

Third-Lane Motorsports News!

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Third-Lane Motorsports Done in by a Dryad!!

Dryad Quest: June 15, 2002, Shelton, Washington



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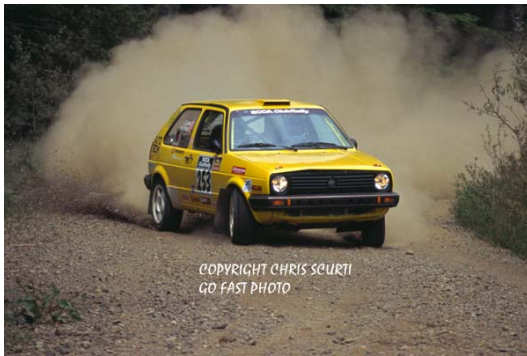
Dryads are the spirits of the trees. Unlike wood nymphs, each dryad has a specific tree to watch over and protect. When the tree dies, the dryad dies as well, thus, these spirits are very protective and never stray far, or for very long, from their tree. Hamadryads are a subspecies of dryad that live inside the tree and can never leave it. Whether it was a dryad or a hamadryad, it's difficult to say, but Car 253 fell victim to the magic of the woods during the first stage of the 2002 Dryad Quest.

Of the 44 teams entered, only 28 cars finished the Dryad Quest. Threatened by the noise, fearful for their trees, the dryads filled the air with dust. Towards the end of the 27 miles of the first special stage, the road turned sharply left. Noah and Jason found themselves driving straight-----off the road. Ever vigilant and fiercely protective, one dryad fought

back as the Golf, traveling at 40 miles per hour, rammed into its stump. In the struggle the dryad destroyed the

bumper and bent the front subframe, puncturing the radiator and ripping the airbox apart in the process. The car disabled, Noah and Jason found themselves alone in the woods for several hours before being able to return to the service area. Shaken by this supernatural experience, but with only harness bruises and blood blisters to show for the attack, they set about transporting the rally car back to the garage.





It was going quite well to start.



No we didn't get away with it. Notice the curvy radiator.



Doesn't look too bad.



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"from our perspective":

The Dryad Quest Club Rally

Q: How did the car work?

noah: Briefly, it went brilliantly. The first 10 miles were splendid.

jason: The car ran much better than the last event---the engine had been tuned!

Q: What was the course like?

noah: Slippery and dusty.

jason: Very, very dusty. The roads were familiar from previous events in the old car ('75 VW Rabbit), but the new car was much nicer to be in.

Q: High point of the event?

noah: Hard to pick a high point when you don't finish the first stage.

jason: The way the car handled---it has lots of potential. It was great. It was like old times, Noah drove really well---until we went off.

Q: Low point of the event?

noah: Seeing that sharp left appear out of the dust. Oh sh_t.

jason: Not turning left. Hitting the stump.



Q: What next?

noah: Do it all again, do it all again.

jason: No electrical problems—except the intercom still sucks. What's next? A trip to Portland, the middle of the first week of July to repair the damage.

What Next Indeed: A Wedding!!



Theresa McKee and Jason Lane, wed on September 14, 2002, in Langley, British Columbia

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