

MOONLIGHT MONTE CEN DIV TOUR RALLY

by Jim Mickle

On Saturday, Feb. 21, the Detroit Region presented the Moonlight Monte in unseasonably warm weather. Intended as a snow event, for the last two years the Monte has had to contend with roads that were missing the usual covering of snow. For most of the event, the roads were relatively smooth and free from standing water. The road graders had been out doing their job. Not so for the last third. The roads were rough and in places muddy and rutted. However, this did not deter the 17 teams that were entered from four states.

The event started, as usual, at the Burger King in Inlay City, some 60 miles north of Detroit. From there it went south and east before turning north to the break in the small town of Yale. At that point the teams had already encountered 13 open controls, including 3 in the space of only about 1/2 mile. After a chance to refuel and clean some of the mud off the lights, the event resumed at 6:00 PM.

The first incident of the event occurred just after the odo leg when the Marek and Paul Pilch got off the road and stuck their Honda Accord up to the sills in mud. Fortunately, sweep was right behind and, because of ham radio, was

able to summon help from Jim Mazola, one of the control workers. With the help of Jim's 4 wheel drive, they were able to get them out and on their way before the controls closed. As a result, they were able to go home to Des Plaines, Illinois with a finish and a new experience.

Fortunately, there were no further incidents requiring the help of sweep. There was, however, a small incident with an upset local who accused the cars of doing 65 mph down the road in front of his house. The CAST was 41 at that point, and all the cars were running CAST. Some people don't seem to understand that the speed limit is 55! He blocked the road for a short time, affecting the last several cars. Eventually, everyone got thru and free time allowances made everything right.

The run for the overall and equipped class lead was tight all the way with four cars in contention well past the mid-point. With only one control to go, the teams of Scott Harvey Jr./Bryan Murphy and Dave Parps/Les Talcott were tied with 20 points. At the last control, Harvey/Murphy got a 0 while Parps/Talcott took a 4 on a leg that was only 0.20 minutes long. Third, with 28 were Mark Henderson and Rob Moran. The husband & wife team of Jeff and Deb Secor were fourth with 35 (less than one second/control), a score that will win many events.

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In the limited class, Art Welch and Terry Palmer were in double digits with a 98 to take the class win. With the rough roads, cranking a Curta must have been tough, tho their scores were mostly single digit. Ron Johnsonbaugh and Ken Swarm were second with 470.

The stock class was won Mark Kleckner and Brian Scott with only 204 points. Second in Stock was another husband and wife team, Bert and Jerry Pat Miller with 432.

Derek Roberts and Arpad Miklos were the novice winners with 693 points. This was Derek's first rally, while Arpad was on his fourth event. A father and son team of Tom and Ted Wreesman were second with 910. This was their first event. Hopefully, they will be out for some more events in the near future.

Of the 24 open controls planned, 22 were scored. One was lost when flooding in a low area of the course required a re-route that bypassed control 16. One other control was discarded when too many cars arrived in the same minute and caused some of the times to be confused.

A great thanks goes to all who participated, especially the nine teams of control workers who ran the 23 open controls.

Car #	Name	City, State	Vehicle	Region	Cls	Score	O/A	Cls
8	Scott Harvey Jr Bryan Murphy	Waterford, MI Waterford, MI	91 Eagle Talon	Detroit Detroit	E	20	1	1
6	Dave Parps Les Talcott	Cedarburg, WI Rochester, MI	91 Galant VR4	Guest Guest	E	24	2	2
9	Mark Henderson Rob Moran	Dearborn, MI Westland, MI	91 Legacy Turbo	Detroit Detroit	E	28	3	3
11	Jeff Secor Deb Secor	Hudsonville, MI Hudsonville, MI	88 Maxda 323 GTX	WWR/Det WWR/Det	E	35	4	4
17	Charles Padden Mark Rinkel	Livonia, MI 89 Ford Hinckley, OH	Thunderbird	Detroit NEOHIO	E	67	5	5
10	Art Welch Terry Palmer	Albion, MI Somerset Ctr, MI	88 Toyota All-Trac	Detroit Detroit	L	98	6	1
15	Mark Kleckner Brian Scott	Akron, OH Leonard, MI	95 Ford T-Bird	Detroit Detroit	S	204	7	1
12	Lynn Dillon Donna Rinkel	Indianapolis, IN Hinckley, OH	88 Pontiac Sunbird	Detroit NEOHIO	E	404	8	6
5	Bert Miller Jerry Pat Miller	Midland, MI Midland, MI	1997 Ford Explorer	Guest Guest	S	432	9	2
14	Ron Johnstonbaugh Ken Swarm	Wadsworth, OH Berea, OH	88 Mazda 323 GTX	Guest NEOHIO	L	470	10	2
1	Derek L Roberts Arpad Miklos	Waterford, MI Warren, MI	97 Ram Pickup	Guest Guest	N	693	11	1
3	Jacek Kocialek Krzysztof Kocialek	Naperville, IL Naperville, IL	1994 Honda Civic	Guest Guest	E	789	12	7
2	Thomas Wreesman Theodore Wreesman	Troy, MI Troy, MI	97 Ford Explorer	Guest Guest	N	910	13	2
16	Mike Riegel Chris Annis	Kettering, OH Kettering, OH	98 Subaru Impreza	Guest Guest	S	1072	14	3
4	Kozianski Andrezey Gostomski Marek	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL	94 Toyota Celica	Guest Guest	S	1383	15	4
7	Wiktor Biegalski Tom Zaremba	Milwaukee, WI Milwaukee, WI	1988 Honda Prelude	Guest Guest	N	1760	16	3
13	Marek Pilch Paul Pilch	Des Plaines, IL Des Plaines, IL	95 Honda Accord	Guest Guest	N	2890	17	4

Chairman: Jim Mickle
 Rallymaster: Tom Woodside

Moonlight Monte Divisional Tour Rally
 February 21, 1998
 Detroit Region, SCCA

Length of Event: 145.289 miles
 Number of Scored Controls: 22

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	Les Talcott	Rochester, MI		Guest				
9	Mark Henderson	Dearborn, MI	91 Subaru Legacy Turbo	Detroit	E	28	3	3
	Rob Moran	Westland, MI		Detroit				
11	Jeff Secor	Hudsonville, MI	88 Maxda 323 GTX	WMR/Det	E	35	4	4
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	Mark Rinkel	Hinckley, OH		NEOHIO				
10	Art Welch	Albion, MI	88 Toyota All-Trac	Detroit	L	98	6	1
	Terry Palmer	Somerset Ctr, MI		Detroit				
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	Arpad Miklos	Warren, MI		Guest				
3	Jacek Kociolek	Naperville, IL	1994 Honda Civic	Guest	E	789	12	7
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Reg. Speeds

Event Name		Moonlight Monte																										Spec Points		Total		
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Total Points	Team	Cls	Leg 1 Time	Leg 2 Time	Leg 3 Time	Leg 4 Time	Leg 5 Time	Leg 6 Time	Leg 7 Time	Leg 8 Time	Leg 9 Time	Leg 10 Time	Leg 11 Time	Leg 12 Time	Leg 13 Time	Leg 14 Time	Leg 15 Time	Leg 16 Time	Leg 17 Time	Leg 18 Time	Leg 19 Time	Leg 20 Time	Leg 21 Time	Leg 22 Time	Leg 23 Time	Leg 24 Time	Leg 25 Time	Leg 26 Time	Points	Car	Cls	
20	Harvey / Murphy	E	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	20	8	E
24	Parps / Talcott	E	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	5	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	24	6	E
28	M. Henderson / Moran	E	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	28	9	E
35	Secor / Secor	E	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	0	3	2	5	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	35	11	E	
67	Chuck Padden / Rinkel	E	17	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	1	2	11	8	1	0	1	12	0	0	67	17	E	
98	Welch / Palmer	L	3	0	7	2	0	2	0	7	11	10	7	4	6	4	4	0	3	1	3	0	0	15	1	8	0	0	98	10	L	
204	Kleiner / Scott	S	5	22	5	3	0	5	6	10	11	7	16	14	17	3	4	0	3	3	23	5	3	7	3	29	0	0	204	15	S	
404	Dillon / Rinkel	E	83	31	7	1	0	0	0	1	28	1	1	3	24	200	3	0	8	2	0	2	0	3	1	5	0	0	404	12	E	
432	Miller / Miller	S	23	27	8	1	0	40	24	23	6	3	20	32	13	14	17	0	20	16	66	4	1	40	31	3	0	0	432	5	S	
470	Johnston Baugh / Swarm	L	2	35	9	10	0	2	3	7	0	2	151	0	8	7	2	0	8	2	9	0	9	3	1	200	0	0	470	14	L	
693	Roberts / Miklos	N	42	129	4	3	0	95	59	22	4	15	8	31	86	8	0	0	19	28	85	20	2	29	1	3	0	0	693	1	N	
789	Kociolek / Kociolek	E	36	1	50	33	0	14	14	82	15	25	8	106	22	0	49	0	1	6	90	25	34	74	70	31	0	0	789	3	E	
910	Wreesman / Wreesman	N	132	56	37	10	0	61	54	0	34	48	26	10	20	36	73	0	11	40	49	40	46	77	12	38	0	0	910	2	N	
1072	Reigel / Annis	S	29	200	23	16	0	32	140	38	23	3	1	24	42	14	10	0	200	2	115	1	4	10	1	144	0	0	1072	16	S	
1383	Andrezej / Marek	S	66	107	84	48	0	107	142	52	200	36	127	35	77	14	41	0	26	1	6	6	6	172	14	16	0	0	1383	4	S	
1760	Biegalski / Zaremba	N	200	200	23	16	0	0	74	28	113	5	200	127	65	200	22	0	125	157	46	59	11	40	15	34	0	0	1760	7	N	
2890	Pilch / Pilch	N	200	200	182	158	0	200	200	189	174	100	200	127	48	91	1	0	200	177	200	79	0	55	20	89	0	0	2890	13	N	
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The entire committee for Moonlight Monte would like to thank you for participating in our rally. We sincerely hope that you enjoyed it and will return next year to do it again. In addition, we hope that if you enjoyed it, you will tell your friends and have them come too. It was great to have entrants from four states. (MI, OH, WI, IL) Lets all encourage more people to try our hobby and share the fun.

Leg 16 did not occur as the control was located in the flood area. We dropped leg 5 because there were some timing problems when a bunch of cars entered the control in the same minute and then didn't come to the window in entry order, causing some confusion on proper times.

I especially want to thank the many friends that worked to make the event happen. My special thanks to all the Amateur Radio Operators who provided communications and ran controls during the event. In addition to making it possible to have 23 controls, it also made it possible to promptly help the folks from Illinois who went off the road and got stuck. Due to the radio communications, we were able to get them help quick enough that they were able to stay in the RALLY.

JIM MCKLE.