

# 1998 GRAND ADVENTURE RALLY

by Jeff Secor

The 1998 Central Division Road Rally Tour returned to Michigan for the Grand Adventure Tour Rally, stop number five on this years CenDiv calendar. This event was co-hosted by the West Michigan and Detroit regions of SCCA, and counted towards the Detroit Region and CenDiv Rally Championship. Rallymasters Tom Inman and Jeff Secor report a record 28 cars entered in this years event, run in clear 65\* weather this year (as opposed to the hail and sleet in '97). The event took place entirely within Ionia county and ran for 140 miles along the north and south sides of the grand river. With thanks to El Ninio and the county road graders the roads were smooth and relatively well groomed. The event started and finished at the Corner Landing restaurant just outside of Ionia, halfway between Grand Rapids and Lansing.

At the break, after 9 of the 22 controls, the team of Scott Harvey Jr. and Jim Mickle were ahead of Gene Henderson and Rob Moran by just one point. With the Dave Parps / Greg Lester and Ken Kovach / Mark Rinkel teams tied for third 4 points back. 28 cars all on the same route did attract some local attention, all of a positive nature except for one County Deputy who thought a few of the front runners he observed may have been exceeding the cast (37) in their effort to climb a rather suddenly steep hill. He observed with one of the rallymasters then continued his rounds.

At the finish all 22 controls were scored, thanks to the computer wizardry of Joe and Marilyn Andreini. And all competitors save one made the finish (the BMW M-3 of Shivers / Clark not really at a liking for the 77% gravel roads.) Class winners included the team of Harvey / Mickle winning the equipped class with 25 points, last years overall winners and again winning limited class the "Jims" Shaffer / Fekete in their Jeep Cherokee with 56. The "Richards" Worden / Robinette won stock class with only 119 points, while the novice team of Onela / Gulubek took a class win with 314. Eric Jones (alias Rex Kars) and Bill Potvin (Terry Fied) entered their beautifully prepared 1964 MGB in vintage class and cranked curts all day (now that's rallying!).

Some of the other notables were the father/son and father/daughter teams of Jeff and Nic Boris and Ben and Rachel Price. Both doing well, Rachel on her first event and still on her learner's permit! Husband and wife Mark and Donna Rinkel navigated

for Ken Kovack and Lynn Dillon respectively and all bets were off as they tied for third place each 52 points.

Great Thanks go out to all that participated, especially the ten teams of control workers.

## 1998 GRAND ADVENTURE RALLY RESULTS

#	Name	City, State	Vehicle	Region	Class	Score	O/A	Class
2	Scott Harvey Jr.	Waterford, MI	91 Eagle Talon	DET	E	25	1	1
	Jim Mickle	Shelby Twp, MI		DET				
3	Dave Parps	Cedarburg, WI	96 Saab 900	guest	E	40	2	2
	Greg Lester	Akron, OH		NEO				
23	Ken Kovach	Cleveland, OH	89 Ford T-bird	NEO	E	52	3	3
	Mark Rinkel	Hinkley OH		NEO				
24	Lynn Dillon	Indianapolis, IN	88 Pontiac Sunbird	?	E	52	4	4
	Donna Rinkel	Cleveland, OH		NEO				
1	Jim Shaffer	Franklin Village, MI	97 Jeep Gr. Cherokee	DET	L	56	5	1
	Jim Fekete	Canton, MI		DET				
4	Gene Henderson	Plymouth, MI	98 Subaru SUS	DET	E	63	6	5
	Rob Moran	Westland, MI		DET				
11	David Benham	Lorain, OH	92 Honda Civic	NEO	L	68	7	2
	Thomas Benham	Cleveland, OH		DET				
19	Bruce Fisher	Diamondale, MI	72 Datsun 510	guest	L	70	8	3
	Tom Bell	Traverse City, MI		guest				
18	Richard Worden	Sterling Hts, MI	96 Saab 900 se	DET	S	119	9	1
	Richard Robinette	Grosse Pt. Woods, MI		guest				
7	Eric Jones	Delaware, OH	64 MG-B	OV	V	143	10	1
	Bill Potvin	Maumee, OH		NWO				
21	R. Johnsonbaugh	Wadsworth, OH	88 Toyota Tercel	guest	L	182	11	4
	Ken Swarm	Berea, OH		NEO				
13	Jeff Boris	Grand Rapids, MI	83 Mazda RX-7	WMR	E	203	12	6
	Nic Boris	Grand Rapids, MI		guest				
5	Mark Henderson	Dearborn, MI	91 Subaru Legacy	DET	E	205	13	7
	Bryan Murphy	Waterford, MI		DET				
8	Herb Spencer	Portage OH	88 BMW 325ix	NEO	E	273	14	8
	Mark Hainen	Lambertville, OH		guest				
27	Sorvan Onela	Sterling Hts, MI	94 Honda Accord	guest	N	314	15	1
	Martin Gulubeka	Fraser, MI		guest				
12	Kevin Essenburg	Holland, MI	91 Ford Escort GT	guest	N	404	16	2
	Sarah Haveman	Holland, MI		guest				
17	Steve Baumbach	Baldwinsville, NY	96 Geo Prism	DET	S	415	17	2
	Brian Scott	Leonard, MI		DET				
10	Derek Roberts	Waterford, MI	97 Dodge Ram	guest	N	573	18	3
	Arpad Miklos	Warren, MI		guest				
6	Jaec Kociolek	Naperville, IL	94 Honda Civic	guest	E	743	19	9
	C. Kociolek	Naperville, IL		guest				
16	Wiktor Biegalski	Milwaukee, WI	93 Mazda 626	guest	N	933	20	4
	Tom Zaremba	Milwaukee, WI		guest				
15	Andrzej Kozianski	Chicago, IL	94 Toyota Celica GT	guest	N	961	21	5
	Marin Kozianski	Chicago, IL		guest				
25	Rachel Price	Stockbridge, MI	97 Dodge Neon	guest	N	1152	22	6
	Ben Price	Stockbridge, MI		guest				
22	Mark Kleckner	Leonard, MI	85 VW GTI	DET	S	1202	23	3
	Brian Pickett	Grand Blanc, MI		guest				
14	Bob Schaaf	Lowell, MI	97 Ford Thunderbird	WMR	N	1203	24	7
	Sue Schaaf	Lowell, MI		guest				
28	Carol Golanski	Clinton Twp, MI	88 Chev Turbo Sprint	guest	S	1234	25	4
	Joseph Buckner	Clinton Twp, MI		guest				
20	Matt Bos	Grand Rapids, MI	91 Subaru Justy	guest	N	1875	26	8
	Phil Boer	Grand Rapids, MI		guest				
9	Richard Plank	Portage, MI	96 VW Passat	WMR	N	3181	27	9
	Roberta Allen	Kalamazoo, MI		guest				
26	Gabriel Shivers	Lake Orion, MI	95 BMW M3	guest	N	4022	28	10
	Jack Clarke	Lake Orion, MI		guest				

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TEAM	CAR #	CL	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	SPEC POINTS	TOTAL	CAR #
			3238	1167	504	1530	908	824	947	1246	768	546	1238	1131	88	603	648	487	1318	1475	687	986	166	881				
Harvey/Mickle	2	E	1	1	0	0	1	4	1	1	1	1	0	2	4	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	25	2	
Parps/Lester	3	E	1	0	2	1	1	4	2	2	2	3	4	2	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	40	3	
Kovack/Rinkel	23	E	1	2	1	2	2	4	0	2	1	0	15	1	2	1	4	1	2	2	2	3	0	4	0	52	23	
Dillon/Rinkel	24	E	4	8	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	2	6	3	2	1	2	4	1	6	1	1	1	2	0	52	24	
Schaffer/Fekete	1	L	2	5	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	3	3	1	7	1	0	2	3	14	1	3	3	1	0	56	1	
G Henderson/Moran	4	E	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	2	2	2	9	23	6	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	5	3	0	63	4	
Benham/Benham	11	L	5	1	1	3	5	7	2	12	3	0	2	2	6	1	1	7	1	7	0	1	0	1	0	68	11	
Fisher/Bell	19	L	11	8	0	1	4	2	1	1	2	1	3	2	6	3	1	2	6	3	5	5	2	1	0	70	19	
Worden/Robinette	18	S	10	7	7	6	5	6	2	4	14	5	2	5	5	9	4	1	8	1	1	7	4	6	0	119	18	
Jones/Potvin	7	V	6	2	1	14	9	9	5	12	2	14	9	1	22	3	1	6	2	13	6	0	4	2	0	143	7	
Johnstonbaugh/Swarm	21	L	3	1	6	10	4	1	2	10	0	2	95	1	1	1	3	3	25	3	3	0	7	0	182	21		
Boris/Boris	13	E	0	2	0	5	3	3	82	14	5	13	37	6	5	2	1	0	1	10	2	3	9	0	0	203	13	
M Henderson/Murphy	5	E	0	2	2	3	1	5	0	2	2	2	1	1	9	2	0	2	163	4	1	2	0	1	0	205	5	
Spencer/Hainen	8	E	3	3	1	7	5	149	4	11	3	1	10	20	2	3	11	3	5	11	5	5	9	2	0	273	8	
Onela/Colubek	27	N	12	7	5	5	39	74	3	33	30	10	2	1	25	8	8	4	14	7	8	5	4	10	0	314	27	
Essenburg/Haveman	12	N	5	22	2	3	9	32	22	10	29	11	41	11	21	9	3	70	10	29	6	11	8	40	0	404	12	
Baumbach/Scott	17	S	8	53	21	9	2	120	22	2	24	5	1	5	3	14	15	34	11	13	7	9	2	35	0	415	17	
Roberts/Miklos	10	N	93	57	2	5	0	48	19	14	3	30	32	74	4	10	8	13	30	36	44	20	23	8	0	573	10	
Kociolek/Kociolek	6	E	3	168	83	60	1	18	12	5	10	8	45	22	15	5	200	3	1	54	14	7	6	3	0	743	6	
Biegalski/Zaremba	16	N	39	13	45	9	20	16	48	32	71	103	57	48	6	3	3	114	85	36	59	59	12	55	0	933	16	
Koziarsky/Koziarsky	15	N	17	38	109	61	76	46	57	12	0	36	14	83	22	53	16	65	74	73	34	18	19	38	0	961	15	
Price/Price	25	N	3	42	14	84	57	66	45	32	46	14	21	47	7	1	42	44	200	101	51	19	16	200	0	1152	25	
Kleckner/Pickett	22	S	24	78	200	200	200	17	14	29	24	56	26	35	8	0	6	29	126	2	29	70	8	21	0	1202	22	
Schaaf/Schaaf	14	N	24	22	200	200	200	29	36	36	137	9	110	16	10	9	31	29	19	32	28	9	6	11	0	1203	14	
Colaski/Buckner	28	S	32	3	200	200	2	144	2	5	8	15	15	17	17	8	6	99	14	112	2	200	12	121	0	1234	28	
Bos/Boer	20	N	135	18	200	200	200	200	114	49	21	23	17	26	7	50	44	2	79	26	200	13	51	0	1875	20		
Plank/Allen	9	N	200	200	200	200	200	60	157	132	58	22	148	179	94	168	150	113	200	79	21	200	200	0	3181	9		
Shivers/Clark	26	N	10	12	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	0	4022	26	