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## Third time charmed

Gary Webb three-peats Alcan 5000 winter rally

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BULLHEAD CITY - It was barely more than a month ago when local rally racer and businessman Gary Webb was making final plans and preparations to take on the challenge of one of the world's longest, and certainly coldest auto races, The Alcan 5000 Rally. Webb said it was going to be his last shot at the arctic event and his hopes were to close out his career with a third win.

Funny how a little thing like victory can change a man's perspective.

"Well, I'll put it this way," Webb said. "I already put the money down for 2012," he said with a laugh. "I guess I'm not quite done yet."

Webb, along with Russ Kraushaar, Greg Hightower and the Tres' Hombres, team's red Subaru Impreza RS took the lead on day one of the 11-day event and never let it go.

Beginning on Feb. 17 in Kirkland, Wash., the team traversed the western reaches of Canada, passing through British Columbia, the Yukon and Northwest Territory, before turning around at Tuktoyaktuk in the Arctic Circle. From there, the racers began heading south, retracing part of the previous route to finish in Jasper, Alberta, with a win by the narrowest of margins: 3.5 seconds.

"We were in the lead all the way. It was a very good race. There were no major problems or crashes," he said.

"There were a few people who got sick, as often happens, and they stayed behind in Dawson."

But while areas of the United States were experiencing record snowfall, The country's northern neighbor was enjoying a bit of a mild spot.

"We didn't encounter any seriously bad weather. In fact, there wasn't much snow at all. The only thing was some sea fog out on the ice of the Beauford Sea that could bring you down from 90-10 mph pretty quickly," he said.

So what does Webb say is behind his sudden decision to abandon his competitive retirement plans?

"I like the fact that the Website [www.alcan5000.com](http://www.alcan5000.com) will say that (the winner of the 2008 race) Car No. 1 with Gary Webb is entered for 2012 ... for the next three years or so."



*BUSINESS END: The Tres' Hombres Subaru Impreza RS proved to be the car to beat in the 2008 running of the Alcan 5000 rally. Teammates Russ Kraushaar and Greg Hightower added their skills to the effort, making local businessman Gary Webb the event's only three-time winner. Contributed*