

finishers were separated by only three points and fifth place was only a few more points back. Spencer/Moran scored the victory with 22 pts. Second were Parps/Lester with 23. Third would be Harvey/Mickle at 24. Fourth was Townsend/Shue with 25. Henderson/Harkcom would claim fifth with 31. If anything, the points race would tighten-up after this rally and would not be decided until the final event on the schedule - "Thumb's Up".

Thumb's Up, Imlay City, Michigan. Nov. 14, 1998

Jim Mickle's "Thumb's Up" rally would be celebrating its tenth running in 1998. Once on the national calendar, it has become a mainstay on the CenDiv schedule. This years rally would prove to decide several class championships in the Central Division of the SCCA as well as the Detroit Region's championship.

The pair of Mark Henderson and Rick Shue teamed up to take the win. Both Rick and Mark are typically drivers in Detroit region rallies, but they also have done a fair bit of navigating. Exactly how they decided who would take which seat is not known. Second place would be taken by Parps and Lester. Third place would be taken by Wittine and Talcott. First in L, and 6th overall, would be Welch and Palmer. 8th overall and 1st in Vintage would be Jones and Potvin in their unstoppable MGB. First in Stock would be Brian Scott and Mark Kleckner. (The class win would wrap-up the overall championship, among all competitors, in the Detroit region, for Mark). The Novice winners would be Bob Kay and Mike Bennett.



The typical "check point ahead" sign seen on many road rallies.

By failing to win, Greg Lester was unable to take sole possession of the E class championship, in the division. With three wins and two seconds he scored the same number of points as your humble editor. A lot of strong competition was provided in all classes in both the CenDiv and Detroit region championships. The following chart shows this, as no one was able to claim the same class win in both.

1998 CenDiv Road Rally Championship Final Standings

Equipped Class

1T	Scott Harvey, Jr	Detroit	46
1T	Greg Lester	NEOhio	46
2	Jim Mickle	Detroit	42
3	Rob Moran	Detroit	40
4	Donna Rinkel	NEOhio	33
5	Mark Henderson	Detroit	24

Limited Class

1	Thomas Benham	Detroit	44
2	Ken Swarm	NEOhio	42
3	David Benham	NEOhio	36
4T	Terry Palmer/Arthur Welch	Detroit	30
5T	Eric Jones/Bill Potvin	OVR/NWOHio	11

Stock Class

1	Richard Worden	Detroit	44
2	Mark Kleckner	Detroit	37
3	Brian Scott	Detroit	34
4	Steve Baumbach	Detroit	17
5T	Scott Forehand/Dave Fuss	LOL	10
5T	David Zelkowski	Detroit	10

1998 Detroit Region Road Rally Championship Final Standings

Overall Points (all classes)

	Name	points	# scores
1	Mark Kleckner	62	7
2	Rob Moran	53	7
3	Scott Harvey	50	6
4	Mark Henderson	45.9	8
5T	Bryan Murphy	38	5
5T	Brian Scott	38	4
5T	Richard Worden	38	4

Equipped Class

1	Rob Moran	44	5
2	Scott Harvey	40	5
3	Mark Henderson	38	5
4	Jim Mickle	34	4
5	Bryan Murphy	28	4

Limited Class

1T	Terry Palmer/Arthur Welch	30	3
2	Bruce Fisher	28	4
3	Tom Benham	26	3
4T	Jim Fekete/Jim Shaffer	18	2
5	Lynn Dillon	10	1

Stock Class

1	Mark Kleckner	48	5
2T	Brian Scott	38	4
2T	Richard Worden	38	4
3	Steve Baumbach	33	4
4	Matt Martinchick	17	3
5	Tom Woodside	10	2