

extra local traffic, requiring the use of time delays by many of the competitors.

At the mid-point break, after 7 controls, Rick Shue and John Townsend were leading with just 5 points. Two points back, with 7, were Scott Harvey Jr. and Jim Mickle. Another point back, at 8, was a tie between Mark Henderson/John Puffenberger and Gene Henderson/Rob Moran. The closeness was to continue to the end.

In the Limited Class, Greg Lester and Ken Swarm led with 12 while Nancy and Jim Shaffer were right behind with 15 points.

The Stock Class was led Mark Kleckner and Bryan Scott with 225. Second was held by Carol Golanski and Joseph Buckner with 300.

In the Novice Class, Kevin Essenburg and Sarah Haveman held first with 215 points. Second was Craig Hall and Tom Henderson (no relation to Gene and Mark) with 306.

At the end, there were few changes in position. Shue/Townsend made a major mistake at the last of 4 DIYCs and took a double max., putting them way out of the running. They are still trying to determine what they did wrong. Harvey/Mickle were the overall winners with 16, closely followed by Henderson/Puffenberger at 17 and Henderson/Moran at 18.

Limited was won by Lester/Swarm with 24 to the Shaffers 48. Considering that this was Nancy's first rally in several years, this seems like an excellent score. They can only get even better.

Kleckner/Scott won Stock with 577. Golanski/Buckner, just out of the novice class, were second with 607.

Standings in the Novice Class also didn't change. Essenburg/Haveman finished with 437, a score good enough to have easily won the Stock Class. Hall and Henderson finished with 663, closely followed by Marnie Philips and Dan Reish.

The pizza and beverages at the end were enjoyed by all the 18 teams that participated.

FINAL RESULTS:

S. Harvey Jr./ J. Mickle	15	1, 1E
M. Henderson/J. Puffenberger	16	2, 2E
G. Henderson/R. Moran	17	3, 3E
G. Lester/K. Swarm	24	4, 1L
N. Shaffer/R. J. Shaffer	48	5, 2L
R. Wittine/L. Talcott	235	6, 4E
D. Lyon/R. Foren	277	7, 5E
R. Shue/J. Townsend	412	8, 6E
K. Essenburg/S Haveman	437	9, 1N
M. Kleckner/B. Scott	577	10, 1S
C. Golanski/J. Buckner	607	11, 2S
C. Hall/T. Henderson	663	12, 2N
M. Phillips/D. Reish	698	13, 3N
B. Miller/J. P. Miller	777	14, 3S
D. Shilke/J. Bialas	1023	15, 4N
M. Cutler/P. Lamotte	1109	16, 5N

B. Weeden/A. Georgiev	1812	17, 6N
T. Jacques/K. Jacques	2212	18, 7N

Thumbs Up 97, November 8, 1997

A total of 24 teams attended the 9th annual running of Thumbs Up, presented by Marianne Mickle, with the course by Jim Mickle and Tom Woodside. It was held on a beautiful fall Saturday. In fact, from an organizers standpoint, it was almost too beautiful as it brought many of the locals out to clean their lawns and ditches.

Unlike the past several years, this years edition of Thumbs Up did not return to Imlay city for the breaks, but instead stayed well east, near Port Huron. This allowed the introduction of many new roads, and roads that had not been used in quite a few years.

The story of this years event must be shooting yourself in your foot. Almost all of the teams seemed to make at least one major mistake along the way. With 33 legs, and almost 220 miles of competition, there was plenty of time to make mistakes.

At the end of the first section, Dave Parps and Greg Lester led with only 11 points for 11 controls. Only one point separated them from Mark Henderson and John Puffenberger who had 12. Third with 21 were Rick Shue and John Townsend and the leading Limited Class team of Scott Radabaugh and Marlena Baerkircher. Jeff and Deb Secor were next with 27. The leading Stock Class team of Richard Worden and Doug Pratt were next at 40. Art Welch and Terry Palmer were next with 91 points. Eric Jones and Harry Ward, in Eric's MGB led vintage with 139 while Gary Evans and Matt Decker led Novice with 383. Pete Padden and Jacob Singer held a slim second place in Stock with 252 as compared to the 256 of Matt Martinchick and Jeff Miller.

Scott Harvey Jr. and Bryan Murphy could easily have led the Equipped contingent were it not for the 200 point max. that they took after they left a transit with the CAST set at zero.

Unfortunately, Parps and Lester had to drop out at the break when the left rear outboard brake pad went metal to metal. Apparently the caliper slide was sticking, which caused the pad to wear out in only 10,000 miles.

At the second break, Henderson/Puffenberger were now leading with 24 points. The Secors were second with 59 while Radabaugh/Baerkircher had 68 for third overall and first in Limited. Stock was still led by Worden/Pratt while Martinchick/Miller and Padden/Singer had swapped places. Evans/Decker continued to lead Novice.

At the end there was little change in positions. Henderson/Puffenberger finished first overall and first in E with the only two digit score, 37. Jeff and Deb Secor were second with 103, after having come in contact with a small deer that ran into their car. Fortunately, the deer apparently was not seriously hurt as it got up and ran away after the impact.

In Limited, Radabaugh/Baerkircher finished with 123 to the 212 of the Shaffers and 217 of Welch and Palmer.

Worden and Pratt won the Stock Class with 384 while Martinchick/Miller and Carol Golanski/Joseph Buckner tied for second with 597. Padden/Singer dropped to fourth with 650.

Evans and Decker won Novice with 1266. Keith Ramsay and Donna Sytniak were second with 1541.

Jones and Ward prevailed on Vintage, with 245 as compared to Kevin Clemens and John Deikis, who, running without the benefit of an adjustable odometer, had 1261.

As usual, the event finished at the Tietz family restaurant where everyone enjoyed excellent food and beverages.

Thanks to all that attended and to the many workers who manned the 33 open controls. A special thanks goes to Bob Martin who got the scores done with outstanding accuracy in a timely manner.

FINAL RESULTS

Name	City, State	Score	O/A	Cls
Mark Henderson	Dearborn Hts., MI	37	1	1E
John Puffenberger	Bloomdale, OH			
Jeff Secor	Hudsonville, MI	103	2	2E
Deb Secor	Hudsonville, MI			
Rick Shue	Dearborn Hts, MI	111	3	3E
John Townsend	Rockwood, MI			
Scott Radabaugh	Milford, MI	123	4	1L
Marlena Baerkircher	Findlay, OH			
Dick Foster	Covington, Ky	165	5	4E
Bill Secrest	South Shore, Ky			
Nancy Shaffer	Franklin Village, MI	212	6	2L
Jim Shaffer	Franklin Village, MI			
Art Welch	Albion, MI	217	7	3L
Terry Palmer	Somerset Ctr, MI			
Scott Harvey Jr.	Waterford, MI	241	8	5E
Bryan Murphy	Waterford, MI			
Eric Jones	Delaware, OH	245	9	1V
Harry Ward	Toledo, OH			
Richard Worden	Sterling Hts., MI	385	10	1S
Doug Pratt	Memphis, MI			
Carol Golanski	Washington, MI	597	11	2S
Joseph Buckner	Lake Orion, MI			
Matt Martinchick	Royal Oak, MI	597	12	2S
Tracy Miller	Grand Blanc, MI			
Pete Padden	Sterling Hts, MI	650	13	4S
Jacob Singer	Clarkston, MI			
Mark E. Nowak	Huntington Woods, MI	820	14	5S
Frank J. Aiello	Livonia, MI			
Bert Miller	Midland, MI	823	15	6S
Jerry Pat Miller	Midland, MI			
Scott Baumbach	Baldwinsville, NY	922	16	7S
Brian Scott	Milford, MI			
Mark Kleckner	Akron, OH	1249	17	8S
Jeffrey Hribar	Romeo, MI			
Kevin Clemens	Ann Arbor, MI	1261	18	2V
John Deikis	Chelsea, MI			
Gary Evans	San Marcos, CA	1266	19	1N
Matt Decker	Versailles, KY			
Keith Ramsay	Inkster, MI	1541	20	2N
Donna Sytniak	Grand Blanc, MI			

Matt Bott	Flint, MI	1966	21	3N
Greg Ellis	Flint, MI			
David Benham	Cleveland, OH	2380	22	4L
Thomas Benham	Cleveland, OH			
Dave Parps	Cedarburg, WI	4047	23	6E
Greg Lester	Akron, OH			
Dan Coughnour	Xenia, OH	6182	24	7E
Rob Moran	Westland, MI			

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOONLIGHT MONTE February 21, 1998

The Moonlight Monte will be a straight forward, 150 mile, TSD event conducted on unpaved rural roads of northern Lapeer, Macomb, St. Clair and Sanilac counties. Speeds will be reasonable but challenging depending upon weather conditions. We will provide the choice of two speed sets. This will allow those with cars that are somewhat less suitable to snow covered or icy roads to still be competitive. The use of winter tires is recommended. Studded tires will not be allowed on the Monte. Timing will utilize the latest Timewise rally clocks. The event will start at the Burger King at M-53 (Van Dyke) and I-69 in Imlay City, Michigan. The finish will be in Imlay City at Tietz Family Restaurant/bar. Car numbers will be assigned at the end of registration.

The event will follow the 1998 Road Rally Regulations for Tour rallies. Mileage will be given frequently to help prevent anyone from leaving the course. One break, with a time of day restart, will be used to keep the rally together and on time. The ability to stay consistently on time, be alert at all times, and the ability to develop and maintain an accurate correction factor, will challenge both the driver and navigator. Depending on weather conditions, the driving could be a bit challenging.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

12:30-2:00 PM	Registration & Safety Inspection
2:00 PM	Assign car numbers
2:16 PM	Car # 1 Receives Route Instructions
2:31 PM	Car # 1 Starts Rally
9:00 PM	Car # 1 Finishes (approx.)
10:30 PM	Preliminary results posted
11:00 PM	Awards presented

COMMITTEE

Organizer: Jim Mickle, 810-739-6565, JimMickle@juno.com
 Rallymaster: Tom Woodside, 810-828-3438
 Registrar: Marianne Mickle, 810-739-6565, 6715 Chatsworth, Shelby Twp, MI 48316

ENTRY FEES: Received by 2-14: \$25 After 2-14: \$30
 Motels in Imlay City: Super 8 810-724-8700, Imlay City Motel 810-724-5295, M-53 Motel 810-724-2845

CLASSES

Equipped: Unlimited equipment.
 Limited: Any mileage measuring equipment and any calculation equipment without direct odometer input. (lap top computers, hand held calculators, etc.)