

SCENIC RIGHTS OF SPRING

The SCCA presented the Scenic Rights of Spring Rally on May 19, 1996. The event was intended to be a relatively short, brisk, and challenging rally over some extremely scenic roads. Unique for this event was the use of both numbered and lettered instructions. The lettered ones could be executed only if certain conditions occurred, and were to be ignored if those conditions did not occur before the next numbered instruction. For those not wishing to deal with the lettered instructions, the event was designed so competitors could completely ignore them and still find every checkpoint.

~~UNLIKE LAST~~ year, the weather cooperated with a dry, sunny, and hot day. Rob Moran had run a rally over the same roads two years ago, and I asked if he would allow me to use generally the same route. Thanks Rob for finding such scenic roads. Fourteen crews started the event, although one didn't get matched up with his navigator until the second leg. Leg one required competitors to pause at a sign located within three car lengths of the checkpoint, and as expected many were too busy trying to get a good score to notice the sign. Other legs required finding signs that precisely matched the wording in the route instructions, rather than close but not quite the same wording. Also knowing that landmarks such as a windmill must be identified with a sign before they can be used as part of an instruction was required. The most difficult instruction required competitors to change speed at a left on a named road. Since the named road came up at a T intersection, most competitors changed speed as they turned left. However since the road to the right was marked no outlet, by the road rally rules it does not exist, and therefore no opportunity to turn left occurred. Each of these traps only involved a small pause or minor speed change, and competitors who were not keeping time within this margin of error could completely ignore the lettered instructions and still find all the checkpoints.

Considering the difficult nature of the event, each of the class winners posted some exceptional scores. John Townsend and Jim Mickle were the only car equipped with a computer, and won the event with a total error of 64 points (hundredths of a minute). Their computer had a control knob come off on the first leg, but they borrowed my computer at the second control and pressed on for the win. Consistent winners of the limited class, Jim Fekete and Jim Shaffer, came through as usual to win their class and second overall with a score of 107 points. Scott Radabaugh and Will Manosh were third overall and first in the stock class with only 162 points. They managed to out score the Murphys who finished second in Stock with 207 points. Fifth overall and first in the novice class (only their second event) was Andrew Duthie and Charles Clark with a superb score of 228 points. Certainly one advantage of this rally format was much closer competition. There has not been a rally in my memory where the score differential between novice and equipped has been only 160 points!

Thanks to our workers, many of whom had not worked a rally before, for coming out and performing flawlessly. Gene and Mark - thanks but get a navigator next time. Rob - great route.

Rick Shue and Dan Lyons - organizers

Car	Total Points	Team	Cls	Leg	Leg	Leg	Leg	Leg	Leg	Leg	Leg	Leg	Leg	Spec	Total Points	Car	Cls
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Points			
				Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time				
1	107	Jim Fekete/Jim Shaffer	L	8	40	14	15	3	2	14	0	1	10	0	107	1	L
2	64	John Townsend/Jim Mickle	E	11	27	0	10	0	0	0	1	3	2	10	64	2	E
3	257	Brian Scott/Matt Martinchick	S	17	42	35	4	10	40	22	17	30	40	0	257	3	S
4	1255	Alex Shull/Mary Shull	N	141	200	162	200	57	34	200	56	5	200	0	1255	4	N
5	942	Chris Jackson/Gretchen Kopmanis	N	80	200	125	36	51	57	200	79	15	99	0	942	5	N
6	557	Jeff Wernberg/Brian Miahnken	S	28	2	183	55	18	43	160	15	30	13	10	557	6	S
7	333	Richard Worden/Doug Pratt	S	31	88	24	15	56	19	83	7	10	0	0	333	7	S
8	430	Pete Padden/Robert Moran	S	3	81	67	103	25	19	81	1	23	22	5	430	8	S
9	162	Scott Radabaugh/Will Manosh	S	4	54	16	17	5	20	4	3	26	13	0	162	9	S
10	207	Capricia Murphy/Bryan Murphy	S	26	17	21	24	36	40	3	8	17	5	10	207	10	S
11	228	Andrew Duthie/Charles Clark	N	2	84	23	3	11	33	6	9	18	39	0	228	11	N
12	698	Jim McMullen/Guen McMullen	N	6	200	49	54	102	78	67	51	12	79	0	698	12	N
13	670	David Kerney/Bob Foren	N	97	67	1	200	103	24	9	52	14	103	0	670	13	N
14	2000	Resh Wallaja/Kris Gorrepatti	N	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	0	2000	14	N