

## First Canadian Woman Wins Ontario Rally Championship

Joan Hoskinson, Canada's only female rally driver, has won two prestigious Rally Championship titles. Joan is the first woman in Canadian history to have won these awards.

(<u>PRWEB</u>) March 19, 2004 --Thunder BayÂ $\Box$ s Joan Hoskinson, the only female Canadian rally car driver, is to be presented with two trophies at the at the prestigious Ontario Performance Rally Championship awards ceremony in Toronto on Saturday March 20th 2004. This is to be a historic moment for the sport of rally racing in Ontario, as Joan is to become the first woman ever to receive both the Top Driver Production-4 Class and the Top Novice Driver titles. These awards are just a few of many worldÂ $\Box$  class wins by Joan Hoskinson since the launch of her rally driving career only three years ago.

Joan, who is affectionately known to her fans as  $\hat{A} \square \text{Rally Girl} \hat{A} \square$ , is turning heads throughout the international rally racing circuit not only because she is a woman but also due to the late start of her rally driving career. This baby boomer continues to stun her audiences and competitors alike with her unique mix of aggressive driving skill and feminine flair. Since bringing the Monte Carlo Historic Rally, Coupe Des Dames trophy back to North America in 2001 for the first time since 1911, Joan Hoskinson $\hat{A} \square$ s rally career has shifted into overdrive and she is now competing in the high speed category of Performance Rallying, where she finished 5th in Ontario overall for 2003.

Joan will be presented these latest awards in Toronto by Ray Felice, President of Rallysport Ontario at a glitzy Awards Gala at the Delta Hotel on Saturday 20th March. Says Joan Hoskinson;  $\hat{A} \Box I$  am thrilled to be receiving these awards and to be able to show the world that Canadian women, irrelevant of age and background can achieve anything they want, if they want it badly enough. I have never let myself be deterred by stereotypes or tried to  $\hat{A} \Box$  fit in $\hat{A} \Box$  with any preconceived notion of a Rally car driver. I am a regular girl with a 9-5 career and I am proud to flaunt my femininity. Who knows, maybe I will have the first rally car with female lingerie instead of gasoline as a sponsor! $\hat{A} \Box$ 

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