

# A GRAND ADVENTURE

APRIL 12, 1997



by Jim Mickle

## Ionia, Michigan

The Western Michigan and Detroit Regions teamed to present the first Grand Adventure rally on a cold, wet, sloppy day in the western Michigan area. Chairman, Jeff Secor and Rally-master, Tom Inman teamed to present a 140 mile tour rally in the Ionia, MI area (between Grand Rapids and Lansing). A good variety of roads was utilized. Had the weather the week before the event been better, the unpaved roads would probably been much smoother. As it was, they were a bit rough, though not as rough as the Moonlight Monte in February.

After the odometer run, there were very few mileages given. That combined with changes from paved to sloppy unpaved and back, resulted in much higher scores than are typical on a tour event. At the break, two of the limited teams, Jim Shaffer/Jim Fekete and Dave Parps/Greg Lester led with scores of 5 and 10 respectively. Next was a close fight for the Equipped lead. Mark Henderson/John Puffenberger-11; Scott Harvey Jr./Jim Mickle-12; Gene Henderson/Rob Moran-13 and the Dan Coughnours-15. In the Stock class, Rick Worden/Doug Pratt led with 31. Tom Corcoran/Bryan Murphy had 81 for second. In the Novice class, Greg and Celina Mercier led with 488 while Mark and Jim

Kovalski were second with 647, closely followed by Kevin Essenberg/Sarah Haverman with 682. At the finish, after 14 scored controls, Shaffer/Fekete were the Limited and Overall winners with 25 points. Harvey/Mickle were second with 27, and the Equipped winners. Worden/Pratt, who had led at the break, continued their winning ways and took the Stock Class win with only 108 points. Mercier/Mercier took Stock with 1141, with the Kovalskis second. Everyone at the finish seemed to have a good time and are looking forward to the next events on the schedule.

## FINAL RESULTS

Team	Position	Class	Score
Schaffer/Fekete	1	L	25
Harvey/Mickle	1	E	27
Parps/Lester	2	L	28
M Henderson/Puffenberger	2	E	32
Coughnour/Coughnour	3	E	47
G Henderson/Moran	4	E	55
Hinkle/Benham	3	L	60
Worden/Pratt	1	S	108
Fisher/Bell	5	E	177
Corcoran/Murphy	2	S	202
Welch/Palmer	4	L	308
McCleery/Bellman	5	L	404
Spencer/Hainen	6	L	425
Miller/Miller	3	S	518
Scott/Pickett	4	S	626
Mercier/Mercier	1	N	1141
Kovalsky/Kovalsky	2	N	1215
Schoaf/Schoaf	5	S	1238
Wernberg/Mahnken	6	S	1350
Essenburg/Haverman	3	N	1450
Jacobs/Wilcox	4	N	1714
Wittine/Talcott	6	E	1717

April 12, 1997

09:56:14 PM

### A GRAND ADVENTURE

TEAM	CAR #	CL	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	SPEC POINTS	TOTAL	CAR #	CL
			968	1208	2426	1430	1076	2241	620	1625	2052	215	2465	1935	310	370					
Schaffer/Fekete	5	L	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	7	0	3	6	0	0	0	25	5	L
Harvey/Mickle	3	E	4	0	1	2	2	12	3	2	3	0	3	5	0	1	1	0	27	3	E
Parps/Lester	2	L	4	1	0	3	1	10	1	4	3	0	1	2	1	1	6	0	28	2	L
M Henderson/Puffenberger	6	E	3	1	1	3	1	11	2	2	5	2	6	2	3	0	1	0	32	6	E
Coughnour/Coughnour	18	E	2	1	2	3	6	14	1	1	4	1	15	2	7	1	1	0	47	18	E
G Henderson/Moran	4	E	1	0	0	1	9	13	2	1	3	18	5	13	0	1	1	0	55	4	E
Hinkle/Benham	1	L	1	2	2	1	7	28	15	7	4	2	0	3	6	6	4	0	60	1	L
Worden/Pratt	17	S	5	0	8	2	6	31	10	0	19	8	4	13	4	23	6	0	108	17	S
Fisher/Bell	14	E	1	1	39	7	1	6	0	58	43	9	3	6	2	1	0	177	14	E	
Corcoran/Murphy	10	S	8	3	5	11	44	10	5	24	15	26	38	5	8	0	0	202	10	S	
Welch/Palmer	7	L	5	3	33	7	200	19	1	5	1	5	6	10	3	10	0	308	7	L	
McCleery/Beltman	15	L	36	94	3	62	59	27	3	9	8	15	36	16	33	3	0	404	15	L	
Spencer/Hainen	9	L	41	4	7	24	7	41	57	145	41	7	33	17	0	1	0	425	9	L	
Miller/Miller	11	S	200	7	13	47	31	4	7	8	41	55	68	28	5	4	0	518	11	S	
Scott/Pickett	19	S	1	47	43	96	12	200	19	1	43	24	80	33	22	5	0	626	19	S	
Mercier/Mercier	21	N	126	75	20	116	37	114	79	151	11	19	77	130	178	8	0	1141	21	N	
Kovalsky/Kovalsky	12	N	140	86	77	98	47	199	98	66	3	41	133	15	200	12	0	1215	12	N	
Schaaf/Schaaf	16	S	200	26	88	87	6	90	188	35	7	83	22	6	200	200	0	1238	16	S	
Wernberg/Mahnken	22	S	11	10	5	4	200	200	32	17	88	104	200	79	200	200	0	1350	22	S	
Essenburg/Haveman	20	N	52	136	200	41	70	183	99	66	15	34	200	96	200	58	0	1450	20	N	
Jacobs/Wilcox	13	N	10	200	200	200	200	161	53	139	174	80	142	117	17	21	0	1714	13	N	
Wittine/Talcott	8	E	2	0	1	10	9	95	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	0	1717	8	E	