vehicles attending the Rush to Gold Bridge are expected to meet legal roadworthiness standards at an absolute minimum. Generally guests should ensure their vehicles are ready for a long weekend of driving through mountains and winding roads, keeping in mind that short jaunts around town may not fully prepare your vehicle for long hours of mountain highways. Please read the new [CCA Vehicle Preparation Document](#) for full details. The basics, however, are as follows:

1) A Vehicle Inspection Form will need to be completed for your entry vehicle.

- The form can be filled out by home mechanics, competent enthusiasts or a professional.
- *Vehicles which “fail” the inspection form, for any reason, are not necessarily barred from entry...*it simply means you need to discuss with the CCA organizing team your specific vehicle and issues.
- The inspection form can be found here: [CCA Vehicle Inspection Form](#)

2) At registration the organizing team will check your vehicle for the following mandatory items:

- Minimum one (1) roadside warning triangle. Triangle must have reflective sides 30cm or larger per side. LED light-up triangles (without reflectors) are no longer acceptable. You can purchase correct warning triangles from the following sources (linked to the products):
- Proof of current insurance and driver's licenses.
- A fire extinguisher, of minimum 1A-10BC rating (2.5lb size), is to be carried. Fire extinguishers must be carried easily accessible in the luggage compartment, or secured in the passenger compartment using a metal quick-release bracket which will securely hold the fire extinguisher from striking occupants in the case of a collision.
- Vehicle inspection form (if not previously submitted).

3) 2024 Vehicles Spares Kit:

Based on our experiences over the past 10 years, we've now created a vehicle spares list which *every entrant in the Rush to Gold Bridge* is expected to carry. For most vehicles the following kit will fit into a small package. While we consider these items to be 'mandatory', we do realize some of you are going to choose not to carry them, or share the kit amongst multiple vehicles (example: three MGA's conspire to carry one fuel pump, one ignition coil and one set of points amongst the three). Rather than police and inspect each entrant's kit, we're simply going to state the following:

If you have a failure at the side of the road, where a mandatory spares item (which you aren't carrying with you) would have you up and running, our organizers, volunteers, and other entrants reserve the right shake your hand, exclaim “Good Luck!” and motor on.

Thus, your level of “adventure” is self-chosen. We encourage you to choose wisely! Full details of our spares kit requirement, and why we've chosen to go this direction, are included in our [CCA Vehicle Preparation Document](#).

- Emergency electric fuel pump, spare fuel lines and wiring so you can emergency-connect it
- Points, condenser & a timing information sheet. The timing information sheet should have the following details: Static timing, maximum advance, where the timing marks are located. With this information a tonne of our entrants and volunteers could get your engine running without difficulty or engine damage.
- Ignition coil (Continued on next page..)

- Spare nuts & bolts fitting your vehicle (a sandwich-sized tupperware container full isn't *too heavy* and might just save your day).
- Tow Strap, Tool Kit, Fire Extinguisher
- Spare Tire
- Snacks and Water for the crew. Water for the radiator if you have one.

Sweep and Vehicle Assistance

Our events are modelled after a time where motorists were somewhat self sufficient, and knew a little bit more about their vehicles than just “it has bluetooth and a coffee maker!” As such, driver's and co-drivers are expected to be the warning lights, eyes and ears for problems with their vehicle. It is advisable that you know in which end of the vehicle the engine can be found, and how to check basic items such as fluid levels and what to do if it won't start in the morning. Entrants should be prepared to handle minor problems on the roadside, or at least be friendly enough to convince others to render assistance when needed!

The Rush to Gold Bridge typically runs without a traditional sweep team, expecting that entrants are going to stop and help each other out. The event carries two SPOT satellite trackers, with roadside assistance that will both travel onto gravel roads and can be reached without the use of a cell phone. For 2024, we intend to offer a proper sweep team who can assist with minor roadside repairs and will update entrants with our sweep details once confirmed.

Decals and Event Graphics

Each entrant will be issued two R2GB numbered decals - one for each side of the car. We use a high quality, removable vinyl to ensure they'll come off your car with the least amount of fuss. Anyone with a quality paint-job should have no issues, especially since Dave painted one of his cars in the garage and the decals didn't harm that job one bit! Event decals are required, and must be mounted in a way in which they are clearly visible.

Registration Procedure

Entrants will use an online entry form to submit their entry. Entries are taken on a first-come, first-served, basis for each hotel type (ie: two bed, or single bed requests). **Entry payment** will be taken after the entry list is confirmed.

Entry Fees

If you've ever wondered why the sump-regs for the Rush to Gold Bridge take so long to get posted...it's the entry fees. Your organizer literally spends weeks agonizing over trying to trim them down to acceptable levels. The 2023 event had an average cost of \$418 per day. The 2024 event adds two meals, a whole extra day, and is an average of \$466 per day.

Entry Type	Base Entry Fee	GST (5%)	Total Entry Fee
Full Entry - Wednesday through Sunday	\$1,776.10	\$88.81	\$1,864.91
Entry Light - (without Wednesday hotel)	\$1,534.31	\$76.72	\$1,611.02

Cancellation Policy

Since we're handling your room bookings, we do find ourselves bound by unique cancellation schedules. Please ensure you've read the following carefully before entering:

Cancellations Before August 16th

Cancellations on or before Aug 16th 2024 will result in a \$150 refund unless we can fill your space with another entry. In this case we will refund your full entry, as well as make another participant very happy! (If we're able to cancel your hotel bookings without penalty, we'll increase the refund amount.)

Cancellations on or after August 17th

Cancellations after August 17th, 2024 will result in no refund, unless we are able to fill your entry.