



A brief page of history

Created in 1987, the Rallye de Charlevoix is one of the main motor sport events in Quebec, the host province of major events Canadian racing events such as the Formula 1 Grand Prix du Canada and the Grand Prix of Trois-Rivières.

The event is contested by competitors of the Canadian Rally Championship (CRC), as well as crews from the eastern United States. A few European competitors have also taken part in the event over time.

The story of the Rallye de Charlevoix started in 1987, when a couple of enthusiasts proposed a performance rally competition on some of the most beautiful roads of the region. Roads which, for some, became mythical special stages of the event, sometimes compared with the famous Rally of Finland, one of the most legendary events of the World Rally Championship.

After two victories for Quebecer Alain Bergeron, the 1980s ended with the success of Polish driver Wojtek Grabowski before the Rallye de Charlevoix was integrated into the North American Rally Cup calendar and the Canadian Championship the following year.

The 1990s and early 2000s saw the success of some of the biggest names in North American rally competition, such as Americans John Buffum and Carl Merrill but also Canadians Frank Sprongl and Tom McGeer, each six-time Canadian champion.

Under observation to become a round of the World Rally Championship (WRC) at the turn of the century, the event was subsequently put on hold, due to a lack of human and financial resources to achieve this world event, before returning to the Quebec Championship calendar in 2009. A comeback motivated by everyone and a new organization, driven by an Émilie Fortin. Quickly, the Rallye de Charlevoix regain its letters of nobility.

In 2016, the event was registered for the first time on the calendar of the Eastern Canadian Rally Championship (ECRC) before recovering its place in 2019 in the North American Cup and the Canadian Rally Championship schedules. It could not take place in 2020, although the organizers were ready, due to government restrictions related to COVID-19. But the Rallye de Charlevoix has been back since 2021 and is now positioned as one of the star events of the Canadian Rally Championship.

In 2022, it celebrates the 35th anniversary of its creation and the story is not over...