

SPRING RALLY

4-10-94

THE SPRING RALLY WAS PRESENTED BY THE SCCA ON APRIL 10, 1994. THE WEATHER COOPERATED, AND CHECKPOINT WORKERS BRIAN AND CAPRICIA MURPHY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT BY WORKING THEIR CONTROLS FROM LAWN CHAIRS SET UP IN THE BED OF THEIR FAMOUS(OR INFAMOUS?) RALLY PICKUP TRUCK. THE WORKERS AND COMPETITORS WERE A GOOD MIX OF OLD TIMERS AND NEW FACES. THE VETERAN PRO RALLY FOLKS HAD THE LARGEST CONTINGENT, WITH DON RATHGEBER AND RAY FOULKROD WORKING TWO CONTROLS, MARK HENDERSON AND LES TALCOTT ALSO WORKING TWO CONTROLS, GENE HENDERSON AND JIM MICKLE RUNNING THE EVENT, AND JOHN AND I ORGANIZING IT. ROUNDING OUT THE CONTROL WORKER DUTIES WERE NEWCOMERS MIKE BINROTH AND LINDA WEIBEL, WHO CAME OUT TO SEE WHAT RALLIES WERE ALL ABOUT.

THE RALLY WAS RUN BETWEEN LIVONIA AND ANN ARBOR. TOUR RALLY RULES WERE MODIFIED TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH NUMBERED AND LETTERED INSTRUCTIONS. THIS ALLOWED THE ORGANIZERS TO USE SMALL TIMING TRAPS ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNS AND LANDMARKS TO KEEP THE COMPUTER CLASS CARS BUSY, AND YET ALLOW THE NOVICE CLASS CARS TO PRACTICE FINDING TRAPS WITHOUT THE LARGE PENALTIES USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH MISSING THEM ON TRAP RALLIES. PLEASE LET BRIAN, JIM, OR MYSELF KNOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF THIS CONCEPT FOR FUTURE EVENTS.

THE FIELD WAS SMALL, BUT THE COMPETITION WITHIN CLASSES WAS HEATED. THE PUFFENBERGERS FROM OHIO PROVED TO BE THE CLASS OF THE FIELD BY POSTING SEVEN CONSECUTIVE SCORES OF ONLY ONE HUNDREDTH OF A MINUTE! THAT'S AN AMAZING PERFORMANCE ON A DIRT ROAD EVENT. GENE AND JIM WERE STILL IN IT UNTIL THE LAST LEG WHEN THEY MISSED A LETTERED SPEED CHANGE INSTRUCTION. SEAN OBRIEN AND ROB MORAN WERE EASY CLASS C WINNERS(MAYBE SOME COMPETITION FOR THE MURPHYS?). NOVICE CLASS WAS VERY CLOSE WITH ONLY ONE HUNDRED POINTS SEPARATING THE THREE TEAMS. MICHELLE DESEMPELAERE AND DENNIS ANCELLOTTI WOUND UP WITH THE WIN AND PROMISED TO COME BACK FOR THE NEXT EVENT.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THE WORKERS FOR COMING OUT ON SUCH A NICE DAY .

RICK SHUE AND JOHN TOWNSEND, ORGANIZERS

	COMPETITORS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	FINISH
2	BMW HENDERSON / MICKLE	0	1	1	3	2	1	5	111	124	2A
3	AUDI FETKE / SHAFFER	39	200	90	175	40	117	125	5	791	4C
4	RANGER STUMP / STUMP	200	200	184	152	10	200	118	200	1264	2F
5	GALANT CRUNDWELL / CRUNDWELL	59	69	96	33	24	113	27	61	482	3C
6	ESCORT PUFFENBERGER X 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	10	1A
7	TOYOTA PU OBRIEN / MORAN	15	18	7	70	3	6	10	30	159	1C
8	TAURUS SHO SEMPELARE / ANCELLOTTI	100	79	134	54	133	157	200	200	1057	1F
9	MUSTANG SROKA / TULEF	200	200	200	178	50	36	200	200	1264	2F
10	DAYTONA MACKLENBURG / MCKERNAN	71	156	19	14	4	59	12	49	384	2C