

Dawnbuster III Rally

March 23/24, 1996

Dear Dawnbuster Participants,

Just a few lines to give you the scores from Dawnbuster III and to thank you for participating in what we the organizers felt, was a successful week-end. We *could* have used a few more entries, *however...* since we had to postpone the rally twice in the past two years, we haven't a chance to develop a following for these tougher, all night, events. This format may not be everyone's cup of tea, however, after some reflection, I hope that most of you, competitors, and workers alike, will respond to the challenge, and feel that just maybe there is a place on the schedule for an "all niter". If nothing else, it qualifies you for a "shot" at the "Press on Regardless" in September!

Back in the early sixties, when "Dawnbuster" was the "premier" yearly event for the TSD crowd, just to be a "finisher" and to "be there" for the "finisher's breakfast" was something to really be proud of! Only two cars failed to finish this year. The team of STRICKSTEIN & LEVIN found they had shod their Neon with the wrong tires (TOO WIDE) and dropped out at the first rest stop. DAN LYONS, and son CHARLIE, succumbed after 15 controls when "Charlie" found the late hour and the navigating a bit much for a sleepy teen ager! AARON CONNOR & DAN TUTTLE qualified for the "press on regardless" award when all the bolts came out of a constant velocity joint on their GTI. They put them back in, and managed to finish a creditable 3rd in Stock Class, and 8th O/A!

The team of DAN COUGHNOUR & KURT HILDEBRANDT (a couple of *slick ringers* from Ohio) pulverized *everybody* with an incredible 18 points over 23 scored controls! (see scores)

Sure was great to see HARRY WARD navigating for ERIC JONES in his "Vintage MGB". They not only walked away with the Vintage Class, but they finished 3rd OVERALL! (who sez Curtas are obsolete?)

I would be sorely remiss for not pointing out the outstanding job done by our crew of workers. To have a competitor score less than a point each thru 23 controls, meant many conditions were present and working well. 1. The checkpoint crews were "spot on". 2. The pre-check crews caught all the glitches. 3. The scoring crew was "perfect"! In addition to this, and a hundred other details, the dozens of people on the organizational staff all performed their jobs to perfection! Then, *and only then*, can a competing crew score less than a hundredth of a minute error per control! Here is a list of the dedicated "workers" involved in Dawnbuster III, please thank them the next time you meet them.

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| Jerry/Mary Shiloff | Registration | Jim/Maryann Mickle | Control-Pre Check | |
| Joe/Marilyn Andreini | Scoring | Pete Padden | " " | |
| Ed/Mary Lapeta | Control | Jon Wickens | Control-Computer | |
| Mark Henderson | Control Layout | Tom Woodside | " | |
| John Puffenberger | " " | Chuck Padden | " | |
| Bob Foren | " " | Mike Maklenburg | " | |
| Rob Moran | " " | Doug Shepard | Course Opening | there's more..... |
| Rick Shue | Pre-Check | | | |

